



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 am Service**

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Don Griffith - Custodian  
Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director  
Dee Wallace - Accompanist

March 23, 2014

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

10:30 a.m.

*Welcome All. We ask everyone to record your name on the insert. Also read, pray and respond to the ministry opportunities on the back. Use this insert as one of your offerings.*

**Children are welcome** in worship but we do offer a **staffed nursery** during worship for pre-school children. There are children's activity bags at the back of the sanctuary on the coat tree, and two versions of children's bulletins on the table.

*The (\*) invites persons to rise as able for this act of worship.*

*Numbers in the 2,000's are in the small, black song book - The Faith We Sing, Otherwise numbers are from The Hymnal, the red, hardbound song book. (CCLI License# 3112810)*

### **BROTHERS AND SISTERS: Gather with God**

PRELUDE

Lighting of the Candles

Christian Chaos  
Ringing of the Bell

\* PRAISE AND PRAYER      "Oh How He Loves You and Me"      No. 2108  
(Unison Prayer)      ("For Guidance" UM Book of Worship #512)

**Eternal God, we thank you that we are your children, and that, while we are intent on your will, you heed our wants.**

**Fill us with compassion for others' troubles which comes from remembering our own struggles and visits from grace.**

**Fill us with the charity of those who know their own unworthiness; and with the glad hope of the children of eternity.**

**To you, the Beginning and the End, Lord of the Living, Refuge of the Dying, we give your thanks and praise for ever. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS... and the Power of Persistent Intercession!

Call to Prayer      "Open Our Eyes, Lord"      No. 2086

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

### **DISCIPLES: Learning the will and ways of Jesus Christ**

LESSON from the EARLY CHURCH      Romans 5:1-11      (Pew Bible p.147)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jennifer Comstock

*(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.)*

ACT OF PRAISE

Choir Kids

GOSPEL QUESTION

Matthew 9:18-31

(Pew Bible p.14)

MESSAGE

“Do You Believe I Am Able to Do This?”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to you this morning confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people. When things are not perfect in our eyes, we murmur and complain, and grumble and doubt. We lose hope in the people around us and, even worse, we lose hope in you.**

**Forgive our doubts and complaining. Forgive our loss of hope. Let your healing, life-giving waters pour over us. Restore our souls. Amen.**

**APOSTLES: Are sent into the world**

GIVING TITHES and OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

Choir Kids

*(The ushers will bring the offering forward during the prayer.)*

\* THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

(Romans 5:1-11)

**God of hope, you have called us to walk a journey of faith. There are times when, in fear, we want to stop moving at all, and we cower in uncertainty. May the offering we receive this morning remind us of why we are on the journey. Make it a reaffirmation of our trust in Christ who goes before us. Use our meager offerings to shine light in dark places. In Christ's Holy name, we pray. Amen.**

\* SENDING FORTH

Leader: Let us live in the wisdom of God.

**People: We leave in the power of the cross.**

Leader: We depart to serve in a world tempted to lose hope.

**People: Let us live as God's witnesses.**

\* MARCHING SONG

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

No. 2158

ANNOUNCEMENTS: How We'll Each Put Hands & Feet To The Gospel This Week

*Always use a microphone so everyone may be included. Thank you.*

\* POSTLUDE

“Blessing Riddle”

Christian Chaos

*May God give you peace through ev'ry trial.  
May God give you courage for ev'ry mile.  
May God give you comfort and be your friend,  
and give you life eternal, life without end.*

### March 23 Sunday Servants:

Liturgist: Deb Conant; Acolytes: Levi & Sommer Daniel; Power Point: Maggie Borman-Create, Daniel Charette-run; Video: Comstock Family ; Nursery: Ann Jurgensen; Ushers: Karen & Heather Streffing, Steve & Cheryl Person; Fellowship Coffee: Sylvia Ferguson, Renee Mente, Josh & Alisha Hubler; Greeters: Allan Charette and Deb Conant; Children's Lesson: Jen'Nifer Comstock

### March 30 Sunday Servants:

Liturgist: Lois Salmonson; Acolytes: Zoe Stonebraker & VOLUNTEER; Power Point: Trina Hill-Create, Chris McKinney-run; Video: TBA; Nursery: Kris Clark; Ushers: Karen & Heather Streffing, Kim Cross & Twyla Hein; Fellowship Coffee: Gail Fleming, Rick & Heidi Shumaker, Marjorie Stonerook; Greeters: Ken & Lorna Muller; Children's Lesson: Deanna Licht

## PRAYERS

**Hospitalized/Procedures:** Mandy Ohrt (Judy's dau) – scheduled for surgery in Michigan March 26, Gene Gray – Mercy IC

**Healing:** Alice Anderson (G. Fleming/s mom), Phyllis Behrens, Linda Black(J. Keller's sis), Bonnie Bryden, Allan Charette, Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming's bro-in-law,) Joann Chizek, Dori (C. Person's sis), Eugene Edler {lymphoma; Irene Wood's bro}; Gordon Esbeck, Arlene Hein, Rex Idlewine, Margaret Ketelsen (MaryJo Heil's mom), Francis Kuehl, Edna Miller (Judy Ohrt's sister), Katherine Moen (Jane M's mom), Gary Taylor, Carolyn Wiggins (S. Gould's sis), and others under care or treatment.

### Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Pray for the Healthy Church Initiative CONSULTATION – April 25, 26 & 27, 2014 (& make plans to participate!) Friends & Family of Helen Behrens, aunt of Ron & Daisy Wingert.

Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions  
Persons uprooted due to “natural” and/or “human” disaster; and those who are called to help.  
Families struggling with the impacts of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.

Couples/Families searching for the way forward.

Persons & families of incarceration;

Persons in employment limbo;

**In Treatment:** Alec Amosson, Jim Ehresman, Barb Knack (B. Cummin's sis), Sarah Ann Wellendorf (F. Kuehl's sis)

**Hospice/Palliative Care:** Gene Weih

**Armed Services:** Sean Hannes, Billy Hoffman, Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby, Mike Ploeger (McKinney's Nephew), Jake Reidel, Cole Weih

Last Week's Statistics: 83 - Worship; 47 - Sunday School. General Fund \$2,127.00, Closed the Windows Fundraiser \$500.00, Apportionments \$20.00, \* Book-Lent "40 Days of Fruitful.." \$29.00, Missions- One Great Hour \$300.00' Copper Kettle \$51.21, **Grand Total \$3,027.21**

### This week:

**Sun. 3/23:**8:30 AM Choir Kids, 9 AM Sunday School, 9 AM G.I.G., 10:30 AM Worship

**Mon. 3/24:**6:30 PM Xn Chaos rehearsal

**Tue. 3/25:**9 AM Pastor @ Cluster, 2 PM Prairie Hills Program, 6:30 PM G.I.G.

**Wed. 3/26:** Meeting of the Holy Folders, 12 PM Pastor @ Bible Study, 4:30 PM Grief Group, 6 PM G.I.G., 7 PM Chancel Choir

**Thu. 3/27:**8:30 AM Pastor @ ECI, 10 AM G.I.G., 7 PM Priscilla Circle

**Sat. 3/29:**11 AM Shared Blessings

**Sun. 3/30:** No Choir Kids , 9 AM Sunday School, 9 AM G.I.G., 10:30 AM Worship, 2 PM