

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-The youth group is asking the congregation, family, and friends to collect pennies for their collection bucket to save for the summer mission trip expenses. We will be going to Birmingham, Alabama June 8-14. The youth director from Grace UMC will come **March 16** and talk about the trip for any one – youth and young at heart who would like to go.

-We're looking for volunteers to be guests/mystery readers for our preschoolers! A signup sheet is in Wesley Hall for Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9:30-11am. If you have any special talents or hobbies you would like to share with our preschoolers, please contact Kim Dodd or Linda Hensgen!

-The Lakes Area Community Band will have their Spring Concert at our church this Saturday, March 8 at 2pm. They welcome us, friends, and family to enjoy this free concert. There will be refreshments following the concert.

-The Prairie Central Spring 2025 Lay Academy will be at Barrington UMC on Saturdays, March 9, 16, 23, & 30 from 2 to 5pm. See the flyer in Wesley Hall for more details. Contact Mary at mary.mecker@gmail.com with any questions. You can register at: umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-central-lay-academy-spring-2025

-Scholarship opportunities through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry are open! You can submit one application, and it will be screened for all eligible programs on their list. Apply by March 31, 2025. For more details and to submit visit: <https://www.gbhem.org/scholarships/>

-Scholarships through the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation are open! Apply by April 1, 2025. For more details and to submit visit: <https://umhef.org/2025-scholarship-applications/>

WELCOME

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

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.

WE ARE WELCOMED TO WORSHIP

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

P: God's mercy endures forever.

HYMN Black Hymnal #2128

Come and Find the Quiet Center

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(From Ash Wednesday Liturgy (page 1) posted at

<https://ms.augsburgfortress.org/downloads/Ash%20Wednesday%20ELW%20Liturgy%20Sample.pdf>.)

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Holy Lord, we come to you aware that Lent is probably our most challenging season. We look at all the hardest parts directly and we can't turn away. Be with us as we

hear your Word read and proclaimed, that we might know that even in the hardest parts there is love and grace, mercy and hope. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS – 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

HYMN Black Hymnal #2138

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes

REFLECTION

Being Human

Rev. Katie Voigt

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

SPECIAL MUSIC *Dust, Remember You Are Splendor*
Nicole Heyl, vocal solo

CONFESSION AND PARDON (Psalm 51:1-17, #785)

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

P: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

L: Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgment.

P: Behold I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.

L: Let us now pray silently to God, taking our confession directly to God.

Time for silent confession

L: May the almighty and merciful God, who desires not the death of a sinner but that we turn from wickedness and live, accept our repentance, forgive our sins, and restore us by the Holy Spirit to newness of life. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Merciful God, who meets us in our brokenness and leads us toward wholeness, as we offer these gifts, we also offer our hearts, seeking renewal and transformation. During this sacred Lenten journey, cleanse us from all that separates us from you and restore the joy of your salvation within us. May these offerings bring hope and healing to others, just as you continually renew us with your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #395**

Take Time to Be Holy

***WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING**

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** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Red indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"

Black indicates "The Faith We Sing" CCLI # 11352076

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

March 5

Ash Wednesday

Greeters	6:30pm Only- Dawn Vogel
Ushers	Tom Kessell
Soundboard	Chris Shannon

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