

Prayers and Praises

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*Gary had surgery on March 17 and was moved out of ICU on Saturday. When he can come home, he will need 24/7 care. Cards may be sent to his home address: 1045 Sycamore Tree Drive, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
20-Mar	72	\$4,141.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
03/13--03/19/22	0	\$2,277.08	ONLINE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK 3/13--3/19/22
		\$6,418.08	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. They are our unsung heroes.

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Fourth Sunday in Lent March 27, 2022 9:00am

Prelude "Variations on Nettleton"
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arranged by *Undine S. Moore*
arranged by *J. Bert Carlson*

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. We are so glad you are here! We extend a special welcome to our visitors. To learn more about us please speak to the pastor or one of the ushers. **Masking and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those you love.**)*

Announcements

Lit candle is brought in reminding us of Christ in our Midst.

*Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

If anyone is in Christ there is a new creation,

old things have passed away, the new has arrived!

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, you loving people.

From now on, we don't look at people as hopelessly human.

Christ has changed all that.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, you loving people,

Shout for joy, all you who are sincere in heart.

With joyful sincerity we worship God together.

*Prayer

Wonderful God, you are light and love and joy! Once more, you open our hearts and minds to the hospitality of your house. You set us free from narrow vision and miserly love, that with the wonder of those who are freed by your Spirit, we may worship you through all facets of this hour of praise. Through Christ Jesus our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen!

*Opening Hymn #356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Laurie Leestma-Christie, Song Leader

Ebenezer* = Hebrew ebhen hā-‘ezer **stone of help; from the application of this name by Samuel to the stone which he set up in commemoration of God's help to the Israelites in their victory over the Philistines at Mizpah (1 Samuel 7:12). <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/ebenezer>

***Call to Confession**

I will get up and go back to my Father and say: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer fit to be called your child. Please make me one of your hired laborers." Let us return to our God and make our confession. Let us pray.

***Confession**

Loving God, all too often there is enough evil within us to dampen our confidence;

enough doubt in us to swamp our faith;

enough weariness in us to snuff out our hopefulness;

enough apathy in us to smother our compassion.

Yet thankfully, there is also enough hunger in us to keep us unhappy,

and enough discontent in us to make us return home to your love.

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us sinners.

God, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Amen.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

Assurance of Pardon

***Creed**

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare.

Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.

Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ

(Confession of 1967, 9.21-22, 25-26)

Old Testament Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

New Testament Lesson: Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

***Hymn #372** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Message "Old Hippies"

Pastor Ken Locke

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Offering

Offering: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

arranged by Deanna Witkowski

(We encourage you to share from your abundance to support the ministries and outreach of our church. You may give in person during the service, mail your check to our church office or give electronically through our website.)

***Offertory #428** "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (vs 1)

***Closing Hymn #491** "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" (vs. 1, 4 & 5)

***Benediction**

***Closing Refrain: GTG #542** God, Be with You Till we Meet Again (vs. 1)

(words and music are on the screen)

Postlude "Nettleton"

arranged by Don Hustad