



United Methodist Church of Antioch

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

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

PRELUDE *Abide with Me*

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 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 formulas that will assure success at the expense of staying tuned to the Spirit's nudge.

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, “The Lord will keep your life ... your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.” 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 #117** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

CHILDREN’S TIME

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

-Psalm 121; John 3:1-17

I lift up my eyes to the hills
— from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made
heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper;

the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day,

nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;

he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

from this time on and forevermore.



Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”

Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I

tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

P: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30am service)

UMCA Choir

Compassion Hymn

REFLECTION

Rev. Katie Voigt

Look for the Helper

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

... The repetition of this beautiful “Kyrie” is itself a prayer. God’s mercy is a gift of love, given freely to us.

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison

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

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison

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

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison

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

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison

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

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie, 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 *Blessed Assurance*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

O God, we celebrate that we have anything to give at all – be it time or money or even a smile. We ask that you would multiply our offerings this day to be abundant and useful, not just for our congregation’s use, but for the building up of your Kin-dom and growing relationships with those you love. May we be looking for the helper in all we do. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

L: May Love be with you!

P: And also, with you!

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: We lift them up to the Lord!

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise the name of Love and join their unending hymn:

[spoken]

**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.

[Sing vs. 1 of "All Who Hunger"]

**All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is [love].**

...And so, in remembrance of this love in Jesus Christ, we offer our love completely as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

[sing vs. 2 of "All Who Hunger"]

**All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is [love].**

... Through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

[Sing Vs. 3 of "All Who Hunger" with energy]

**All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.**

**Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is [love].**

COMMUNION SONGS Red Hymnal

#634 Now Let us From This Table Rise

#618 Let us Break Bread Together

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Help us to be love as you are love. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NURTURING LOVE

***CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #354** *I Surrender All*

***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 Helper, knowing that God is ever present, urging our choice for love!

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** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Daylight Savings begins next Sunday, March 12. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night before bed.

-There will be an organ concert with Del Peterson this Saturday, March 11 at 11:00am in the sanctuary.

-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!

-UMCAP: Butter Braids/Cookie Dough are back just in time for Easter. Order forms will be located on the table in Wesley Hall from Thursday March 9th until Thursday March 23. Checks made out to UMCA or cash will be accepted. Orders can be picked up on Tuesday April 4th between 1:00 and 2:30pm. Leftover orders will be placed in the kitchen freezer with your name on it, and will be available Monday - Thursday from 9:00-2:30 or on Sunday after church. If you have any questions you can contact Kim at 847-395-1362 or umcapreschool316@gmail.com
Thanks for supporting the preschool.

Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday Feb 26, 2023:

8:30am -32

General Fund: \$4,204

10:00am-40

Boiler Pledge: \$2,160

UMCOR: \$120

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Today

March 12

Greeters

8:00am

Jake Young

Jane Buck

10:30am

Pat Calkins

Sally Rodgers

Ushers

8:00am

Dawn Vogel

Jim Menzer

10:30am

Tom Kessell

Dan Fluck

Soundboard

8:00am

Bob Raukohl

Walt Cichonski

10:30am

Phil Georgia

Mike Lapke

Liturgists

8:00am

Jane Buck

Mike DeBenedetto

10:30am

Nikki Georgia

Margaret Zaller

Coffee Servers

8:00am

LouAnn Holmes

Dave & Dawn

Jane Buck

Vogel

10:30am

Nancy Zitkus

Carolyn Adams

Betty Collins

Jeannine Leonhart

Church Openers

Bob Raukohl

Walt & Carol

Cichonski

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
Communion Sunday
Sunday School Pretzel Day/Kitchen
New Members Class, 2pm/Wesley Hall
AA, 8-9pm/White Room
- Mon, March 6 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
AA, 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Room
Quilters, 9am-12pm/Green Room
Early Adopters Meeting, 5:45pm/Zoom
- Tues, March 7 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
Confirmation Class, 4-6pm/All Saints Room
AA, 6-7pm/White Room
- Wed, March 8 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
AA, 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Room
- Thurs, March 9 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
Golden Gems, 10-11am/Kitchen
AA, 6-7pm/White Room
PC Gatherings, 7pm/Zoom
- Fri, March 10 AA, 10-11am; 6:30-7:30pm;
8:30-9:30pm/White Room
- Sat, March 11 AA, 6-7pm/White Room
Organ Concert, 11am/Sanctuary
- Sun, March 12 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am
Church Chat/Choir/Sunday School/
Youth Group, 9:15am
New Members Class, 2pm/Wesley Hall
AA, 8-9pm/White Room



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Please Note:

Deadline for the Newsletter is the 15th of each month-**for the FOLLOWING month**

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.