



United Methodist Church of Antioch

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

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

PRELUDE

I've Got Peace Like a River

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, acceptance, and security, giving away the power to claim for ourselves that we are inherently beloved, created by God.

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 reminds us that our God is the, “rock of our salvation” in whose hand is the “depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains.” Let us respond together:

All: We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, and 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 #127**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CHILDREN’S TIME

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

-Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-42

From the wilderness of Sin, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?”

But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?”

So, Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”



So, he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”

Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”

The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”

The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”

Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”

Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”

They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So, the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So, when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

P: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30am service)

UMCA Choir

You Alone Can Satisfy the Heart

REFLECTION

Rev. Katie Voigt

Look for the Thirst-Quencher

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

... Let us pray for God's mercy, which is God's love, in our singing:

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

You Are My Hiding Place/It is Well with My Soul

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Lord, we celebrate that you have given us gifts that we can share. Expand the time, money, service, prayers, witness, and presence that we give for your will so that people who don't know you would come to know your love and forgiveness. Help us to fill our cups at the well of the Living Water, and to share that water with others. Amen.

NURTURING LOVE

***CLOSING HYMN Green Hymnal #3090**

Fill My Cup Lord (with verses; 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 Thirst-Quencher**, and we will pour out the life-giving water of love wherever we go!

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** *He Hideth My Soul*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

-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. **Money is due at time of order.** If you have any questions you can contact Kim at umcapreschool316@gmail.com
Thanks for supporting the preschool.

-I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who took part in the drive by and letter collection to honor Ed Krostal's service to this country. Your outpouring of support was beyond my wildest dreams. Thank you, Dan Fluck.

Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday March 5, 2023:

8:30am -35

General Fund: \$9,238

10:00am-58

Building: \$250

Boiler Pledge: \$5,340

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Today

March 19

Greeters

8:00am

Jane Buck

Dawn Vogel

10:30am

Sally Rodgers

Carol Dunn

Ushers

8:00am

Jim Menzer

Irv Metz

10:30am

Dan Fluck

Jerry Topcik

Soundboard

8:00am

Walt Cichonski

Denny Sathoff

10:30am

Mike Lapke

Chris Shannon

Liturgists

8:00am

Mike DeBenedetto

Bob Raukohl

10:30am

Margaret Zaller

Joanne Rae

Coffee Servers

8:00am

Dave & Dawn
Vogel

Walt & Carol
Cichonski

10:30am

Carolyn Adams
Jeannine Leonhart

Margaret Zaller
Nancy Rae

Church Openers

Walt & Carol
Cichonski

Heather Menzer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Today **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
- Mon, March 13 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
AA, 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Room
- Tues, March 14 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
UMCAP Board Mtg, 2:15pm/Wesley Hall
Confirmation Class, 4-6pm/All Saints Rm
AA, 6-7pm/White Room
- Wed, March 15 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
AA, 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Room
Trustees, 6:30pm/Wesley Hall
- Thurs, March 16 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
AA, 6-7pm/White Room
- Fri, March 17 AA, 10-11am; 6:30-7:30pm;
8:30-9:30pm/White Room
PADS Lunches, 5pm/Kitchen
- Sat, March 18 AA, 6-7pm/White Room
- Sun, March 19 UMCOR Sunday
Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am
Church Chat/Choir/Sunday School, 9:15am
Ushers Meeting, 9:30am/Wesley Hall
Missions Meeting, 11:50am/Kitchen
New Members Class, 2pm/Wesley Hall
AA, 8-9pm/White Room



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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.