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PROGRAM

	LOCATION	TIME
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.

CHURCH STAFF

POSITION	PERSON	CONTACT
Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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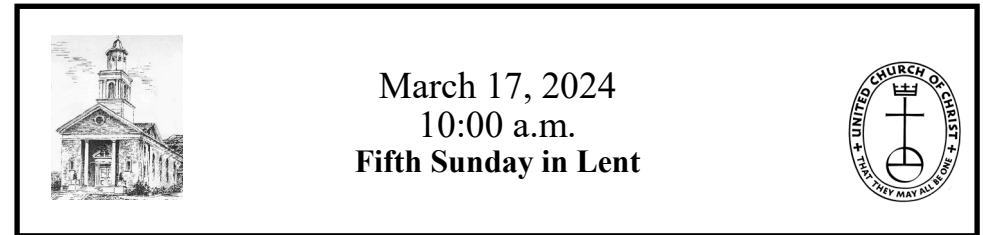
CHURCH LEADERS

PERSON	POSITION	CONTACT
Kyle Taylor	Church President	859-394-5256
David Stamm	Church Vice President	859-322-2426
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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

We live in a world that is littered with broken promises and failed relationships, but God promises a relationship that will never fail or be broken.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Prelude on "Pleading Savior"* (Dale Wood)

Tower Bell

Introit

Oh, sacred head now wounded, with grief, and shame weighed down,
 Now scornfully surrounded with thorns thine only crown:
 O sacred head what glory; what bliss till now was thine;
 Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

***Call to Worship**

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
 Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Let us come before God today with shouts of joy, bearing our gifts to God!

***Hymn #255** *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* (St. Christopher)

***Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

Our world is a place of broken promises and shattered dreams. Help us look to you, O God, as the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Open our hearts to receive the gift of your benevolence, and the strength of your promise. When relationships fail and dreams die, remind us that you gave your Son for us.

How is it, God, that we walk through each day and so many times do not see you in the faces and lives of the world around us? Can it be that too often our heads are bent on winning, achieving, and having, so that we miss chances to look into the lives of our family, our friends, the stranger?

Help us, God of life. Give us the courage of Mary to befriend one in need, to do the right thing even in the face of criticism, to spend everything on the priceless ointment of loving you and your world. In the face of death, and in promise of love beyond death, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Do not fear. I say to you in the name of Jesus Christ: Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has made you free. Anyone who is in Jesus Christ is a new creation: the old has passed away. Behold the new has come! Thanks be to God! Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Gretorex)

**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.**

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 119:9-16

How can young people keep their way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
With my whole heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from your commandments.
I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes.
With my lips I declare
all the ordinances of your mouth.
I delight in the way of your decrees
as much as in all riches.
I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.
I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: David Stamm

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & Bertie Jo Tuerpe

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, March 17:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Monday, March 18:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, March 19:** 6:30 p.m. East Row Garden Club
7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Wednesday, March 20:** 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. NKSNA
1:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Service
6:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Service
- Thursday, March 21:** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Food Pantry
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, March 23:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Book Club
- Sunday, March 24:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Palm Sunday

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 Pastor John Robson to contact you.

In Our Prayers

Joan Berkemeyer, Norma Biery, Ernie Brady Sr., Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Donna & Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Betty Hasse, Chuck Hawkins, David Hoffmann, Henry Marksberry, Bill Seibert, Carol Strong, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, Wendy Watts & Betty Webster

Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.
Designated Pastor Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer
Pastor of Visitation John Robson

Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Henry Marksberry. Henry's birthday is Tuesday, March 26th. Take a moment this week to send him a card or give him a call as we celebrate Henry as our member of the week!

His address is:

Henry Marksberry
Seasons of Alexandria Room 155
7341 East Alexandria Pike
Alexandria, KY 41001

Children's Activity Bags

Activity bags for the children are located at each entrance of the church. Feel free to pick up a bag for your child (children) to work on during the worship service. When the service is done just drop the bags off at each exit so that we may replenish the bags for the following week.

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.

Online Video Worship Services Return

After a slight pause, St. John's online video worship services have returned. You can view the services through our church website www.stjohnsuccnewport.org, our Church's Facebook Page or YouTube Channel (just search our church's name on Facebook/YouTube) and through the Constant Contact weekly email, (just click the online worship button at the bottom of the page). Please be patient as we are working out any technical issues that may arise. Hope you enjoy the services!

Childrens Chat

Bonnie Hoffmann

Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

So also, Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Anthem

"There Is a Redeemer"

(arr. Mary McDonald)

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.
When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.
There is a Redeemer!

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Sermon

"Remember the Promise!"

Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Solo

“Lamb of God” (Twila Paris)
(Sang Bin Park ~ Soloist)

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as he died
The Humble King they named a fraud
And Sacrificed the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be call a lamb of God

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.

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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

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” (arr. Schrader)

Jesus walked this lonesome valley; He had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; He had to walk it by himself.
Jesus prayed, he prayed for his disciples;
He prayed alone, prayed alone for you and me.
Oh, nobody else could bear such sorrow, he prayed alone for you and me.
Jesus died on Calv’ry’s mountain; He died alone for you and me.
Oh, nobody else could die for sinners; He had to die for you and me.
Jesus rose from death’s dark prison; He lives again for you and me.
Oh, nobody else could bring us vict’ry; He is alive to set us free.
He is alive, He is alive to set us, free!

Doxology(Old 100th)*

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

What we offer, God of life and death, we give in love and faithfulness to your call to serve the world in the way of Christ, who in the end as in the beginning, gave everything. Bless these gifts to your service in his name. 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

“Chaconne” (Louis Couperin)