

February 26, 2023
1st Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

Opening Music Nancy Plote, Organist

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Jeremiah

Prelude Music Acolyte(s)

Call To Worship Liturgist

Liturgist: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

People: We are learning to follow Jesus.

Liturgist: For those who feel Christ near,

People: May we not turn away from the discomfort of the journey ahead.

Liturgist: For those who feel as far from Christ as the desert is from the ocean,

People: May we find Christ in the wilderness with us.

Liturgist: For all of us who stumble and fall in our silence, indifference, and lack of generosity,

People: May we reach for the hand of Christ, who raises us up to continue on the journey.

Liturgist: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

All: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock

*Opening Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"

UMH#145

Call to Confession

Liturgist

Liturgist: O God, you offer us so much,

People: forgive us for sharing so little.

Liturgist: You have called us to your ways,

People: forgive us for ignoring your call.

Liturgist: You have given us the gift of family,

People: forgive us for not giving thanks.

Liturgist: You have given us countless blessings,

All: forgive us for taking your love for granted.

**And now, gracious God, be merciful to us in our sin and indifference,
through Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

From Joel N. Martínez and Raquel M. Martínez

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Joys & Concerns

Pastor

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation

“ Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

UMH#269

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:48-53, 4:1-13

Liturgist

Sermon

God Lifts Us Up

Pastor Jeremiah

*Closing Hymn

“This Is My Song”

UMH#437

Benediction & Blessing

*Parting Hymn

“God Be with You till We Meet Again” (Vs. 1)

UMH#672

*As the Light of Christ is Carried Out

Acolyte

*Go in Peace & Love to Serve God and Neighbor

CHURCH CALENDAR – February / March 2023

Sunday, February 26	1st Sunday in Lent Lenten Bible Study “Luke” Begins after Fellowship Children’s Sunday School 4:00 p.m.
Monday, February 27	Confirmation Class 6-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 1	Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 3	World Day of Prayer
Sunday, March 5	2nd Sunday in Lent with Communion Lenten Bible Study after Fellowship

Greeter for this Sunday, February 26

Harry & Marilyn Berg

Greeter for NEXT Sunday, March 5

Mary Langley

On the table in the Narthex are copies of the School Supply list for Malta Elementary School kids, copies of the Midwest Mission “Top Needs” Supply list, **January/February** Upper Rooms, and **February** Newsletter.

HELP MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER URGENT NEEDS!

Liquid Laundry Detergent 32-64 oz. - Colored Pencil - 12 Pack - Liquid Household Cleaner 16-40 Oz. - Scissors - Student Size - Liquid Dish Soap 14-32 Oz. - Bleached Lumber to make desks - Blankets – Can be gently used - Rulers 12” long with metric - Toothpaste – 2.5 oz. or larger The Midwest Mission Distribution Center will also accept any MMDC Kits, treadle sewing machines, gently used tools, new or slightly used medical supplies and equipment. They will also accept a financial contribution. Send checks to Midwest Mission Distribution Center at 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558. Check out their web page: umcnic.org/2022MissionChallenge

“CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND” If you wish to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund, please mark your check accordingly and send your donations to Nancy Plote, 411 S. Malta Rd, Malta, IL 60150

SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY (IS IN NEED OF FOOD)! You are welcome to bring Non-Perishable food anytime throughout the year for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Place it in the box in the narthex marked “FOOD PANTRY”. The Salvation Army appreciates all you give.

HELPING OUR KIDS at Malta Elementary School The school supplies needed are: boxes of crayons with 24 colors, glue sticks, boxes of #2 pencils, boxes of Kleenex, 3 ring binders, plastic school folders, black dry erase markers, scissors (for younger and older children), and boxes of regular colored markers (I believe they come in boxes of 8 colors). Also, a donation of a new stocking hat, pair of gloves, or mittens would be wonderful (hand- made mittens and hats are also okay, as long as they are new.)



01	Wilbur Watson
02	Jay Hunt
03	Madison Hunt
04	Amy Spychal
05	Ken Slade
07	Evelyn Luoma (106 years old)
08	Dorothy Weaver
10	Rachel Hill, Marilyn Berg
16	Owen Fucilla
24	Sue Augustine
25	Alice Pileski
26	Amy Engstrom Joan Tucker, Custodian
27	Jeanette Gommel



2	Jodi Slade
3	Mary Langley
6	Stella Glen
8	LuAnn Hudson
10	Nate Engstrom, Noah Engstrom
13	Larisa Willrett
14	Frank E. Jouris
15	Paul Hudson
16	Louise Willrett, Olivia Willrett
21	Conner Hill, Deven Hill
25	Austin Cook
28	Mary Lynn McArtor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Sunday, March 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 19 **SPECIAL OFFERING** - **UMCOR**

Sunday, April 2 **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

April 3 – April 8 – **HOLY WEEK**

Thursday, April 6 – **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
Cluster Worship Service at Rochelle UMC
7PM with Communion

Friday, April 7 – **GOOD FRIDAY**
Worship Service combined with Esmond
UMC at 7:00 p.m. at Malta UMC

Sunday, April 9th – **EASTER SERVICE 9AM**
BREAKFAST – 7:30-8:30 A.M.