



February 28, 2016 - 8:00 & 10:30

Third Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship to the Glory of God

*Please rise, in body or spirit

UMH = the red United Methodist Hymnal | **TFWS** - the black The Faith We Sing book

"No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great."

- John Chrysostom (Early Church Father)

Announcements

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

Thanks be to God.

Joys

We thank God for these blessings.

Thanks be to God.

Concerns

For these persons and all who are in need.

Hold your people near, O God.

Forming the Community

As we gather to worship, we form a unique type of community, focused not on ourselves, but on the Holy One. We need to know one another in order to intentionally form this community of faith. Some have known each other for years, and others do not know anyone present here. By asking three or four people a simple question, we come to know more about them than we knew when we entered this Sanctuary – even the people we have known for many years. Worshiping as a community is quite different from worshiping as a collection of isolated individuals!

Prelude 8:00 "As the Deer and Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Mark Hayes
10:30 "Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah" Paul Manz

*Call to Worship

O God, you are our God.

We seek you, thirsting for you, as we would for a stream in a scorching desert.

We come to behold your power and glory.

We come to hear of your love— a love that means more than life itself.

We come as guests to your rich banquet.

You are our God. We seek you and are satisfied!

*Hymn of Praise

"O lesus, I Have Promised"

UMH 396

Prayer of Brokenness and Confession

O God of every blessing, you invite us into a life of deep meaning and purpose, a life of loving goodness and faithfulness. We hear your invitation, but are often distracted by other invitations—invitations to things that don't satisfy, things that waste our energy and our purpose. O God, renew your call within us - your call to all who hunger and thirst for ultimate value in their lives; your call to all who yearn for your powerful presence in their lives. Be merciful to us, forgive our sins, and give us new resolve to answer your invitation. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness and Assurance

The prophet Isaiah tells us that we need only return to the Lord our God, for God is merciful, and forgives our sins. Your love means more than life to us, O God; we praise you! Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has alorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Anthem	8:00	"Come Unto Him"	George Frideric Handel	
		Kris Brown		
	10:30	"A Rose Touched by the Sun's Warm Rays"	Jean Berger	
		Chancel Choir	-	
		Dr. Woodrow Hodges, director		

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they





drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Ministry with Young Christians

(The congregation sings the chorus of "Jesus Loves Me" (UMH 191) as the children come forward.)

*Gospel Processional

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (stanzas 1 and 3)

UMH 269

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

*Gospel Processional

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (stanzas 4 and 5)

UMH 269

Sermon "Repent or Perish"

Rev. Kookho Kim

Prayer Hymn

"There's Wideness in God's Mercy"

UMH 121

The Church at Prayer

(Psalm 51: The Prayer of Repentance)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit

within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. Amen.

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts

Offertory 8:00 "Arietta" Grieg

10:30 "Jesus Loves Me" arr. D. Wagner and V. Stephenson

Youth Bells and Beginning Chimes Stina Rios and Karen Armstrong, directors

*Doxology

UMH 95

*Offertory Prayer

Generous God, we thank you for your many blessings— for keeping your promise of faithful love across the ages; for inviting us again and again—through the prophets, through Jesus Christ, and through this church today—to share in the fullness of your life, your love, and your power. Remind us daily to hunger and thirst for you, and for you alone. And let us see this hunger and thirst in those we encounter every day, that we may tell them the good news: There is an answer to the deep longing in the soul. Use our gifts today to spread this good news to all who long for a deeper meaning and a fuller purpose in their lives. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

UMH 339

- *Sending Forth
- *Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Postlude

piano/organ: Betty Schripsema

REPENTANCE! REPENTANCE! REPENTANCE.

hen I lived in South Korea, I saw an interesting church survey which is on the list of disliked themes of Sunday sermons. I remembered that third place was dedication serving, second place and was repentance, and the first one was offering in regards to tithes. These three themes are uncomfortable issues between a pastor and congregation. As I come from the pastor's aspect, it is hard to prepare a sermon based on these topics. A pastor tries to find the border line which the congregation would be able to accept iwithout upsetting listeners. Sometimes, congregations also feel uncomfortable and guilty when they hear these three themes. Many church members are so tired of living in that world. They also want to get love, peace, and comfortable feelings at the church. I understand those feelings because I, also, sometimes did not want to hear difficult subjects when I was a lay member at the previous church in South Korea. But, a pastor must preach the whole gospel, including the need to dedicate, work and repent to god.

Romans 3:10 clearly says that, "There is no one righteous, not even one." It does not mean that someone needs to repent and someone else does not.

Everyone needs to repent of sins in front of God because we are weak in front of God. Sometimes we think repentance is a hard thing, but it is not the hardest. Simply, I can say that repentance is to recognize our sin, to repent of our sin with faithful hearts. and then to return to God. For example, when we are sick, first we need to recognize we are suffering from a disease, and then we go to the hospital to ask help from a doctor. It is a natural thing that we need to ask and repent to God to get eternal life. This is an example of patience.

Recognizing and confessing our weaknesses to God are also important, but the most important part of the process of repenting is that we should return to God with action. There is a good example of the wrong penitent, King Saul. The first king of the kingdom of Israel often confessed his faults and sins. However, he never did change his actions.

The true repentance which God expects is not only emotional and oral repentance, but also a change of action in our lives. The Apostle Paul confessed to himself that, "I am the worst sinner" in 1 Timothy 1:15. He tried to persecute passionate Christians, but he totally changed once he met Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus. After true repentance, he was to be the true Christian,

who received persecution from others during the giving of good news. Also, the apostle Peter rejected Jesus Christ three times when Jesus was suffering. However, Peter repented of his sin when he heard the crowing from the rooster. And then he was to be the foundational person who strengthened his Christian brothers and sisters in Luke 22:32.

I hope and pray you will not be bothered when you hear the words or sermons about repentance. God has so much love for us, and God says to us to repent of our weaknesses and return to God. Repentance is not to judge and disturb our lives, but it is for the eternal life of Christ.





THE HIGHLIGHTER

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February 21, 2016

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9am - 12pm

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dr Amy-Jill Levine speaking at 10:30 am service March 13

Fine Arts @ First, Master Singers of Milwaukee Sunday, March 13 @ 3pm

3rd Annual Womens Day of Fun & Reflection

Sat. April 30

AMY JILL LEVINE – THE ROCK STAR BIBLE SCHOLAR AT FIRST CHURCH!

We have an incredible opportunity here at First Church. Along with Beth Hillel Temple, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, and Carthage College, we are bringing Amy Jill Levine to Kenosha. She will be speaking at our church during the 10:30 service on March 13th.

A self-described "Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt," Dr. Levine combines historical-critical rigor, literary-critical sensitivity, and a frequent dash of humor in her provoking presentations. You won't want to miss her speaking at our church on March 13th on the topic, "How Jews and Christians Read Scripture Differently."

FAITH FORMATION

Children's Faith formation

- Pre-K grade 1 continues Sparkhouse Bible Study
- Grades 2-4 continue with Legos Faith Builders
- Tweens Connect Bible study
- High School join Adult Study after the early service in the Wesley Wing. We will be discussing Ken Carter's Near the Cross

Adult Study Begins after early service in the Wesley Wing. We will study Ken Carter's *Near the Cross*. Prayer nurtures our faith and encourages spiritual growth. This book "calls you into a deeper life of prayer during the season of Lent. Based on Paul's Letter to the Philippians, it explores the connection between the cross and prayer in spiritual formation, in service in our identity and our life together in Christian community. By coming near the cross through prayer, we can know and imitate the heart of Christ."

SECOND 50

March 2- Mary Norris, "A Story Sampler"

March 16 - Legacy Five, Day Trip to the Fireside in Ft. Atkinson

YOUTH GROUP

Thanks for your support and love for our Youth Group. We fundraised \$1,011.19 (the net profit) from the Fine Dining event with a Silent Auction and Valentine Candy Selling. This money will be used for the Youth Group Summer Mission Trip in July. You gave not only financial support but also tremendous love, dedication, and help to us. Thanks so much.

We will not have a Youth Group Meeting on February 28th (Sun) because Pastor Kookho needs to participate in the Conference Meeting.

WISCONSIN VIM

April 24-30,2016 Solomon Community Temple UMC 3295 N. Martin Luther King Dr. Milwaukee, WI 53212

Solomon Community Temple is the Food Pantry for the local area. They serve about 90 families twice a week. Being a small congregation of about 50 members, they have a huge mission. They also have some health clinics regularly for the local residents and a community meal.

Work is needed at the Church and Parsonage ranging from wall and ceiling repair, window repair, electrical repair, door installation, toilet installation, sink repair, floor repair, landscaping and some scrapping and painting.

This is an opportunity to stay close to mainline serving and give a small church an opportunity to do a more efficient job with their mission, as well as make the two facilities much better for the occupants.

We will stay at the church on our VIM air mattresses. If you live in the area, you may go home after evening devotions.

It will an easy drive-to trip; there is a parking lot for our vehicles.

Trip cost \$150 for the week or \$25/day if you can cannot join us for the entire week. There is a 3 day minimum registration required.

Deadline: March 24, 2016. Make checks to WAC/VIM Camp.

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HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR

WORSHIP ASSISTANT (8:00)
Geoff Van Remmen

WORSHIP ASSISTANT (10:30) Dianna Hodges

GREETERS/USHERS (8:00)
Bonnie & Paul Johnson

USHERS (10:30)
Marty & Jennifer Matera,
Paul Huck, Joe Ripp

GREETERS (10:30)
Carol Gammon, Joe Ripp

WELCOME DESK 8:00 10:30 Kathy Meyer

HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR MARCH 6, 2016

WORSHIP ASSISTANT (8:00) Stacy Breeden

WORSHIP ASSISTANT (10:30) KREW

GREETERS/USHERS (8:00)
Santhy and Charlie Krass

USHERS (10:30)
Marty Matera, Jennifer Matera, Paul Huck, Joe Ripp

GREETERS (10:30)Arlene Olson, June Nelson, Lois Wilson

WELCOME DESK 8:00 10:30







INTERFAITH DINNER

Members of First UMC Kenosha have been invited to dinner on Monday, March 7, by the Niagara Foundation of Milwaukee and their sister organization, the Turkish American Society of Wisconsin (TASWI) at their center in Greenfield. We will meet at 5:30-ish and carpool from church. There are a limited number of spots available. The Niagara Foundation was organized in 2004 by a group of Turkish-American businessmen and educators. They envisioned an institution that could bring together people from all walks of life in order to celebrate diversity in a shared society. They named the organization after Niagara Falls, where two great lakes become more magnificent together than they could be separately. They are active in nine Midwestern states with 22 branches. There is more information with the sign up sheet. If you are interested in joining in this opportunity to dialogue, there is a signup sheet at one of the information tables in the Great Room. If you have already responded, make sure your name is on the list already. Deadline to sign up is February 29 or when we reach 20 people.

EQUAL EXCHANGE

We have ordered a small amount of flavored coffee for gift giving. We now have Toffee Caramel, French Vanilla and Hazelnut Cream available for purchase at \$10 per bag. You can support a worthy cause and give a great gift at the same time.

COMMUNION

We take communion to members and friends who are unable to come to us on Communion Sunday. If you would like to serve by being a communion steward or if you know a person who would like to receive communion, please let us know.

We will have a short meeting and information sheet for those serving communion—the date to be announced.

Also, some our communion sets are missing. If you have one please return it to the church so we can prepare it for the next communion Sunday. Judith Christopher

GREETINGS FROM THE RECONCILING COMMITTEE

We are grateful for all of you who have come to one of our movie showings or stopped by our table in the Great Room. We love talking with you and hearing what you have to say! Our main goal is to adopt a welcoming statement for our church that includes LGBTQ people. Many of you have commented that we are already a very wecoming place, and you are right! We are doing a very good job at hoving open doors for all. However, we need to let the greater community know that we are welcoming to ALL people, especially for those who might have felt shunned by a church in the past. That's what it means to be a Reconciling Congregation. We need to let everyone know that anyone who walks through our doors is welcome and safe. Keep the conversation going, keep coming to talk to us at our table, and keep watching The Highlighter for more information. A Q&A/listening session will be held today after the 8am service in the Chapel. Feel free to stop in with your questions.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One of the special Sundays will be celebrated on March 6. This Sunday highlights sharing the goodness of life with those who hurt; offering provides administrative expenses for UMCOR and support programs of food, shelter, peace and health. There will be a special envelope in the bulletin for your donations on that day. General agencies that provide resources for these activities are UMCOR, General Board of Global Ministries and UM Communications.

3RD ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY OF FUN AND REFLECTION

WELCOMING EVERYONE TO THE TABLE **SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

9AM - 3PM

WATCH FOR DETAILS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

MARCH

DOWNLOAD CALENDAR INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE AT

FIRSTUMCKENOSHA.ORG

Sun	Mon	Tue	WED	Тни	Fri	SAT
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HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE HIGHLIGHTER?

Submissions are due by noon Tuesdays. Write out an article or calendar item, or call the church office to speak with Shimon, or email him at shimon@firstumckenosha.com

WHAT'S AT THE WELCOME DESK?

DEVOTIONALS

Upper Room Daily Devotionals and Disciplines are available for purchase.

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE

Many varieties of regular, decaf, and flavored coffee, teas and hot cocoa are available. All proceeds benefit the Janecke mission in Bolivia.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Bring your nonperishable food items and deposit them in the collection baskets.

Remember the special SECOND SUNDAY

COLLECTION each month — place your food items on the table on the east wall. The food is donated to the Salvation Army food pantry.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Please call the office with any corrections.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

The logo and UPC code should be clipped and brought in for submission. Place in container on table by welcome desk.

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS

Place in container on table by welcome desk. Proceeds benefit Brass Elementary School.

HIGHLIGHTER

In case you miss a Sunday, back issues of the Highlighter (Weekly News) are available.

SPONSOR A SUNDAY BULLETIN

Would you like to honor someone or celebrate a special occasion? For just \$5.00 you can sponsor a bulletin. Pick up a form at the Welcome Desk.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Your attendance at worship is important to us. Please fill out the red "Who's who in the Pew" pad, pass it along to your neighbor, return the pad to its starting point, take note of the names of those next to you, and be sure to greet one another after the service. We have a staffed nursery available during worship services.

