

# U.M.C.O.R. Sunday and Girl Scout Sunday

**March 10, 2024**

**10:30AM**

**Welcome to Worship at Memorial United Methodist Church.**

*Please register your attendance in the blue book at the end of your pew.*

*Visitors, please include the best way for us to follow up with you.*

**Music to Center Ourselves** *Prelude on "Lonesome Valley"*(McConnell)

## Welcome to Worship

### \*Call to Worship

The goodness of God beckons,

**Calling us to goodness and grace.**

The grace of God redeems,

**Saving us and making us whole.**

The love of God welcomes,

**Inviting us to worship and praise.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* UMH 184

**Old Testament reading** Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Nannette Martin

**Anthem** *My Life, My All* (Twila Paris, arr. by Sorensen) Jubilee Choir

### Lenten reading

Give thanks for the goodness of God.

**For God's love is everlasting.**

Let us give of ourselves to show our thanksgiving.

**Let our joy proclaim what God has done through Jesus Christ.**

**\*Gospel reading** John 3:14-21

### Children's Time

**Message** Pastor Terri Branstrom

**Hymn** *What Wondrous Love Is This* UMH 292

## Offering Our Gifts and Commitments

**Offertory** *O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done* (Powell)

Ushers will pass the offering plates to receive today's offering and any prayer requests (please write requests on the green cards found in the pews). You may also make financial contributions on the square reader near the entrance, or online on our website.

**\*Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** UMH 95

**\*Offering Prayer**

## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn** *O How He Loves You and Me* TFWS 2108

### \*Departing Blessing

**Music for Going Forth** *Like a Lamb* (Southbridge)

\* The asterisk indicates times in worship where we're invited to stand.

*Please join us after worship for coffee and conversation.*

### Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Carol Borden and Tracy Jensen

Counters: Nancy Peterson and Wilma Vanderdonck

Coffee: Susan Lagina

Cookies: Tracy Jensen

Projectionists: Tracy and Ethan Jensen

Ushers/Greeters: Girl Scouts

**U.M.C.O.R.** is the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Gifts that you designate to UMCOR help ensure that UMCOR can respond swiftly to disasters around the world and be a source of hope and healing for those left most vulnerable.

**Easter Lilies, Daffodils, or Tulips:** If you would like to honor or remember someone this Easter with white or yellow tulips, daffodils, or lilies, please fill out a pink form from the table by the front door and turn it in to the office **by Wednesday, March 27**. Then bring your flowers by Saturday morning, March 30. Brenda Balenger and Lorna Benson will be creating an altar decoration with them on Saturday afternoon. If you could let the office know by Wednesday what type (lilies, tulips, or daffodils) and color (white or yellow) you will be bringing, that would help our two design artists.

### **Financial report:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of March deposit for the general fund: \$2,425.

Goal for the week: \$3,404.

**Used cards** are needed by Nancy Campbell (especially “Thinking of You”, “Sympathy”, and “Get Well”).

**Alms boxes** The boxes in the back of the sanctuary are “alms boxes” for the season of Lent. One way to use them is every time you are tempted to buy a treat for yourself, put the money in the alms box instead. Then present it on the altar on Easter, and it will go toward the “Readers to Leaders” project. This special fundraiser promotes education here in Michigan and in Liberia.

SUNDAY 11:30 Bell practice

MONDAY 5:30 Bible Study

WEDNESDAY 9:00 Knit  
5:00 Soup Supper  
5:30 Speaker: Monica Peach -- Youth Mental Health

THURSDAY 7:00 Band

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Worship

MARCH 19 2:00 Missions Committee

MARCH 20 5:00 Soup Supper  
5:30 Speaker: Cheryl Ohman from Lakestate Industries

MARCH 21 6:30 Church Council

MARCH 28 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service

MARCH 29 7 p.m. Ecumenical Good Friday service here at Memorial

MARCH 31 7 a.m. Sunrise Service  
10:30 Easter Celebration Service

## **Prayer List**

### **New Concerns**

Ken Benson  
First Responders  
Cherie Phalen  
Kade Botsford  
Jamie Gonzalez  
Zach

### **Recent Concerns**

Juan Jodocy  
Family and friends of Art Easterbrook  
Shannon Hagen  
Ashlee (Johnson) Marklin and baby  
Michael Enright

### **Ongoing Concerns**

Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine	Mindy A.
Lorna Benson	Beth and Sarah Benson
Tom Butch	Nancy Campbell
Bud and Pat Clark	Bette DeRoek
Ian Goldi	Nancy Grondine
Paul Hammond	Nancy Harger
Caroline Hart	Walt Houghton
Jim Hubbard	Liz Kempher
Cheryl LaCarte	Marcy Makosky
Toni Marchese	Rebecca Marchak
Helen Palo	Rodney Potvin and family
Josiah Pryor	Jordan R.
Debbie Rosen	Marv and Pat Sodermark
Tami	Pam Thorbahn

### **Memorial United Methodist Church**

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**Mission:** We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ.

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