

Monticello

United Methodist Church

Welcome to worship! No matter where you are, where you have been, or where you are on your faith journey, our prayer is that you will find a place to belong in worship and mission with us.

March 19, 2023

8:30am

Preparation for Worship

We yearn once again for a way of life that is whole, and touched by the presence of God.
—Dorothy Bass

Focus Scripture

Psalm 23

Prelude

Lenten Medley

Koury

*Call to Worship

Shepherd us, O God.

Open our ears to hear your calling.

Shepherd us, O God.

Open our eyes to see your care.

Shepherd us, O God.

Shear our fascination with the ways of the world.

Shepherd us, O God.

Prepare us to follow you.

*Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

No. 454

Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

Open our mind's eye, Holy One. Prepare our hearts to receive your call in our lives, through the word we hear proclaimed. Wake us to your truths. Use your word to set us along the right path this day. May the meditation of our hearts be pleasing and acceptable to you. Amen.

Scripture

John 9:1-41

Kid's Time

Anthem

Jesus, What A Beautiful Name

Sanctuary Choir

Jesus! What a beautiful name. Son of God, Son of man, Lamb that was slain. Joy and peace, strength and hope, grace that blows all fear away. Jesus! What a beautiful name. Jesus! What a beautiful name. Son of God, Son of man, Lamb that was slain. Joy and peace, strength and hope, grace that blows all guilt away. Jesus! What a beautiful name. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth. It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth. O, Jesus! What a beautiful name, O, what a name! Truth revealed, my future sealed, healed my pain. Love and freedom, life and warmth, grace that blows all guilt away. Jesus! What a beautiful name. O, Jesus! What a beautiful name, praise his name! He rescued my soul, my strong

hold, lifts me from shame. Forgiveness, security, power and love, grace that blows all fear away. Jesus!
What a beautiful name. O, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me.

Message

*Hymn *Open Our Eyes, Lord* No. 2086

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory *I Balladentone, Op. 65* Greig

Doxology No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

Gentle Savior, we give you thanks this day: for rest in green pastures, for refreshment beside still waters. for health and wholeness for our souls. As we rejoice in your goodness and mercy, we offer you our gifts this day. Through our offering, may others be blessed, as we have been blessed from your hand. Amen.

*Hymn *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* No. 605

Announcements

Benediction Christ's light shines in our darkness.
Let us go forth as children of light. **Amen!**

Postlude *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Birchwood

Staff and Worship Assistants:

Pastor: Kathy Bueker Sweet Director of Music: Kathy Brown
Director of Family Ministries: Melanie Burger Director of Youth Ministries: Will Pontious
Organists: Gloria Cardoni & Mary Ellen Dean Director of Bell Choir: Barb Ozier
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Office Hours--Monday-Thursday 9 am - 12 noon
Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 am WCZQ 105.5 FM
Worship: 8:30 am in person and Facebook Live
10:45 am in person

If you are visiting, we welcome you and invite you to Fellowship with coffee and conversation at Café 2020. We also have a Sunday School Hour from 9:45-10:30 am. We offer adult classes, our Orchard Children's Ministry classes for Preschool-5th grade, and our bi-weekly Orchard 567 class for our 5th-7th graders on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please join us as we dig into God's Word.

During today's service, please know that individual wireless receivers are available from the ushers. Rocking Chairs are located at the back for parents with babies, and our Kids' Corner is stocked with things to educate and entertain your children as well.

****The Outreach Committee has sponsored a team for the Willow Tree Trivia Night on April 1st. The event is at the Monticello Community Bldg where doors open at 6 pm and the game starts at 7 pm. Please let the office or Greg Alvis know if you'd like to join our MUMC team of up to 10 members. Diversity of age and expertise is the key!****

We are looking for 12 individuals to volunteer to be a part of our Maundy Thursday service—Thursday, April 6 at 7 pm. Please let Rev. Kathy know if you are interested.

Calendar

Today

8:30 am Worship, in-person, online and radio
9:45 am Sunday School classes
 (Adult and The Orchard)
10:45 am Worship, in-person
5-7 pm Youth Group

Monday, March 20

4:00 pm T.O.P.S (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 21

8:30am Just Walking
9:00 am Mom's Group
7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, March 22

1:00 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00 on Bells Rehearsal
8:00 pm New Day

Thursday, March 23

8:30 am Just Walking

Saturday, March 25

1:30 pm Youth Group Whole Hearts

Sunday, March 26

8:30 am Worship, in-person, online and radio
9:45 am Sunday School classes
 (Adult, The Orchard, and Orchard 567)
10:45 am Worship, in-person
5-7 pm Youth Group

Looking Ahead:

April 1 Easter Egg Hunt - 9 am regist., 10 am hunt
 Outreach - Willow Tree Trivia Night - 6:45 pm
April 2 Palm Sunday- Cantata at 8:30
 4-H Cloverbuds 3-4 pm
April 6 Maundy Thursday service - 7 pm
April 7 Good Friday service - noon
April 9 Easter Sunday