

March 24th, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Lent

11:15 a.m.
Color: Purple

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

CEB

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Praise be to God for his word.

Prelude: "You Are My King"

-Billy James Foote

(The acolyte lights the candles)

Welcome

Kateri Rang

(Rise in body or spirit)

Invocation

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" #327 UMH (VS. 1, 2 & 4)

Call to Worship (Congregational response in bold)

L: Pilate rides here on a war horse

P: Jesus rides low on a donkey.

L: Pilate clings to weapons of power.

P: Jesus lays down His power.

L: Pilate's weapon of choice is fear.

P: Jesus's weapon of choice is love.

L: Today, may we choose the lowly Galilean who lays down power in the name of love.

All: Amen

Praise and Worship

"I Love to Tell the Story" #156 UMH (VS. 1, 2 & 4)

Message In Song

"All Hail King Jesus" -Dave Moody
Reading from The Desiderata By Max Ehrmann, read by Amber Flint

(Soft music played as the choir leaves the choir loft)

Children's Moment

Rev. Brian Steele

(Rise in body or spirit)

Glory be to the Father

UMH #70

Sermon: A Parade of Protest

Rev. Brian Steele

The Church Gives Thanks

As we receive the gift of music, let us offer unto God our gifts of tithes and offerings.

Offertory Hymn

"The Palms"

-Jean Baptiste Faure

(Rise in body or spirit)

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

UMH #95

Offertory Prayer

Kateri Rang

Celebration of Communion

(The communion table is open to everyone including children)

Communion Liturgy

Overhead & Insert

Community Prayer

Rev. Brian Steele

(Congregation can call out the name of someone in prayer.)

Ways to Connect

Rev. Brian Steele

(Rise in body or spirit)

Closing Song

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

#277 UMH (VS. 1 & 3)

(The acolyte extinguishes the candle)

The Sending

Rev. Brian Steele

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Health/Life Concerns: Rebecca Rang, Frank Cox, Pierre, Nicole (Sue and Ron's daughter) Rob N's friend Rochelle has been diagnosed with cancer and will be starting chemotherapy soon.
Joan Sarns, Daniel Westleigh, Ed Roden Amber Flint, Jack Hinton, Victoria Foerster, Robert Narducci,

Comfort for the friends and families of:

Serving in the Armed Forces: Emma Hardy, Sean Redd, Casey Allen, Brendan Schemers, Ronald Turner & Chris Collis

Gratitude's and Joys: The hospitality of our church, grandkids in church and grandparents.

Church Leaders: Pastor-Rev. Brian Steele, Al Holland-SPRC Chair, John Sarns-Ad Council Chair, Frank Cox-Lay Leader, Ashley Detoledo-Secretary, Lisa Johnson-Treasurer, Matt Sarns-Music Director, and Harriet Hardy-Organist.

After a 30 day period we remove names from the prayer list unless the church secretary is notified of the need to remain.

Congregation – please let the pastor know, if you have any specific prayer requests or needs; or would like a phone call from the pastor.

| This Week At First United Methodist Church | |
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| Thursday, March 28th | Maundy Thursday @7:00pm |
| Friday, March 29th | Good Friday @7:00pm |
| Sunday, March. 31st | Worship Service @ 11:15 am |

How can you give back to the church?

There are 4 ways you can financially contribute to the church:

- ⇒ Give by placing an offering in the collection plate at as the users walk by.
- ⇒ Give by clicking on the “Offering” button at hpfirst.org.
- ⇒ Give by sending a check to the church.
- ⇒ Scan the QR below with your camera to donate.



Did you know that you can also raise money by things you do everyday?

-Do you shop at Kroger? We are signed up with Kroger to earn a percentage for each shopper that is signed up for the rewards program. The best part? It's FREE! It costs nothing but a few minutes of your time to register your card. Our organization number is #XH158

Communion: All are Welcome to take part in this Holy Sacrament

The Invitation

Pastor: In the long journey of Lent, come to the bread of life, all who hunger for love.

People: Come to the living water, all who thirst for righteousness.

Pastor: In this season of denials and betrayal, come to the shelter of God, all who face danger and persecution.

People: Come to the shade of Christ's love, all who suffer sorrow and grief.

Pastor: In the harrowing walk to the cross, come to the Lamb of God, all who need mercy and grace.

People: Come to the table of love, all who yearn for the gifts of God and the Holy Spirit.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give thanks and praise to you, Bread of Life! We give thanks for your abundant creation, called forth in ancient times upon this earth, and manifested in your grace when you created us in your very image. From ancient times, you have fed us, nourished us, and strengthened our souls for this journey. In the days of wandering in the wilderness, in the songs of psalmists, and in the harsh wisdom of the prophets, you have offered us the water of righteousness and the bread of justice. And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: In the fullness of time, you came to us in the presence of Jesus Christ—the bread of abundant life, the eternal spring of living water—to give all people the hope of a new beginning and the promise of joy and peace. As we come to Christ's table, you feed us with the bread of life—the living bread that heals the soul. As we prepare our hearts to receive this holy sacrament, you satisfy our hearts with the cup of gladness—the blessing that renews our spirit. We remember the time when Jesus fed thousands from only a few loaves and fish. We remember Christ's grace-filled words: "Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you. Take, drink. This is my life poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins." As we walk this Lenten journey of discovery and reflection, we remember these gifts and proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: In this season of Lent, grant us your grace, O God, and shower your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and cup. Transform this bread into the mercy for which we hunger. Work through this cup to heal a world torn by anger and mistrust. Create in us a new community of abundant love, that we may be life-giving disciples of Christ. Make us one with each other, one in unity with you through the Holy Spirit, and one in ministry to a world that hungers for your grace and mercy.

Amen.

Prayer Over Communion Elements

Unison—The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the bread

Blessing of the grape juice

Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to everyone.

Instructions For Receiving Communion

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The Daily Examen: A Three-Part Guided Prayer.

HANDS WITH DETROIT

GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT UMC

SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2024

@ Cass Community Social Services

Kitchen Help :: Grounds Clean Up :: Maintenance Projects

Document Destruction :: Doormat Construction

Offsite Collections {Ages 10+ are welcome!}



"SERVE ONE ANOTHER HUMBLLY IN LOVE."

-GALATIANS 5:13

To sign up or for more information visit:

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Key Note: This is a God-guided practice. Not a human attempt to make ourselves better.

1) The first part of the examen is asking God, "Where were you present today that I missed it?" We missed God's presence so we ask God, "Can you show me how you were there?" We are examining our day in light of where God was. That fosters a solid sense of God's presence.

2) We then ask where we are doing well. Where we have seen that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. First, God sees us as part of God's good creation. We are to affirm something about ourselves that is holy. We celebrate who God has created us to be. We are allowed to celebrate who God created us to be.

3) Then we are honest about the darker places. We have established safety with God and then we enter into the darker places. See Psalm 139. We have released all things out and now we are left to wonder with what is left if it is good or bad. Now we do need God to search us and show us. Where are we falling short?

The Daily Examen: A Three-Part Guided Prayer.