

February 25, 2024; 9:00 am
Second Sunday in Lent

We Gather Together

Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on the radio we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

Prelude: Alleluia No. 1

arr. by Jeffrey Honoré

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Joanne Marchionda

We are called to step out in faith.

We do not know what will happen tomorrow;

We are called to put our trust in God.

We know that God's love is always with us;

We know that God never abandons us.

Come, join together in this time of worship;

Come, join together in following Jesus.

*** Opening Prayer**

God, you have given us everything. What can we give in return for our lives?

Be our guide on our Lenten journey. Help us to deny ourselves, pick up our

cross and follow Jesus. We welcome the chastening direction in our lives as we

worship you today.

***Sung Response: GTG 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**

Henry Hayes, Cantor

***Call to Confession**

Joanne Marchionda

Our lives are anything but blameless. God invites us to see with a new vision, but we continue in our old ways. Jesus calls us to let go and follow him, but we continue to follow the ways of the world. The Spirit moves us to repentance and unites us with Christ. Let us confess our sins together, saying...

***Prayer of Confession**

Joanne Marchionda

Lord, we struggle to hear your voice in the midst of our noisy lives. You call us to be voices for you in today's world. Yet so often we are silent when we should speak out, we are blind when we should see and battle injustice around us, and we are content in the midst of others who are suffering.

Silent Confession

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

Forgive us, Lord, **speak new life to us, and give us the strength and the courage to stand firm and declare your love through our lives. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

***Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)

***Sung Response: GTG 627 "I Love You, Lord"**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 22:23-31 (Common English Bible)

(page 501 in the pew Bible)

All of you who revere the Lord—praise him!
All of you who are Jacob’s descendants—honor him!
All of you who are all Israel’s offspring—
stand in awe of him!

**Because he didn’t despise or detest
the suffering of the one who suffered—
he didn’t hide his face from me.
No, he listened when I cried out to him for help.**

I offer praise in the great congregation
because of you;
I will fulfill my promises
in the presence of those who honor God.

**Let all those who are suffering eat and be full!
Let all who seek the Lord praise him!
I pray your hearts live forever!**

Every part of the earth
will remember and come back to the Lord;
every family among all the nations will worship you.

**Because the right to rule belongs to the Lord,
he rules all nations.**

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:31-38 (Common English Bible)

(page 44 in the pew Bible)

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: “The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead.” He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: “Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God’s thoughts but human thoughts.”

After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: “Set Your Mind on Divine Things”

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Sung response: GTG 695 “Change My Heart O God”

We Respond to God’s Word

In response to God’s Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God’s tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible act of thanks. No matter what is physically offered back to God, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God’s hands, to be re-shaped to further God’s kingdom here on earth.

Offering Music: “You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

Henry H. and Todd Hayes

***Offertory: GTG 607** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

(TUNE: Doxology)

***Offertory Prayer**

Moments for Mission

Warming Shelter Meal
Fond du Lac High School Hygiene Drive

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.**

***Sung response: GTG 765 "May the God of Hope Go with Us" (2xs)**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Sending Song GTG 540 "Farewell, Good Friends"**

Postlude: "Argentina"

Argentine folk melody

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March Deacon of the Month
Carol Smith

March Elder of the Month
Mary Bacon

This Week at Church

Sunday **02.25.2024** **Second Sunday in Lent**

9:00-10:00am Worship
10:15am Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am Growing Connections
 • Adults Low Vision Awareness – Brain C. and Jodi A. are hosting.
 • 8th-12th Grade Room 6
 • 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
 • Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8
11:15am Lenten Potluck Lunch
6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Troop 702

Monday **02.26.2024**

10:00-11:30am Staff Meeting
1:30-3:00pm Building & Grounds

Tuesday **02.27.2024**

6:00-7:00pm AA Meeting

Wednesday **02.28.2024**

8:00-9:00am Men's Breakfast
4:00-6:00pm Loaves and Fishes
 (If you are bringing a dessert, please bring it to church by 3:00pm.)
4:30-5:30pm Bell Choir

Saturday **03.02.2024**

9:00-12:00pm Table Tennis

Sunday **03.03.2024** **Third Sunday of Lent**

9:00-10:00am Worship / Communion
10:15 Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am Growing Connections
 • Adults Membership Classes
 • 8th-12th Grade Room 6
 • 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
 • Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8
11:15-12:30pm Lenten Potluck Lunch
6:00-7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 702

Looking Ahead

February 28	4:00pm	Loaves & Fishes
March 3	9:00am	Worship Third Sunday in Lent
		Communion
March 3	10:15am	Membership Classes
March 3	11:15am	Lenten Lunches

PRAYERS

Brian C.	*Lynn K.
Pat D.	*Ashley K.
Gib D.	*Cathie
Arnold L.	*Mike S.
Jesse F.	*Dale F.
Liam A.	*Karen & David H.
Burt M.	*Lorele C.
Marie L.	*Laura C.
Chastity G. and Joan S.	*Sue, Scott, Cassie & Avery
Bob B.	All the countries affected by unrest, violence, and war.

The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has requested they be lifted in prayer.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

E-Giving

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Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we can worship God well.

Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
18-Feb	126 IN THE SEATS	\$7,167.01	OFFERINGS/TITHES
		\$550.00	"PAVE THE WAY"--OFFERINGS
02/12--02/16/24		\$2,665.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
		\$0.00	"PAVE THE WAY"-VANCO 02/12--02/16/2024
		\$10,382.01	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
2/18/2024	6 HOUSEHOLDS		6-HOUSEHOLDS VIEWED THE ZOOM SERVICE FOR 02/18/2024