

March 26, 2023
5th Sunday of Lent

Order of Worship

Opening Music Nancy Plote, Organist

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Jeremiah

Prelude Music

Lighting of the Altar Candles Acolyte

Call to Worship Liturgist

Liturgist: We come seeking wisdom and clarity.

People: For life is confusing and we are uncertain how best to act.

Liturgist: We come seeking hope and support.

People: For life can be trying and painful, and we long to feel hope from God.

Liturgist: We come seeking love and compassion, strength for life and direction for tomorrow.

All: God, we come to worship You today, as we are, uncertain and frustrated, yet perhaps also hopeful and feeling loved. We know our hearts, minds, and lives are complex, and we know that You, God, love us and seek to help us in this time to grow and be ready to share love when we leave. God please be with us now that we may hear and see the Good News of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "There Is a Balm in Gilead" UMH#375

Prayer of Confession Liturgist

All: Loving God, we come to confess. We first, confess that we aren't always sure what is best. We know, that not knowing is not a sin. But we also know, that we lie to ourselves and think we know more than we do. And when we do that, we do fall into sin! We also come to confess, that we have caused harm, hurt others, ignored suffering when we could have helped, and caused pain. God, we admit we've done wrong and we seek forgiveness from You and to forgive ourselves. Also God, we seek to learn to do better, to not sin the same way

again and again. To be perfected in love. Help us open our lives to your leading, so that we can change for the better in Jesus' Name. Amen!

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

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation	"Be Still, My Soul"	UMH#534
Scripture Reading	Luke 20:20-25	Liturgist
Sermon	What is Your North Star	Pastor Jeremiah
*Closing Hymn	"In Christ There is No East or West"	UMH#548

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/April 2023

Sunday, March 26	5 th Sunday in Lent / Lenten Study after Fellowship Children's Sunday School 4:00 p.m. (Last day to turn in Easter Lily orders to Jodi)
Monday, March 27	Confirmation Class 6-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 29	Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. / Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 2	PALM/PASSION SUNDAY with Communion (Last) Lenten Bible Study after Fellowship
Monday-Saturday (April 3-April 8) HOLY WEEK	
Monday, April 3	Finance Meeting 7:00 p.m. / Church Council 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 5	Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. / Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 6 **Maundy Thursday** (Church Cluster Worship at Rochelle UMC
7:00 p.m.)
Friday, April 7 **GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP 7:00 P.M.**
Sunday, April 9 **EASTER WORSHIP 9:00 A.M. with Communion**
BREAKFAST 7:30-8:30 A.M. / No Fellowship after worship

Greeters for this Sunday, March 26 Frank & Kitty Jouris
Greeter for NEXT Sunday, April 2 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.



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



APRIL Birthdays	
2	Jaycee Mattis
6	Nevaeh Slayton
9	Ed Cheek
12	Harry Berg
14	Paul Augustine
18	Gabbie Engstrom, Danielle Rempfer
22	Peyton Madsen
25	Kitty Jouris
27	Jennie Madsen
30	Carson Vidor



April 7 Tom & Nancy Plote (44 Years)
April 8 Brian & Jacque Fucilla (18 Years)

LAST SUNDAY TO ORDER EASTER LILIES:



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 26th.

Checks can be made out to MUMC.

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

_____ **No. of Double Lilies (\$30.00 each)**

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Ordered by:

Thank you for sharing your Easter Lily