



## WELCOME to WORSHIP

February 26,

2023

United Methodist, Unitarian Universalist

United Church of Christ



**\*GREETING ONE ANOTHER** - We worship together as one body. Different yet united. Please take a moment to recognize those gathered around you and offer one another a sign of God's peace. *\*(Astirik) Please stand in body or in spirit. BOLD Print - please read together.*

### AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP

**PRELUDE:** "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Tom Fettke

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**ONE:** Brothers and sisters, we are gathered here to proclaim a vision;

**MANY:** A vision of a world formed by God and transformed by Jesus' love.

**ONE:** We are disciples who are called to embody lives of grace,

**MANY:** sharing the good news of the gospel in our words and our actions.

**ONE:** May the Holy Spirit open our hearts and open our eyes

**MANY:** that we may live into God's vision for our lives, our community, and our world.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God! Amen.

**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Almighty God, Word and Wisdom, we pray for the gift of your vision. Help us to want the things that you want, to love the people whom you love, and to follow where you lead us. Grant us the courage to embody your Word in our actions,

to surrender ourselves to your Holy Spirit, to embrace one another, and to express your love for the world. Empower us to another way of living as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "God of Grace and God of Glory" Chalice #33 (v 1,3,5)

### **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** "Matthew 25:31-46" (Red pew Bible pg. 904)

**ONE:** This is the word of the Lord

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON:** "When I Was in Prison...." by Rev. Cheryl

Stromski

**\*HYMN:** "Fill the World with Love" Chalice # 467

**TIME OF OPENING TO THE SPIRIT** (allowing God to move within and among us.)

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

...Our Father/Mother who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

### **GRATITUDE AND DEPARTURE**

**OFFERING OPPORTUNITY** - Your generosity makes our ministry to and within this community possible. Thank you for your support. Donation boxes are located in the back of the sanctuary and in the narthex.

**\*OFFERING OF OUR GRATITUDE:** Father and Mother of us all, we are aware that people pray for the blessings we take for granted: peace, freedom, food, clean water, a car, a home, a family. God, you are so good. We pray that the gifts we return, our time and our treasure be used so that others might also sigh in contentment. Multiply our gifts we pray, Amen.

**\*DOXOLOGY:** Chalice #46

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above you heavenly host. Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*BENEDICTION** Closing Prayer:

**\*POSTLUDE:** "God be with Us till We Meet Again" Chalice # 434



### **CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:**

The family and friends (us) of Marty. Abigale, Olin, Josh, Ian, Cora. Those caught in the violence of the world's warring. Victims of the Turkey/Syrian earthquake, their families and rescue personnel. Our LGBTQ+ community. OUR PLANET and all the species facing extinction. Our national and civic leaders. Alicia's brother-in-law Paul, Janie.



### **HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**COFFEE HOUR** - All are welcome to join us downstairs for light refreshments and coffee.

**CRIBBAGE** - every Thursday at 10:00-12:00 in Fellowship Hall. All levels are welcome.

**YOUNG ADULT NIGHT** (ages 18-25 ish) - March 16, @ 6:00 Pingpong, corn hole, make your own tacos, conversation.

**BIBLE STUDY** We are looking together at the book of Matthew. Tues.12:00-2:00 Bring your lunch. All Welcome.

**ST. PATTY'S DAY CHURCH DINNER:** Saturday, March 11 5:00-7:00. Complete with Irish Music! \$10.00 a plate.

**MEDITATION:** Sunday Morning 9:00-9:20 in church office.

**CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS:** 2nd Wed. of each month Mar. 8, 7:00 in Sanctuary

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE:** 3rd Fridays at 9:00 am via zoom. See Pastor Sherry for zoom link

**BAKESALE:** Tuesday March 14 at town hall.

**LEADERSHIP MEETING:** Thursday, March 16 12:00-2:00

Pastor Sherry is on vacation this week from Monday - Wednesday. If you need pastoral care please contact one of our deacons:

Jim, Pam, Don or Sheryl

## **EASTER SERVICES**

**GODSPELL COMMUNITY SING-ALONG:** April 1 6:00 in sanctuary

**REHEARSALS:** (not mandatory) Wed. March 22 and Thurs. March 30 6:00-8:00.

**PALM SUNDAY:** April 2 9:30am

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** April 6 @ 6:00. Light dinner and contemplative readings on  
Passion by candlelight.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** April 7 Church open from 10:00am - 4:00pm for prayer and reflection.

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE:** Newfields Boat launch at sunrise

**EASTER SERVICE:** 9:30am service at Church

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Office hours: Thursday 12:00-4:00 POP-IN or

Call or email to set up a different time.

The restroom is located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall,  
top the right of the kitchen, directly under the location of the organ.

There is a baby-changing table there, also.