



United Methodist Church of Antioch

5th Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

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

PRELUDE *God Leads Us Along*

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 the halls of the perceived power of public opinion or unexamined presumptions about

others not like us rather than the real power of love and care for one another.

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 by affirming their worth and dignity. 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 “In God, there is steadfast love, and the great power to redeem.” 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 #57**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1,2,4,7)

CHILDREN’S TIME

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS -Psalm 130; John 11:1-45

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with the Sovereign is great power to redeem.
It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.



Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So, the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.”

But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.”

The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?”

Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying

this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.”

The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30am service)

UMCA Choir

I am Not Afraid

REFLECTION

Rev. Katie Voigt

Look for the Liberator

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

... Let us pray, singing “God have mercy” in Greek, “Kyrie Eleison:”

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison

... 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 *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

God of all creation, we give you thanks for the world you have given us to steward. Guide our use of all the resources we have, financial, time, prayer, physical, and evangelistic, that we might use what we have for your purposes. Take what we give and expand the offering so

that there is always more than enough to bless those around us. Show us how to serve your liberating purposes in the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

NURTURING LOVE

***CLOSING HYMN Green Hymnal #3101**

Love Lifted Me (see insert)

***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 Liberator, shedding the shrouds of death to live and love freely!**

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**

We Bow Down

Red indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"

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

Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday March 19, 2023:

8:00am -35

General Fund: \$2,673

10:30am -50

Building: \$10

Boiler: \$510

UMCOR: \$1,232

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-UMCAP Antioch Pizza fundraiser: If you order from Antioch Pizza on Wednesday April 5 and mention the preschool at the time of payment, the preschool will receive 15% of all proceeds. You can also order a frozen pizza to enjoy later by ordering on Tuesday April 4 and picking it up on the 5th. If you have any questions, contact Kim at 847-395-1362. Flyers are available on the table in Wesley Hall and can be taken to serve as a reminder. Thank you for supporting the preschool.

-Easter lilies have been ordered for our sanctuary. You are welcome to make an offering towards the flowers in honor/in memory of a loved one. Please print clearly the name and “in honor of” or “in memory of.” Mark your envelope “flowers.” The names of those honored will be in our bulletin on Easter Sunday. Please turn your names into the office by ***Tuesday, April 4***. Flowers will be available to take home following the 2nd Easter service.

-Debunking Medicare And Medicaid Myths Join us Thurs, March 30th 12-1pm CT to learn about debunking 14 commonly held myths about Medicare and Medicaid. Learn ways to prepare for the reality of long-term care and discuss how to take advantage of opportunities to maximize your quality of life. This is a program from Chicago Methodist Senior Services. To register, visit

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hDbYIUmtQPWb5BnVQU8JaA

-We will be starting United Women of Faith (UWF) on April 5 at 11:45am in Wesley Hall. Please bring a sack lunch and a drink. Coffee and dessert will be provided. UWF is open to all women who attend our church. A small donation will be collected. If you have any questions, please see Leta Sathoff or call 847-395-3066. Hope to see you all there!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Today | PADS Sunday Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am Church Chat/Choir,9:15am New Members Class, 2pm/Wesley Hall AA, 8-9pm/White Room |
| Mon, March 27 | AA, 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Room |
| Tues, March 28 | AA, 6-7pm/White Room |
| Wed, March 29 | AA, 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Room |
| Thurs, March 30 | AA, 6-7pm/White Room |
| Fri, March 31 | AA, 10-11am; 6:30-7:30pm; 8:30-9:30pm/White Room Fabry Tuning/Sanctuary |
| Sat, April 1 | AA, 6-7pm/White Room |
| Sun, April 2 | Palm/Communion Sunday Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am Church Chat/Choir, Sunday School/9:15am AA, 8-9pm/White Room |

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Today

April 2

Greeters

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| 8:00am | Judy Degand | LouAnn Holmes |
| 10:30am | Janet Fluck | Pat Calkins |

Ushers

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| 8:00am | Wayne Buck | Irv Metz |
| 10:30am | Tom Kessell | Dan Fluck |

Soundboard

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| 8:00am | Walt Cichonski | Bob Raukohl |
| 10:30am | Phil Georgia | Mike Lapke |

Liturgists

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| 8:00am | Denny Sathoff | Jane Buck |
| 10:30am | Jeannine Leonhart | Nikki Georgia |

Coffee Servers

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| 8:00am | Denny & Leta Sathoff | Linda Hensgen Vi Kluth |
| 10:30am | Margaret Zaller Chris Hofius- Krampe | Terry King & Family |

Church Openers

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| | Mike DeBenedetto | Heather Menzer |
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Communion

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| 8:00am | ----- | Heather Menzer Wayne Buck |
| 10:30am | ----- | Nancy Rae Carol Dunn |



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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 April 15th for the May newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.