



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN



February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 am

*"Seek only light and freedom and do not immerse yourself too deeply in the worldly mire." - Vincent van Gogh*

### ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*For those with prayer requests, please fill out a pink card in the pew and give it to an usher during the opening hymn.*

#### GATHERING

<b>Prelude</b>	"Children of the Heavenly Father"	Swedish Hymn Tom Ajack, guitar
<b>Welcome</b>		Rev. Susan Bresser
<b>*Hymn</b>	"Gather Us In"	Black book 2236, verses 1, 2
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		Rev Amy Celikay
<b>*Hymn</b>	"Gather Us In"	Black book 2236, verses 3, 4
	<i>Children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn.</i>	
<b>Words for God's Children</b>		
<b>Musical Response</b>	"A Lenten Prayer"	arr. Hal Hopson Chancel Choir, Kurt Eisenmann, tenor

#### **A Time of Prayer**

#### THE WORD

<b>Musical Setting for Scripture</b>	"Thy Word"	by Michael W. Smith
<b>The Gospel of Jesus Christ</b>	Luke 13:31-35 (GNT)	Mary Winkelman
<b>Contemporary Message</b>	"Comfort"	Rev. Susan Bresser

#### RESPONSE

<b>Ministry Moment</b>		Rev Amy Celikay
<b>Invitation</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	"Rocking Carol"	Czech Carol Tom Ajack, guitar
<b>*Doxology</b>		
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		
<b>*Hymn</b>	"Children of the Heavenly Father"	Red book 141
<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. Susan Bresser
<b>Postlude</b>	"Children of the Heavenly Father" <i>(A time for reflection.)</i>	by Janet Linker John Sheaffer, organ

*Prepare for worship next Sunday by reading Luke 13:1-9.*

*\*Indicates standing if able.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Season of Lent** at FUMC is inspired by the paintings and letters of Vincent van Gogh. The word “Lent” refers to the “lengthening” light, the growing days that, in time, will coax the sunflowers to open, the wheat fields to rise again, and the irises to bloom. Van Gogh will be our traveling companion on our 40-day journey as we are encouraged to help lengthen the light, humble our hearts and open our eyes to the glory of God’s springtime resurrection. Our Lenten “study” will include opportunities to grow our creative gifts, following the Sunday worship services (10:45 – 11:45am) in Rm 216.
  - February 25 – Nature sketching/journaling with Pastor Amy
  - March 3 – Card making with Veronica Radowicz
  - March 10 – Watercolor painting with Cindy Peterson
  - March 17 – *Pi/e Day – No art class today!*
  - March 24 – Quilting/Designing with Nancy Linz
- **Living Faith Today** is taking a break for the six Sundays in Lent and Easter Sunday. Class will resume April 7.
- **Easter Flowers** – Would you like to provide flowers as a memorial for a loved one or to honor a special person for the sanctuary for Easter Sunday? Choose from lilies, daffodils, tulips or hyacinth. \$20/each. Order forms are in the hallway outside the sanctuary, or you can order on the website. **Order deadline: March 3.**
- **Toby Mac Concert – FINAL CALL: Sign up Today!** FUMC has a block of tickets for youth and their families for the Toby Mac Concert, Sunday, March 3, Fiserv Forum. Dinner at John Sheaffer’s house before the concert! Tickets: \$10/person. Sign up on the church website. Contact Erica Roberts ([erica.l.roberts99@gmail.com](mailto:erica.l.roberts99@gmail.com)) or Pastor Amy ([amy.celikay@fumc.org](mailto:amy.celikay@fumc.org)).
- **Circle of Sisters** will meet on Monday, February 26, 7pm, Rm 216. We are discussing chapters 2-4 of *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong. This gathering will be in a hybrid format, so you are welcome to join in person or zoom. Call the church office for the link.
- **Pathfinders** - LEAP into action on February 29! Help make lunches for the young people served by Pathfinders of Milwaukee at an "after dark" lunchmaking event, Thursday, February 29, 6:30-7:30pm in the Asbury Room. Plan to use doors from west parking lot. Contact Kristi Magoon ([kristimagoon@prodigy.net](mailto:kristimagoon@prodigy.net)) with any questions. Thank you for supporting this mission and Pathfinders as they empower youth and change lives!
- **FUMC's 2024 Intergenerational Mission Trip** - FUMC is taking a mission trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY, June 23-30, for anyone 12+ years old. All ability levels are welcome! A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required. Final day to sign up is March 10. Contact Pastor Amy ([amy.celikay@fumcwaukesha.org](mailto:amy.celikay@fumcwaukesha.org)).
- **XYZ Potluck and Program** - Thursday, March 14. It’s going to be a potpourri of activities celebrating St. Patrick’s Day, Spring and Easter, all of which happen in March! There will be table games of great skill (no experience needed) as well as a Bunny Hop cupcake walk. You won’t want to miss the delicious food fare as well as all the fun. We gather to socialize between 11:15-11:45am with serving starting at 11:45. No blarney...looking forward to seeing everyone!
- **Pi/e Day** - event will raise funds for the Housing Action Coalition of Waukesha with Executive Director, Patricia Fabian, sharing the mission of the coalition in providing a cohesive and coordinated response to homelessness in Waukesha County. Please consider participating by baking pies, purchasing a slice, or bidding on a pie during the auction on March 17. Wear green for St. Patrick's Day! Forms & Sign ups in Asbury Room!
- **Hope Center Needs** – FUMC is committed to assisting with stocking laundry detergent and dryer sheets for the new laundry facilities at the Hope Center. Any brand, any size are appreciated. Please place donations in the hallway donation bin.
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** - Join Pastor Susan 9:30-11am, Rm 216. No need to sign up. Bring your favorite Bible, an open mind, and a willingness to listen to a variety of theological perspectives. Please use the West entrance.
- **We appreciate your ongoing financial support of FUMC's mission and ministry.** You can access our giving through the website or app. Scan the QR code on the right to be directed to our giving page!



### **Forming Faith Today**

Nursery  
Sunday School  
Youth Group  
Confirmation  
Lenten Creativity Study

*Infant - 3 yr. old, Room 221*  
*Fellowship Hall*  
*Room 211*  
*Room 213*  
*Room 216*

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