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**PROGRAM**

	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care	South Hallway	9:30 a.m.

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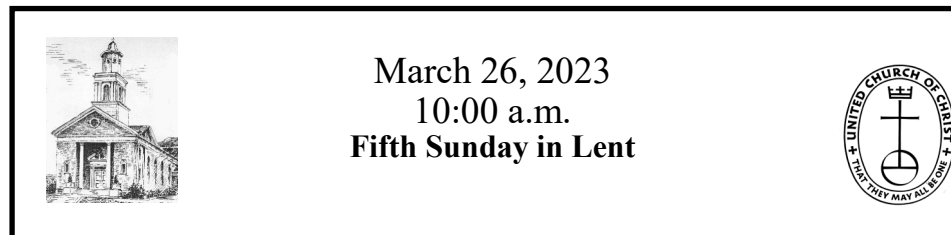
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**Church Office Hours**

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.



**Thought for the Day before Worship**

*Anxiety is the rust of life, destroying its brightness and weakening its power.*  
- Tyron Edwards (1809-1894)

\*All who are able are welcome to stand

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** "Lord I Want To Be a Christian" (arr. Diane Bish)

**Tower Bell**

**Introit**

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee dearest friend  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end.  
O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

**\*Call to Worship - based on Psalm 130**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord who could stand?**

**But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.**

Let us Worship God!

**\*Hymn #261** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (Hamburg)

**\*Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**You are merciful and just in the deliverance of your people, O God. You draw us up out of the depths of distress; you incline your ear as we call on your name. Our souls rest in you and in the promise of Christ's redeeming love. Lay now your hand upon us, and draw us out by your Spirit, that we may sing praises to your name. We confess our sin to you, God Almighty, because you alone can offer the forgiveness that will set our lives aright again.**

**We have failed to be the holy people you have called us to be;  
yet we want to be part of the covenant you forged with your creation.**

**May we receive the forgiveness you offer us in Christ.**

**Let us take this forgiveness and extend it to our sisters and brothers  
who need forgiveness from us.**

**Remind us once again that we are a community of faith; may we forgive others as you have first forgiven us. We pray for forgiveness in the commanding and blessed name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the Good News! Paul declares that if the Spirit of God dwells in us, the one who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to our mortal bodies through God's Spirit which dwells in us. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. Believe this word of promise and walk in newness of life!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and 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.**

*(Creatorex)*

**Scripture From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 130**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.  
Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!  
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.  
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,

**Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning**

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Laura Haas

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & Flo Grey

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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**This Week**

<b>Sunday, March 26:</b>	10:00 a.m. Worship Service
<b>Monday, March 27:</b>	7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
<b>Tuesday, March 28:</b>	7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
<b>Thursday, March 30:</b>	7:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, April 1:</b>	9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
<b>Sunday, April 2:</b>	10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Palm Sunday 11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

### Hearing Assistance

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

### Pastoral Care Notice

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Marty or John Robson to contact you.

### In Our Prayers

Norma Biery, Barry Bordenkircher, Judy Eads, Betty Jo Haas, Donna & Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Chuck Hawkins, Pam Maloney, Carol & Henry Marksberry, Family of Gregg Runge, Char Scholl, Bill Seibert, Bruce Shay, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, Family of Robert Walters, Wendy Watts, John & Peggy Westlund

### Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.  
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.  
Rev. Barry Bordenkircher  
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.

### Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Donna Hamilton. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Donna as our member of the week!

Her address is:  
Donna Hamilton  
7262 Rimrock Lane  
Alexandria, KY 41001

### Infant, Toddler, Preschool and School Age Child Care is Available on Sunday Mornings

We have childcare workers available for our infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children. Children can be dropped off starting at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the Youth Room. You can ask any usher for assistance or information about this program.

### Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

### COVID Update

Just a reminder that if you become infected with the COVID virus, please let the church office know so that we can notify anyone that you may have been in contact with at that time. Thank you and everyone please stay safe.

and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.  
O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.  
It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.

### **Children's Chat**

Laura Haas

### **Scripture From the Letters of Paul: Romans 8:6-11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### **Anthem**

*"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"* (arr. Ji-hoon Park)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart

### **Scripture From the Gospels: John 11:1-45**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am

going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

**Sermon**

“The Anxiety Is Killing Me . . .” Pastor Marty Westermeyer

## **Help Your Church**

Have You Been Thinking About How to Serve Our Church WITHOUT Having to Make a Long and Time-Consuming Commitment? Do You Have Family or Friends That Don't Worship With Us But You Would Like Them To Serve Your Church? **See the Opportunities Below.**

1) SPRING has sprung! **Let's de-clutter the church.** On Saturday April 29, from noon – 3:00pm we need volunteers. All are welcome but we need you to also try and send your strong and healthy young family members and friends. Even if they don't attend St. John's, ask them to do this on your behalf. Any pick-up trucks are also welcome. There are sign-up sheets in the sanctuary or call the church office to sign up helpers.

2) Do you have a **knack for gardening and landscaping**? We are hoping that a few folks will collaborate with the East Row Garden Club to make plans to beautify our church yard. No one is asking you to do the gardening or care for the church yard, simply bring your ideas to the conversation and help with the planning. There are sign-up sheets in the sanctuary or call the church office to offer your time.

3) Are you willing to do a **children's chat on a Sunday morning**? All ages welcome and it only takes an idea and a bit of planning. Church is about building relationships and what is better than across generations! We all like to reflect on our memories and each of us has some good ones from our Sunday School days, start there and see what happens. There are sign-up sheets in the sanctuary or call the church office to sign up.



## **The Chosen**

**THE CHOSEN:** Join us for a Saturday morning coffee and discussion group. Starting after Easter, Saturday April 15 - Saturday May 27 from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. we'll be watching and discussing Season 3 of The Chosen. This is a multi-season series about the life of Christ. It's free and currently has the attention of millions of people! If you haven't seen The Chosen you may watch seasons 1-3 for free, simply tune into the Angel app on your TV or watch online. In April we will begin our discussion group with Season 3. If you have questions or want to talk about this idea contact Laura Haas or Vicki Kennedy. You may reach out to the church office for any assistance.

## **Maundy Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 6th  
7:00 p.m. St. John's Sanctuary

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## **Easter Sunday Service**

Sunday, April 9th  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Special Music

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## **Easter Magic Show for Children**

During our worship service on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023 the children will have a special treat with a magic show.

The magician that will be joining us is John Louis. John has previously worked with St. John's when performing shows for our HEARTS Tutoring program. The magic show will present the Gospel using hilarious comedy, juggling, Gospel, illusions, live animals, and audience participation. The show has always been a hit with our previous performances.

The children will be dismissed to attend the show during the service. Parents can pick up their children following the worship service that day. If there are any questions please contact the church office.

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## **Goodbye and Thank You Reception for Pastor Marty**

We would like to invite everyone to a cookies and punch reception after church on Sunday, April 9th in Fellowship Hall to honor Pastor Marty and thank him for everything that he has done for us over the past 3 months. Give a few minutes of your day on Easter Sunday to stop by and enjoy some cookies and punch and wish Marty a fond farewell. See you Easter Sunday!

**\*Hymn #405**

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

*(Solid Rock)*

### **Gathering Together in Prayer**

**Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer**

### **The 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 and ever. Amen.**

### **Response**

**Sing Twice**

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.  
Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

### **Offertory Invitation**

There are many "stones" in our lives that must be rolled away if we are to break the bonds of death and enter fully into life. Sometimes our possessions are gigantic boulders. Sometimes our lack of basic necessities keeps us from focusing on anything but our own want. We need not be bound or feel locked away from life's new possibilities. God has granted us gifts to share, that all might know the abundant life in Christ Jesus.

### **Offertory**

*"Prayer Of Devotion"*

*(Lee Dengler)*

Open my eyes that I may see.  
Incline my heart that I may desire.  
Order my steps that I may walk in the  
ways of Your commandments.  
O God, be my only God, and beside You,  
let thee be none else, no other, none else,  
but You. Teach me to worship You and serve  
You with all my spirit, with all my body,  
In all that I say. Both in private and in public,  
may I walk in Your commandments. Amen. Amen.

**\*Doxology**

*(Old 100<sup>th</sup>)*

**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**



Flowers in church today are provided by the Sanctuary Flower Fund.  
If you or anyone you know would benefit from the beauty and joy of the arrangement,  
please feel free to take them.

Open flower dates are April 2nd, 23rd & 30th  
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**O God of generosity and benevolence, as we ponder our ministry among Your people,  
may we be generous and grateful for all the many households of faith. May we grow  
in stewardship and discipleship as a response of gratitude for all that You have first  
given us. Give us the hearts of servants and hearts for healing in Your world. In  
Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #257**

*“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

*(Wondrous Love)*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Response (All sing)**

**O how He loves you and me, O how He loves you and me;  
He gave His life, what more could He give?  
O how He loves you, O how He loves me,  
O how He loves you and me.**

**Postlude**

*“Alla Breve and Fugue”*

*(Louis Marchand)*

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**GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD                      THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Welcome!**

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!  
We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the  
week ahead. We believe God’s Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our  
response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.  
May you know His grace and peace today!  
**Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.**

**Easter Candy Needed-March 29th is the Deadline for Candy**

St. John's will be hosting our Annual Easter Egg Hunt after Sunday worship on Palm  
Sunday April 2nd. If you would like to contribute small, individually-wrapped candies to  
be used for filling eggs, you may drop them off in the church office during regular hours or  
on Sunday morning in the boxes located at each entrance. The deadline to drop off candy is  
Wednesday, March 29th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

Don't forget to invite your family, friends and neighbors

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

**Palm Sunday, April 2nd**

Join in the parade of palms and our Palm Sunday service at 10:00 am  
or just come for the hunt at 11:15 am! Don't forget to bring your Easter basket!!

**Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 2nd Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship Service followed by our Easter egg hunt on the lawn