



United Methodist Church of Antioch

1st Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet.

PRELUDE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

WELCOME

MISSION STATEMENT (Unison)

The mission of the United Methodist Church of Antioch is to grow in faith, to worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to be instruments of God's love through the Holy Spirit as we reach out to our community and the world.

** Invites you to stand as you are able, or to sit with gusto!*

THRESHOLD MOMENT

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

L: Let us join together in opening our hearts to the love of God. Before we even utter a word, we can be assured God will offer us grace and a way forward. For this reason, we can be honest with what most pains us most about our own thoughts and actions. Let us pray: Holy and Merciful One, in this season of discernment we come bringing our deepest longings, and our failed attempts at satisfying them. We have often looked for love, for acceptance and security, in the trappings of notoriety, popularity, and power that diminish others in order to gain for ourselves.

P: We yearn for lives that matter, we desire relationships that thrive, we want less regret.

L: At times we fail to see that you have already given us what really matters: your love and acceptance. You provide opportunities all around us to make a difference in the lives of others.

You give us a fresh start each day, inviting us to do better. In this silence, we bring to you our pleas for openness to a different way of living.

Silence

My friends, be assured by the Psalmist who says, “I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.” Let us respond together:

All: We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision to the ways of love created by God, embodied in Jesus, and already moving in us by the Spirit. We are forgiven, loved, and freed! Amen!

***HYMN #269** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

CHILDREN’S TIME

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

-Psalm 32; Matthew 5:1-11

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Selah

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you,

Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only God.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

L: The word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30am service)

UMCA Choir

Bless Us with Your Love

REFLECTION

Rev. Katie Voigt

Look for the Resistor

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

... Listen first, and then join us to learn it:

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

God have mercy. In this singing we lift up this world to you with our love:

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

...God have mercy. In this singing we lift up this community to you with our love:

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

God have mercy. In this singing we lift up each other to you with our love:

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

... God have mercy. In this singing we open ourselves to your love:

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)**

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. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

OFFERTORY *Be Not Afraid*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Unison)**

Early in this season of Lent, Lord, we bring to you our financial gifts, our physical offerings of time and service, and our whole hearts. We pray that you will multiply all these things for your use and create more where there has been less and hope where there is fear. Help us to look to the Resistor for assistance as we traverse life's challenges. Beyond our imagining, may what you create through our hands, be blessed by Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

NURTURING LOVE

***CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #384**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING (Responsively)**

L: Go forth into the world, looking for love in all the right places!

P: We will look for signs of The Resister, working against injustice wherever we find it!

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: And also, with you. Amen.

***POSTLUDE** *Mighty is Our God*

Red indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"

Black indicates "The Faith We Sing" One License # A-739071

Notes:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-All You Need is Love- Please find this journal to guide your thoughts during Lent in Wesley Hall. Contact the church office if no more are available.

-A formal Installation for Bishop Dan Schwerin to Northern Illinois Conference - Sun., Feb. 26 at 3:00 pm at First UMC in Elgin at 216 E. Highland Ave., Elgin. Hospitality to follow service.

-Prayer and Fasting - Discipleship Task Force Lent 2023: The Discipleship Task Force invites you to pray and fast with them on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, and Good Friday, April 7, 2023. Lent is a wonderful time to practice this means of grace. It is a way of humbling ourselves before God. Fasting helps us hunger for God. [Click here to learn more.](#)

-Prairie Central District Lay Academy Spring 2023 will be held on 4 Sunday afternoons (March 5, 12, 19, 26) from 2-5pm at Grace UMC, 300 E. Gartner St, Naperville, IL. Cost is \$40. Please register online by March 1 through the following link
<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=735153>
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-Black Healing Collective Workshop - Sat., March 11 from 9 am - 1 pm at St. Mark UMC, 8441 S. St. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. This 4-hour workshop is for people of Black African descent and will define racial trauma, discuss the significant impact that racial trauma has historically had and continues to have within the Black community, including the UMC, and discuss coping strategies that have been used within the Black

community for healing our trauma. Cost: \$25 (includes lunch). **[Learn more and register here.](#)**

-On Saturday, March 25 at 10:00 am, the Anti-Racism Series Team will be hosting a docent-lead tour of *The Negro Motorist Green Book* exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. More details to come soon. Interested people can email Tim Alexander tim@osumc.org

-Mark your calendars for a love feast on Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 6:30pm. We will share a meal together, so we need you to RSVP on the sign-up sheet in Wesley Hall by Palm Sunday at the latest. Thank you!

Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday Feb 19, 2023:

9:15am -80

General Fund: \$2,735

Building: \$310

Boiler Pledge: \$160

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Today

March 5

Greeters

8:00am	Vi Kluth	Jake Young
10:30am	Joanne Rae	Pat Calkins

Ushers

8:00am	Wayne Buck	Dawn Vogel
10:30am	Tom Kessell	Tom Kessell

Soundboard

8:00am	Tammy Johnson	Bob Raukohl
10:30am	Phil Georgia	Phil Georgia

Liturgists

8:00am	Jane Buck	Jane Buck
10:30am	Nancy Zitkus	Nikki Georgia

Coffee Servers

8:00am	Linda Hensgen Vi Kluth	LouAnn Holmes Jane Buck
10:30am	Vivien Gueffier Margaret Zaller	Nancy Zitkus Betty Collins

Church Openers

	Heather Menzer	Bob Raukohl
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Communion

8:00am	-----	Heather Menzer Wayne Buck
10:30am	-----	Robin Kessell Lisa Shannon

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Today Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am
Church Chat/Choir/Sunday School, 9:15am
PADS Sunday
Bishop's Welcome Service, 3pm/Elgin
AA, 8-9pm/White Room
- Mon, Feb 27 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
AA, 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Room
- Tues, Feb 28 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
Confirmation Class, 4-6pm/All Saints Room
AA, 6-7pm/White Room
- Wed, March 1 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
AA, 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Room
- Thurs, March 2 UMCAP, 9am-2pm; Train exhibit, 12-
2:30pm/Wesley Hall
AA, 6-7pm/White Room
- Fri, March 3 AA, 10-11am; 6:30-7:30pm;
8:30-9:30pm/White Room
Youth PADS Lunches, 5pm/Kitchen
- Sat, March 4 AA, 6-7pm/White Room
- Sun, March 5 Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am
Church Chat/Choir/Sunday School, 9:15am
Communion Sunday
Sunday School Pretzel Day/Kitchen
New Members Class, 2pm/Wesley Hall
AA, 8-9pm/White Room



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Send info to editorumca@att.net in Word Doc form or body of email.

Next deadline is March 15th for the April newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.