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March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude

"Come to the Table" Arr. By: Carol Tornquist

Welcome & Announcements \*Greeting

"How Blest Are They Who Trust in Christ" \*Opening Hymn UMH No. 654 If you wish, on the first Sunday of every month, anyone who has a birthday or anniversary during the month, can place a donation during the hymn to the "little church" to help fund the Flower and Landscaping Fund.

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We come this day hoping to encounter Christ.

People: We come with burdens and questions that only He can answer. Leader: May we open our hearts to Him.

People May our lives be healed and strengthened for service. Amen.

#### \*Morning Prayer

Gracious and glorious Lord, we come, as did Nicodemus, with questions on our hearts and in our lives. We come hoping someone can help us find answers and healing. But we are also hardened with doubts about self, others, and even you. Grant us healing and openness to your spirit that we may be better servants of your Word, your Will, and your Way. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Song of Praise

By: Dave Piehl

10:30am

Children's Time "Born Again" Pastor Jane At the conclusion of Children's Time all children age 4 through 5th grades are invited to go with the teachers for Sunday School.

Prayers of the People

Sharing our Joys & Concerns Silent Prayer **Pastoral Praver** 

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### \*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning; is now and ever shall be: World without end! Amen, Amen!

### Prayer for Illumination

All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	p. 12 p. 1040 p. 979	Sue Kelly
Message	"Blessed are the Curious"	Pastor Jane Piehl
Moment of Reflection		
Sharing in the Lord's Suppe	r	UMH No. 12
	"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" all blessings flow; Praise Him, all Creature avenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy	
*Closing Hymn *Benediction *Postlude *I	"Freely, Freely" "At the Cross" <i>Arr. By: Cindy Berry</i> ndicates congregation to stand	UMH No. 389
Pastor Jane Piehl Millie Frambaugh		Pastor Music Director

		Upcoming Events	
Tues	10a	Co-Op School Group	
	7р	Lent Study	
Sat 3	8/18 9:30a	Rice Meal Mission Project	
		Easter Week Service Schedule	
April 2	10:30a	Palm Sunday	
April 6	7р	Holy Thursday Service	
April 7	7p	Good Friday Service	
April 9	7a	Sunrise Service at Greenleaf Park	
	9a	Easter Breakfast	
	10:30a	Easter Service	

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-The Lent Study, Jesus: Understanding His Death & Resurrection will begin Feb. 28 and continue until April 11th. It is a study of Mark 14-16. This six-week study is by Kay Arthur & David Arthur. Stephen Kinford is the leader for the class.

-March 18 Rice Meal Mission Project at 9:30am we will be joining together with Medina United Methodist Church to make Rice Meals for the Midwest Mission. Each meal will serve 6 people. These meals are distributed to people who find themselves in need of a meal through the world. They have been distributed to underdeveloped countries as well as to areas of disaster here in the U.S. COME and help! The event is being held at Medina UMC. Please let us know if we can count on you to come by signing the signup sheet.

- If you or someone you love is in the hospital, sick, or unable to get out and about please call the office and let us know and the Pastor can call, visit or bring Holy Communion. We will need name, address and phone number.

-Help us decorate the church for Easter Sunday. Easter Flower order forms are available. Order forms are due by April 2.

# Welcome to Sharon Center United Methodist Church!

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here! We welcome all to our Worship Service and our Communion Table is open to everyone. Please join us in our activities and gatherings and if you have a question, just ask, and come back again soon! At Sharon Center UMC we are committed to building relationships with Jesus Christ. For families of all ages, this is a great community to join as you grow in your relationship with God and with others. www.sharoncenterumc.org

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