

March 12, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent

Order of Worship

Opening Music Nancy Plote, Organist

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Jeremiah

Prelude Music Acolyte

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer Jacque Fucilla, Liturgist

Liturgist: "Open the eyes of our hearts Lord, open the eyes of our hearts.

People: We "want to see You," we "want to see you".

Liturgist: God please help us see not just You, but also ourselves.

People: **May we see where we are strong and loving and where we are weak and causing harm.**

Liturgist: May we see all people, our siblings, and all their value and worth.

People: **May we see how we can all live and build this world together, with the gifts of all respected and employed.**

All: **May we see glimpses of the coming Kindom, Family of God that includes all creation.**

*Opening Hymn "Christ Is Alive" UMH#318

Prayer of Confession Liturgist

All: **Loving God, we come knowing that we have not looked with love on those around us. We've often felt we are better than they are; more worthy and more valuable than they are. We've thought only of our wants, and shown cruelty to others, harmed others, or just ignored the needs of other people. God we know that you love every person. That You offer forgiveness, and that You seek to show us how we can make amends and cause less harm in the future. Loving Holy Spirit, please help us open our hearts to You now, and guide us on how we can do better in the future. We pray as followers of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silent Prayers Confession

Words of Assurance

Pastor Jeremiah

*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

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (Vs. 1 & 4)

UMH#361

Scripture Reading

Luke 18: 9-14

Liturgist

Sermon

Seeing Through a Clean Lens

Pastor Jeremiah

*Closing Hymn

“Come Thou, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

UMH#400

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 – March 2023

Sunday, March 12

3rd Sunday in Lent (Daylight Savings Time Begins)

Lenten Bible Study after Fellowship

Pastor at Oak Crest 3:30 p.m.

NO Children’s Sunday School today.

Monday, March 13

Confirmation 6-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14

Worship Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Wednesday, March 15

Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m./Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: TODAY’S SISTERS HAS BEEN MOVED this month from Thursday to

Friday, March 17

TODAY’S SISTERS 9:30 a.m. at Oak Crest

Sunday, March 19

4th Sunday in Lent / 1st Day of Spring

UMCOR: **Special Offering**

Lenten Bible Study "Luke" after Fellowship

Greeter for this Sunday, March 12	Ruth Hueber
Greeter for NEXT Sunday, March 19	Marcia Hueber
Coffee Hour for this Sunday, March 12	Denny & Vicke Heins
Coffee Hour for NEXT Sunday, March 19	Marcia Hueber

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, March/April Upper Rooms, and March 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.



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.

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



EASTER LILIES

We are again offering Easter Lilies in honor or

