

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer

Mighty God, you saved your people with great power, and with signs and wonders. When your people were slaves in Egypt, you rescued them with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. In your never-failing faithfulness, you lead your beloved children into a land flowing with milk and honey. We come to you today, thankful for your manifold blessings. Receive these offerings as the first fruits of your bounty in our lives. Send our gifts into a world that is hungry to know your refuge and your strength. Amen.

Closing Hymn.....Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley.....#2112

Benediction

As you leave this place, abide in the shadow of the Most High.
God is our refuge and our strength.
As you wander through the wilderness, put your trust in the Holy One.
Christ is our shelter in times of temptation and fear.
As you face times of trial, call on the name of the Lord and be saved.
The Comforter leads us safely through.
Go with God's blessings.

Choral Benediction.....Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus.....

Postlude

10:00 am Worship Today

- + Preaching: Pastor Maribel Celiz
- + Organist: Brenda Nitardy
- + Liturgist: Lillian Hansen
- + Coffee Hour Host: Diane Abendroth

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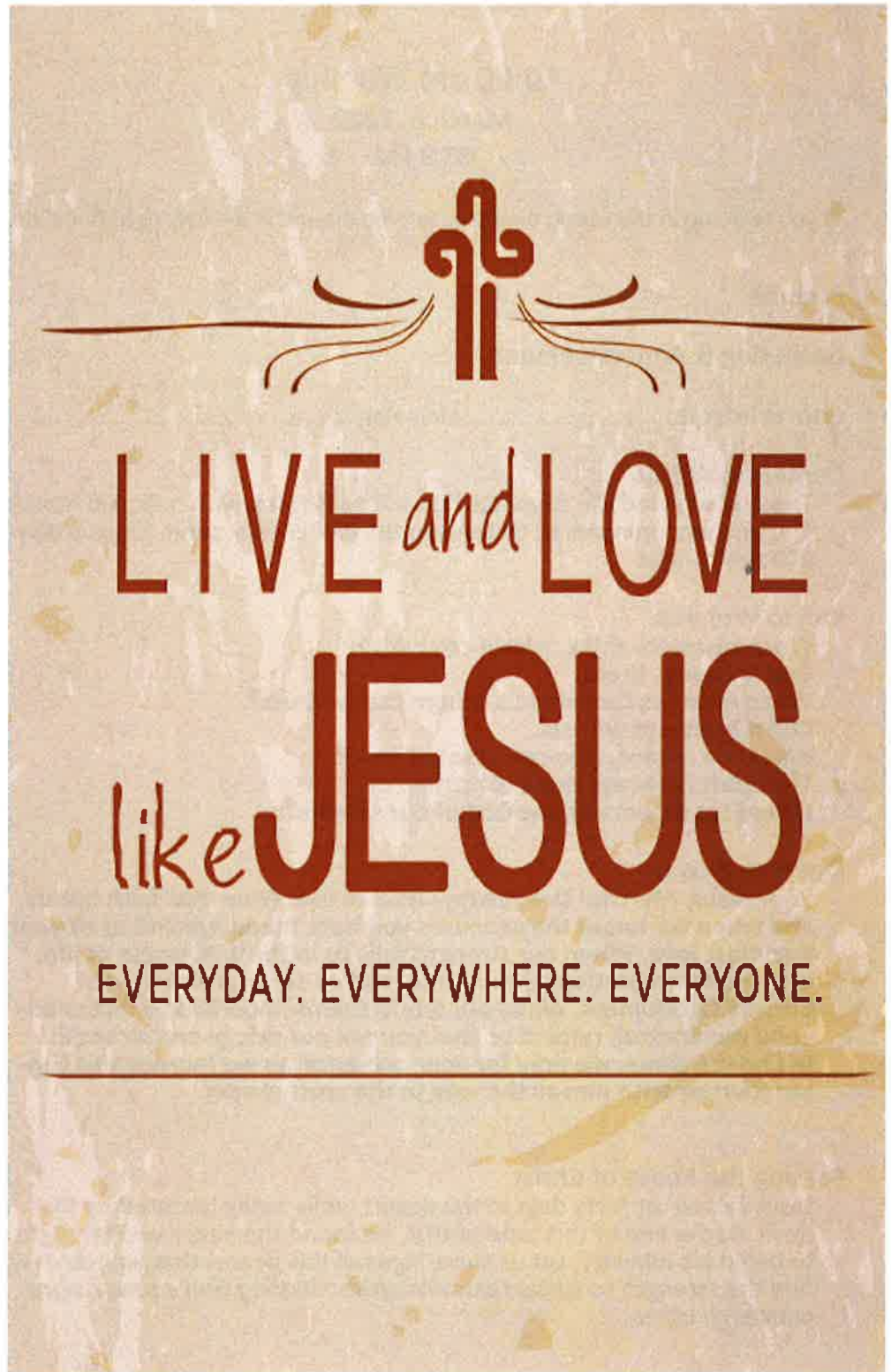
Pastor: Maribel Celiz
Director of Hispanic Ministry: Modesto Soto
Children & Youth Ministry: Kate Vance
Organist/Choir Director: Brenda Nitardy
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Office Manager: Elieen Slak
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10:00 am Worship

March 6, 2022

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If you're going in the wrong direction, turning around is the only right direction.
- Woodrow Kroll

Prelude

Gathering & Announcements

Choral Introit.....Holy Holy.....

Centering Words

The one who led the Israelites into a land flowing with milk and honey,
The one who ministered to Jesus in the wilderness, cares for us today
in times of trial.

Call to Worship

When disasters strike, where can we go?

God is always there.

When enemies surround us, whom can we trust?

Christ is always with us.

When life is hard, who can ease the load?

The Spirit is always there to sustain us.

Come! Let us worship the God of our salvation.

Opening Prayer

Your ways, Merciful One, always lead to life. When our faith falters, and when we forget the promises you have made, remind us of your steadfast love. When our strength fails us in the wilderness of life, and when temptations threaten to lead us astray, remind us of Christ's faithfulness. When our world seems imperiled by forces beyond our control, remind us that you are our refuge and strength. In Christ's name, we pray for your presence, as we journey this Lenten journey with him all the way to the cross. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Jesus fasted for forty days in the desert while being tempted by the devil. At the end of this time of trial, he found the peace and strength to begin his ministry. Let us share signs of this peace, that we too may find the strength to sustain our ministries. *Sharing God's peace signs with each other*

Opening Hymn.....Take Time to Be Holy.....#395

Scripture Reading from Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Joys & Concerns

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

Moment with Children

Choral Anthem.....On Eagle's Wings.....

Hymn.....Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days.....#269
vs 1-4

Scripture Reading from Luke 4:1-13

Sermon.....Forty Days and On.....

Communion

Affirmation of Faith

(Apostles Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholicchurch, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Invitation to the Offering/Passing the Offering Plate

As you listen for the word of God, let us share the blessings we have so richly received from God.

Doxology.....#95

Great Thanksgiving

Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give our thanks to our Holy One.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a right, good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give our thanks to you, who brought Abraham and Sarah out of Ur, and who promised that their descendants would be as plentiful as the stars in the night sky. The psalmist reminds us that you are a strong-hold, and ready help in times of need.

And so, with your creatures on earth and all the heavenly chorus, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and holy is your Son Jesus, who you sent to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of the your favor.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, Broke the bread, and gave it to this disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body that is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, Gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink from this, all of you; This is my cup of the new covenant, poured out for the healing of the world. Whenever you drink it, do so in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts In Jesus Christ, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of grain and grape, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ to a world that groans awaiting your peace. Creator of all, light of the world, Spirit of truth, you are the one God to whom we offer our praise and thanks. Amen.

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.

Prayer & Fasting Sign Up

I am inviting our members to join me on a month of prayer and fasting. Each day someone will be covering us in prayer. Please sign your name on the day you will be praying for our church ministry and for healing.

March 1 Wava Austin– Mary Ellen Findlay

March 2 Diane Abendroth

March 3 _____

March 4 Midge Gill

March 5 Eileen Slak

March 6 Karen Albrecht—Ardys Hathaway

March 7 _____

March 8 Mary Ellen Findlay

March 9 Diane Abendroth

March 10 _____

March 11 Midge Gill– Bob Cheek– Donna Stafford

March 12 Ardys Hathaway– Peter Jacobs

March 13 Bob Cheek

March 14 _____

March 15 Mary Ellen Findlay

March 16 Diane Abendroth– Cathy Horton

March 17 _____

March 18 Midge Gill –Ardys Hathaway

March 19 _____

March 20 _____

March 21 _____

March 22 Mary Ellen Findlay

March 23 Deb Frederick

March 24 _____

March 25 Midge Gill

March 26 _____

March 27 Wava Austin

March 28 Kristi Schroeder-Kraus

March 29 Mary Ellen Findlay

March 30 _____

March 31 _____

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me...Restore me to the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. (Psalm 51:10,12)

Revival begins in the individual's heart. Let it begin with you on your face alone before God. Turn from every sin that might hinder. Renew yourself to a new devotion to the Savior.

- Lee Roberson

Let us pray:

For new revival in our church

Restoration of our faith

For the healing of a love one

Children's ministry

Youth

Teachers and volunteers

Community/ USA/ The world

Safety

Thank you all for your participation. Praying together for a renewal will strengthen our church ministry and it will encourage and equip us toward a deeper walk with Jesus Christ.

First United Methodist Church
Announcements in Brief
March 6, 2022

Announcements:

+Spiritual Renewal & Prayer: Our church will begin a time of spiritual renewal and prayer every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. to pray together. So if you are tired, stressed out, or just need some time with God, join us every Thursday at 6:30 pm for a refreshing time with God and God's blessings.

+Food Pantry Volunteers Needed: Our church is scheduled to staff the Food Pantry during the month of April. You can sign up using this link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B48AEA72CA5FE3-food1>

Or you can email office@fortmethodist.org or call the church office at 920.563.4903 and Eileen will be happy to help you sign up.

Thursday Spiritual Renewal & Prayer
Begins March 10th
6:30 p.m. In the Sanctuary



Volunteer in Ministry Opportunity
April 23 – 30, 2022 - SIFAT-
SERVANTS IN FAITH AND
TECHNOLOGY (SIFAT)

SIFAT is a nonprofit Christian organization, providing training in community development in hard places in our world. Christian leaders learn self-help skills for basic human needs including physical and spiritual needs and social and economic needs. They have a 176 acre farm in rural Alabama and seek work teams to steward their property and maintain and improve the campus.

Wisconsin VIM was there in 2015 with a crew of about 58 to help build a house for the Director. Our projects this time will include painting a fence, finish re-construction of their Urban Slum Simulation, organizing the maintenance shed and freshening up the garden.

This is a drive to work camp. Possible carpooling may be available.
Cost \$275 - Checks made out to: WAC/VIM.
Registration deadline is March 18, 2022.

Leader/ Registrar Wes Hurlburt, 430 Third Ave. N., Onalaska, WI 54650 Phone 608-783-2652 weshurlburt@gmail.com

Welcome To Our Service

- + We welcome you to our service today. For more information on the programs offered here at First United Methodist Church please visit our website at www.fortmethodist.org.
- + For more information on any of our activities please visit the "Events" tab on the church website.
- + If you have trouble hearing the worship service or reading the bulletin we have hearing devices available. Please ask an usher.
- + If you would like us to contact you please make sure to fill in your contact information on the Communication Card which is in the worship folder.
- + There is coffee available in the Chapel from 11:00 - 11:30. Please join us. We would love to meet you.

Lord, We Lift Our PRAYERS To You!

For our members & friends...

God has called us to support each other in prayer and so each week we list members and friends from our fellowship so we can all pray for them.



Vaughn Anhalt
Joseph Huber
Amy Sharlow

Darnia Encarnacion
Keith Moritz
Lyle Wagner

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations...

Concerns & celebrations that have been shared with us:

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations:

Bernice Neff—In Hospice Care

Evelyn Robb – In Hospice Care

Mason Kent—Health Concerns/Waiting for Test Results

Eduardo – More Testing/Waiting Results

Dave Stedman—Recovering from a Fall

Desire to Bring Peace Back to the Brave People of Ukraine

Please write your prayer concerns on the back of the Communication Card that you will find in the bulletin. Place the Card in the offering plate. We will begin praying for your concern on Monday.

If you would like to be part of our e-prayer chain please make the request on the Communication Card or email office@fortmethodist.org and you will be added to the list of emails receiving the prayer concerns.