

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 18 & 19, 2023

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Kenneth Garazin, Seasonal Pastor

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

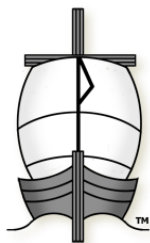
Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Sunday Worship times are: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
with Bible Study between services. Saturday service will remain at 5:00 p.m.

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THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

For Christians, since the days of the apostles, *THE SHIP* has been a symbol for the Christian Church. The mast and yardarm form a simple *CROSS* (in wood) which stands for Jesus who saved us by giving Himself on a cross that we might be forgiven.

The *CHI RHO* ✠ (in metal) is a combination of the first two Greek letters of the name *Christ*, meaning "The Anointed One" or "The Messiah." *THE WAVES* symbolize the troubles and difficulties of life on earth. *THE SAILS* are filled with wind, a symbol of the Holy Spirit, which empowers the Church. Thus, the Christian Church, under the Cross of Christ carries the faithful safely across the troubled seas of life to heaven. As we come together for worship,

the cross of Christ is before us. We choose, you and I, to worship with people for whom the cross is both the sign of salvation and the sign of Christ in our lives.

A special **welcome** to our guests today.

May you find grace and blessing in the time we spend together. If you are looking for a church home, please speak to the Pastor, the Lay Minister for the day, or an Usher. We would be most pleased to share with you ways in which you might become a regular part of our Christian fellowship.



HOLY COMMUNION – WHAT WE BELIEVE

In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us Himself, His true Body and Blood as we receive the bread and wine. On the night He was betrayed and before He was put to death, Jesus celebrated this Meal with His disciples assuring us that each time we receive it, we are again remembering His death and receiving the full benefits of His grace, namely the forgiveness of sin.

In 1 Corinthians 11, St. Paul says that we should “examine ourselves” ahead of time. We can do so each time by asking ourselves these basic questions:

- † **Do I acknowledge the fact that I am indeed a sinner and that I am sorry for my sin?**
- † **Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from all sin?**
- † **Am I trusting in Jesus’ promise that I receive full pardon and strength through this Holy Meal?**
- † **Do I believe that the body and blood of Jesus is truly present in, with and under the bread and the wine of Holy Communion?**
- † **Finally, with the Lord’s help, will I seek to amend my life and live in conformity with His Holy Will?**

Jesus Himself invites baptized followers, who believe in Him as their Lord and Savior, who recognize their sinful condition and who seek His forgiveness, to come to His Table to receive His precious Body and Blood. May the Lord bless your personal reception as well as your daily living under His power and blessing. Should you have questions, please see a Pastor or a Lay minister prior to the worship service. If you prefer not to participate in the sacrament, please cross your arms when coming forward to receive a blessing.

For those who prefer, **white grape juice is in the center of the tray**. There are also **gluten free wafers** by informing a distributing Host. For those who may have **difficulty coming to the front**, please **inform an usher** so that the Sacrament may be brought to you.

As We Gather



Some of the central people in the Gospel narratives we get to know by name; others we do not. Although the man born blind is a major person in John 9, we never learn what his name might be. We meet his parents and his neighbors and we meet the Pharisees to whom he tells the story of the miraculous restoration of his sight. Although we do not learn his name, Jesus said of the man born blind that the works of God were displayed in him. As the One brightening our lives with the light of salvation, Jesus brings a new vision to our lives—an eternal vision of life with God that never ends. God knows our names. He directs the cross currents of our daily lives. In His light we see light—and that is what matters!

PRELUDE

A Moment of *friendship and welcome*



✠ PREPARATION ✠

The congregational responses in this service are printed in **BOLD**

OPENING HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 576



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us make confession of our sins to God, our gracious,
heavenly Father.

People: Heavenly Father, we praise you for adopting us as your children and making us heirs of eternal life. In your mercy, you have washed us from our sins and made us clean in your sight. Yet we still fail to love you as we should and serve you as we ought. Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace, that we may continue to grow as members of Christ, in whom alone is our salvation.

Pastor: God promises to hear those who turn to Him with repentant hearts. Upon this your confession, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup -

port me in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly

prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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SALUTATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.

Faithful God, whose grace attends us all our days, look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Direct our steps into pathways of peace and lead us to discover all that is good and right and true. Preserve us in Your righteousness and at last bring us to Your eternal kingdom where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

EPISTLE LESSON

James 5:13-18

Leader: ¹³Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

John Davis

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:12-17

Pastor: ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Saturday 5:00p.m & Sunday 8:00a.m. – John Davis

SPECIAL MUSIC

11:00A.M. – MLC Choir – From a Distance

SERMON

Pastor Ken Garazin

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People: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one

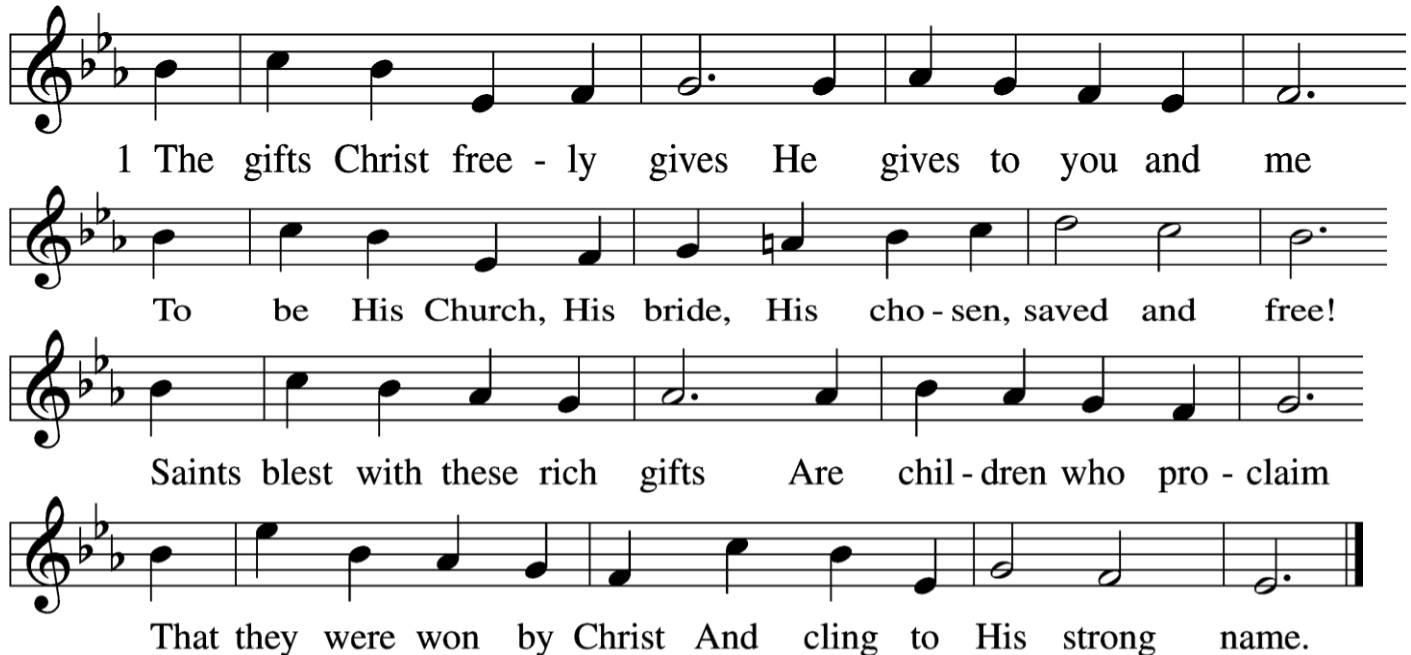
holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✕ of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING VIDEO & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

LSB 602



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

SATURDAY 5:00 p.m. & SUNDAY 11:00 a.m. Only

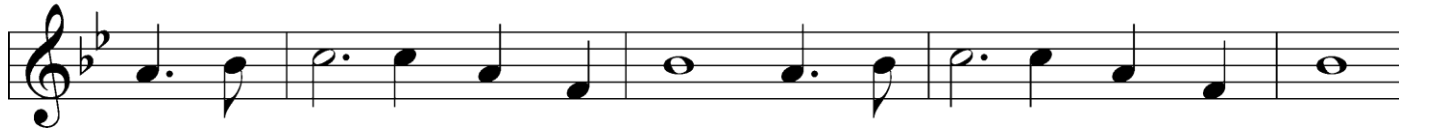
HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.

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SUNDAY 8:00AM – See Separate Bulletin Insert

COMMISSIONING & INSTALLATION OF DIRECTOR OF CHURCH MINISTRY

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Lord God Almighty, we bless You for the gift of light eternal that is ours in Christ Jesus, who has called us into the brilliance of His eternal kingdom. Now gathered at Your Table, grant that we be strengthened in faith toward You and in active love for one another as we await Your final coming in glory. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify us, leading us into discovering what is good and right and true and renewing us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our thanksgiving.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

LSB 437



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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COMMUNION DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
Praising my Savior all the day long

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR MISSIONS -Rev. Jerry Lawson serving the Lord in St. Petersburg, Russia

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS - June (Frances & Ed Silcock), Martin Koepke, Bob Kelley, Dick Clark, Paula Lacefield, Meredith Bair, Emily Forslin Lauth, Carol Rayner, Shirley Robinson, Chuck Hall, Sandy Anderson, Nancy Lisch, LaVonne Johnson, John Noffze, Marv Thor, Roland Leybold, Robert Tessarolo, Dave Tobiasz, Madeline Barbour

Names are kept on the prayer lists for 4 weeks unless the office is notified.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY - Sherry Schaeffer (Betty Clark), Barb Raphael (Jaye Spencer), Harrison Karlin, (Judy Karlin), Tim Chylla (Joni Lowe), Mia Tobin (Rooksberrys'), Gary Jones (Holly Hays Jones), Tracy Rusinyak (Patti Naughton), Denny Lensch & Matt Hanson (Rodney & Carol Thole), Miranda Curiale, Logan Kavis (Randy Allen), Casey, Justin & baby Isaac (Karen Keuttner), David Pelligrinelli, JoAnn Koschar (Patti Naughton), Michele May Tomkinson (Jan May), Alice Pouch (Madeline Barbour), Frank Winterer (Ray Skelley), and those we name in our hearts.

Names are kept on the prayer lists for 2 weeks unless the office is notified.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK - Happy Birthday to you!

Harv Amen, Laurel Dick, Bob McLaughlin, Dave McKenzie, James Jones, Jerry Donselman, John Caltabiano, Ashton Greusel, Brian Lehner, Connie Wuellner

ATTENDANCE - SATURDAY: 103 SUNDAY: 312 ONLINE: 87 TOTAL: 502

CONTRIBUTIONS - March Target (2023 Balanced Budget): \$100,076

March Mo To-Date: \$65,474 (65%)

HELP!!! — Judy Karlin needs help with weeding and maintaining the atrium and watering the Flower pots in the Memorial Garden...Green Thumbs not required! Please contact the office if you can help her!

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH: In loving memory of Judy Sowle from Bob & Kelli Schmerheim.

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS - There are 4 ways to give:

ONLINE, BY MAIL, BY PHONE, BY TEXT!

All transactions are secure and confidential. You can make a one-time donation or set-up a regular weekly or monthly donation. If you have difficulty or questions, please email financialsec@marcolutheran.org You can also place your offerings in the offering boxes that are located at the exits.

YOGA CLASSES - Gentle Yoga meets at 12:30 p.m. and Chair Yoga meets at 2:00 p.m. on Mondays & Thursdays. \$5 per class. No registration necessary.

...MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK...

Please mark your calendars for Friday, March 31 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon to come and help make PALM CROSSES for our Palm Sunday services. This is a lot of fun, they are easy to make, and the more the merrier! Don't worry, we will show you how to make them!



MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH LENTEN SERVICES



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| PALM SUNDAY | April 2, 8:00 /11:00 a.m. |
| MAUNDY THURSDAY | April 6, 5:00 p.m. |
| GOOD FRIDAY | April 7, 5:00 p.m. |
| EASTER SUNDAY | April 9, 8:00 / 11:00 a.m. |

***This year, we are not offering mid-week
Lenten services.***

KUDOS TO BETSY!

Help us to celebrate the installation of Betsy (who was recently Called) as we install her as a Director of Church Ministry today at the 8:00 a.m. service. After the service we will have a reception in the Great Room to congratulate her on her long awaited achievement.



BIBLE STUDIES

WOMEN OF THE WORD

Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday with Class

Class begins at 10:00 with fellowship at 9:30

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Due to upcoming Sunday receptions, meetings & holidays, we are cancelling Sunday Bible Study for the remainder of this Spring.

THANK YOU

to our helpful servants this week!

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

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| Lay Minister: | Denny Johnson |
| Head Usher: | Bill Kaschube |
| Ushers: | Pat & Dom Durinzi, Frank Romano, and Victor Argobright |
| Transporters: | Phyllis Johnson and Pat Durinzi |

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 @ 8:00 a.m.

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| Worship Leader: | Carolyn Ohman |
| Lay Minister: | Dennis Hess |
| Communion Assistants: | Georgia Hess and Jan May |
| Head Usher: | Ron Lisch |
| Ushers: | Anne & Andy Rozite |
| Transporters: | Ray Skelley and Ron Lisch |

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 @ 11:00 a.m.

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| Worship Leader: | Cindi Kramer |
| Lay Minister: | Mark Kuhnly |
| Communion Assistants: | Karen Kuhnly and Linda Harrison |
| Head Usher: | Doug Alger |
| Ushers: | Joe Hoffman, Bob Lanam, and Greg Waltrip |
| Transporters: | Karen Kuettner and Bob Lanam |

We truly appreciate all that you do!

Calendar: MARCH 19 – APRIL 8, 2023

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| 19 LACES OF LOVE SHOE COLLECTION 8:00 BETSY DCM INSTALLATION RECEPTION TO FOLLOW 11:00 WORSHIP | 20 12:30 GENTLE YOGA 2:00 CHAIR YOGA 4:00 COUNCIL MEETING | 21 8:30 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY * 6:30 BSF BIBLE STUDY | 22 10:00 WOW 4:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL | 23 10:00 ADULT BIBLE STUDY YOGA CLASSES CANCELLED 7:30 ARTIST SERIES | 24 9:00 MAHJONG * 12:30 BRIDGE 7:30 ARTIST SERIES | 25 3:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:00 WORSHIP (LAST SATURDAY WORSHIP OF SEASON) |
| 26 LACES OF LOVE SHOE COLLECTION CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 9:30am 8:00/11:00 WORSHIP 4:00 SAILING SOLO | 27 12:30 GENTLE YOGA 2:00 CHAIR YOGA | 28 8:30 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30 * BSF BIBLE STUDY | 29 10:00 WOW 4:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL | 30 10:00 ADULT BIBLE STUDY 12:30 GENTLE YOGA 2:00 CHAIR YOGA | 31 9:00 PALM CROSSES 9:00 MAHJONG * 12:30 BRIDGE | 1 |
| 2 PALM SUNDAY 8:00/11:00 WORSHIP 12:15 RECEPTION CELEBRATING PASTOR KEN'S 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN MINISTRY | 3 12:30 GENTLE YOGA 2:00 CHAIR YOGA 6:00 BOLM 7:00 STEWARDSHIP 7:00 BOARD NIGHT | 4 8:30 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY * BSF BIBLE STUDY 6:30 | 5 10:00 WOW 4:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL | 6 10:00 ADULT BIBLE STUDY 12:30 GENTLE YOGA 2:00 CHAIR YOGA 5:00 MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP | 7 9:00 MAHJONG * 12:30 BRIDGE 5:00 GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP | 8 |



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