

~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet. Also, we follow Lake County Covid Guidelines, which encourages mask wearing for greater protection per personal discretion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Last Sunday to share your donation for the Afghan refugee fund. We currently have raised \$695 to purchase one or more of the bigger items needed! These will be delivered to the GAIC mosque in time to welcome the 5 families. Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers as they transition to our area. Thank you!

-March Messenger: The newsletter should have arrived in your inbox or mailbox this week. If you are not receiving your copy (did you check your SPAM box?) or would rather pick it up in person, please contact the church office so we can ensure we have the correct information. Thank you to Sue Deroche for all the hard work she puts into creating our newsletter!

- Congratulations! The Northern Illinois Conference celebrates The United Methodist Church of Antioch for faithfully paying 100% of its apportionments in 2021. Bishop John L. Hopkins gives thanks to all the Northern Illinois churches that stepped up and made connectional giving a priority despite these challenging times. “I praise God for the sacrificial giving of our churches, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic,” Hopkins said. “Many people will be served because of your faithfulness.”

Your apportionment dollars help support hundreds of global and local ministries and missions throughout our United Methodist connection. Thank You!

Announcements continued...

-NIC UMM Annual Breakfast is March 12 at 8:30am. In-person and online from Grace UMC in Rockford, IL. Cost is \$10.

-As we venture into our Lenten theme using the book, *The Grace of Les Misérables*, you may not be familiar with the original story. If you would like to refresh your memory or learn about the story for the first time, there are plot summary booklets on a table in Wesley Hall for you to pick up. If you are participating in the Bible study, no need to take one, as this is a section in your book.

-Please pick up a special Lent calendar from the table in Wesley Hall that the Missions Committee has prepared for you.

-Global Ministries Earth Keepers 2022 trainings open. Topics include eco-theology, anti-racism, community organizing, and project planning. Summer classes will be July 18-August 11 online. For more information, visit <https://umcmmission.org/earthkeepers/>

-Open Arms Mission needs new socks for men and women and will be collecting them in March. If anyone would like to donate socks, they may leave them in the Open Arms cart in Wesley Hall or take them to 1548 Main St., on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays from 9 am to Noon.

-One Earth Film Festival 2022 is March 4-13. Join the NIC Eco-Sustainability Task Force and One Earth Collective for the 11th annual festival. More information can be found at <https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/>

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!*

***WE ARE WELCOMED TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

L: The temptations of this world are so easy to get caught up in.

P: **Going along to get along sounds like it could be the right thing to do some times.**

L: Each situation is different and each moment requires us to pay attention to know what the next right thing is.

P: **That sounds exhausting!**

L: It is, but if we aren't concentrating, it is just too easy to find ourselves lost in something we didn't choose and didn't want.

P: **Making a choice to do the right thing can challenge us, but we know that Jesus helps us decide.**

***HYMN Black Hymnal #2105**

Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Holy God, you sent Jesus to earth and he went toe to toe with temptation and withstood it. We admire his determination and his faith. We want to be like him. Use this time as we gather in your presence now to remind us that we have your strength and perseverance in us to be able to do what you call us to do. And now, O God, hear us as we pray as Jesus taught us ...

***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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Black Hymnal #2123

Loving Spirit, vs. 1-4

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

In this season of Lent, we come seeking grace in stories that have been told and re-told. Help us use a familiar tale and the Scriptural stories to understand to an even greater depth your love for us, O God. Awaken us in these moments to a new awareness. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

-Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord

your God, and serve only him.” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Rev. Katie Voigt

For Whom Will I Stand?

CHOIR ANTHEM

UMCA Choir

Lead Us Not into Temptation

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Confession & Pardon

(Unison): Most merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Pastor): Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(Unison): In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. May it empower us to proclaim to all that Jesus Christ is Lord. 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.

OFFERTORY

He Will Hold Me Fast

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Mighty God, as we remember the strength of Jesus facing the temptation offered by the devil, we remember too clearly how the temptations of food, of authority, and power have overcome us. We've been tricked to believe our wants were needs and more is always better. May we offer our gifts to you this day with generosity and gratitude; strengthen us to resist temptation that would present security or power in anyone but you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #410**

I Want a Principle Within

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

L: When facing temptations, inside and out, we pray that we will turn to Jesus to be guided in the right direction.

P: We will look to Jesus, who was able to withstand temptation, to learn from his example and gain his strength.

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**

Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus

Red indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"

Black indicates "The Faith We Sing"

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**Worship Attendance & Giving for
Sunday, February 27, 2022**

9:15am 78

General Fund \$2,052

Building \$25

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Today

March 13

GREETERS

8:00am	Judy Degand	Leta Sathoff
10:30am	Janet & Dan Fluck	Terry King

USHERS

8:00am	Dawn Vogel	Jim Menzer
10:30am	Tom Kessell	Dan Fluck

SOUND BOARD

8:00am	Bob Raukohl	Walt Cichonski
10:30am	Phil Georgia	Kenz Rae

LITURGISTS

8:00am	Denny Sathoff	Shelby Wais
10:30am	Carol Dunn	Nikki Georgia

COFFEE SERVERS

8:00am	LouAnn Holmes Christina Swanson	Dave & Dawn Vogel
10:30am	Phil & Nikki Georgia	Carol Frazier Margaret Zaller

CHURCH OPENERS

	Mike DeBenedetto	Leta Sathoff
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COMMUNION STEWARDS

8:00am	Heather Menzer	-----
10:30am	Margaret Zaller Lisa Shannon	-----



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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.