

March 19, 2023  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## Order of Worship

Opening Music Nancy Plote, Organist

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Jeremiah

Prelude Music Acolyte

Choir Introit "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" Chancel Choir

Call to Worship Niki Rempfer, Liturgist

Liturgist: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

**People: We are learning to follow Jesus.**

Liturgist: On this Lenten journey, where do we find God's presence among us?

**People: One thing we know: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.**

Liturgist: On this Lenten journey, how does God's presence work among us?

**People: One thing we know: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.**

Liturgist: On this Lenten journey, what does God's presence do in our midst?

**People: One thing we know: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.**

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

"My Hope is Built"

UMH#368

## Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

**All:** O God of miracles and mighty deeds, we acknowledge your healing and comforting presence in our lives. We confess that we have been [drawn in] by materialism and driven by consumerism. Open our [hearts] to a new way of being. Send your anointing and grant us fresh insight for spiritual breakthroughs. Shine the light of your truth into our relationships and grant us victory over every secret and shame. We thank you in advance for healings and renewals in our lives. In your name Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*Junius Dotson*

## 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.

#### Choir Anthem

**“What Wondrous Love Is This”**

Chancel Choir

### Joys & Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

#### \*Hymn of Preparation

**“We Would See Jesus”** (Vs. 3-5)

UMH#256

#### Scripture Reading

**Luke 17:11-19**

Liturgist

#### Sermon

**Love Breaking Through**

Pastor Jeremiah

#### \*Closing Hymn

**“He Leadeth Me”**

UMH#128

### 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 19                      4th Sunday in Lent / **1st Day of Spring**

**SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY: [UMCOR - Global Ministries](#)**

<https://umcmmission.org/umcor> : As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist **Committee on Relief – UMCOR** – assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need.

Wednesday, March 22                      **Lenten Bible Study “Luke” after**  
Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. / Choir Practice 7 p.m.  
Sunday, March 26                      5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent / **Lenten Study after Fellowship**  
**Children’s Sunday School 4:00 p.m.**

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Greeter for this Sunday, March 19	Marcia Hueber
Greeters for NEXT Sunday, March 26	Frank & Kitty Jouris
Coffee Hour for this Sunday, March 19	Marcia Hueber
Coffee Hour for NEXT Sunday, March 26	Harry & Marilyn Berg

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**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.

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### **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](http://umcnic.org/2022MissionChallenge)

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**“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

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**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, 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 9<sup>th</sup> – **EASTER SERVICE 9AM**  
**BREAKFAST – 7:30-8:30 A.M.**

**APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. **NORTHERN IL**  
**CONFERENCE OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**“WORKSHOP”** tackling tough issues with respect,  
and living out the conviction that racism is  
incompatible with Christ’s life and teaching.  
Hosted by Hub Cluster and held at Rochelle UMC  
Deadline to register: Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Cost: \$20 payable at the event.  
Light breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and lunch is included.  
Contact: [Rochelle UMC.com](http://RochelleUMC.com) or call (815) 562-2164

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 remembrance of friends/loved ones to share around the cross on Easter Sunday. We are getting the lilies from Jacquie (Schafer) Young, who has opened her own shop; The Prairie Petal Company in Clare. They will be the same florist quality we have had in the past.

**Price is \$21.00 for a single and \$30.00 for a double.**

**Give your orders to Jodi Slade**

**by Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Checks can be made out to MUMC.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **No. of Single Lilies (\$21.00 each)**

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**In Honor of:**

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**Ordered by:**

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**Thank you for sharing your Easter Lily**