



## MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

(\* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

**PRELUDE:** "Lamb of God" *By Twila Paris*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

**Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.**

When we confess our transgressions, Christ's grace and forgiveness encompass us.

**Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.**

Open yourselves to the teachings and wisdom of the Spirit.

**Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.**

### OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and Loving God, we seek the freedom found in the grace we receive through Christ Jesus. We seek to know more fully your great love. Turn us from our temptations. Inspire us to open ourselves to the way of Christ, that as we examine our lives and live out these days, we may become examples of your abundant love for all people. May your Divine Spirit tend us as angels attended Jesus in the wilderness, and may we feel revived and sustained to follow Jesus.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN: 269**

"*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*"

*vs 1-4*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Just as Jesus faced temptations in the wilderness, we too struggle with desires for power, glory, or riches. Teach us to turn from these temptations and to turn toward the power of scripture and prayer. Center us in our faith. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the grace, the steadfast love, and the peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Please offer one another a sign of Christ's love and peace.

## **OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 2:15; 3:1-7 (NIV)**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

## **SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: 32 (NIV)**

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found;

**surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.**

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.**

Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

**Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.**

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;  
**sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

**EPISTLE: Romans 5:12-19 (NIV)**

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

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**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)**

The gospel according to Matthew.

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and

serve him only.””

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

## SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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**Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

*Pastor Rob Odum*

**HYMN: 2112**

*“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”*

*vs 1-3*

## OFFERING PRAYER

We offer ourselves to you, Lord Jesus, emptying ourselves to become your vessels of love and grace and hope to all we encounter. May the gift of our lives and the gifts of our service create God's kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven.

**Amen.**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:**

*“My Song is Love Unknown”*

*By John D. Edwards*

**\*DOXOLOGY: 94**

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;

And 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 catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## 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. Amen

\*CLOSING HYMN: 671

*"Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"*

vs 1-2

## \*BENEDICTION

And so now go—knowing that God's steadfast love surrounds you, knowing that Christ leads through your temptations, knowing that the Holy Spirit tends you with care. Go in peace. Stay in Courage.

Amen.

\*POSTLUDE:

*"Because He Lives"*

Arr Cindy Berry



### EASTER LILIES & CHRYSANTHEMUMS—2026

To place an order, fill out the following form and return

it along with your payment to the church office.

Checks should be made payable to: **Memorial UMC**.

Available are: 7" Lilies and 7" chrysanthemums (assorted colors).

All are at \$15.00 each.

# wanted: \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies

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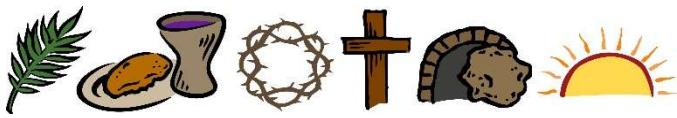
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**All orders and payments must be in no later than Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

March	Liturgists	Ushers
1st	Connie Ziegler	Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel
8th	Chris Guse	Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel
15th	John Hurley	Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel
22nd	Carolyn Ettlie	Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel
29th	Linda Brumm	Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel



*"Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."* Matthew 4:4



**Please join us for HOLY WEEK WORSHIP**

**PALM SUNDAY: March 29th**

8:55 AM at Blessed Hope UMC

10:30 AM at Memorial UMC

**MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 2nd 6pm**

Combined Worship Service at Blessed Hope UMC

**GOOD FRIDAY: April 3rd 6pm**

Combined Worship Service at Memorial UMC

**EASTER SUNDAY: April 5th**

Traditional Resurrection Day Worship & Celebration

8:55 AM at Blessed Hope UMC

10:30 AM at Memorial UMC

# MISSIONS

**COIN BASKET:**

HEAR Wisconsin

**FOOD OFFERING:**

Blessed Hope's food pantry for the Urban Poiema Foodbank

**KNITTING & CROCHETING:**

Prayer Shawls, Winter Hats & Headbands, Scarfs, Gloves

**TOILETRY DRIVE:**

For Sojourner Truth House

**ALUMINUM PULL TABS:**

For the Ronald McDonald House



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John Stoekl, Tom Rowe, Greg Ettlie

**Office Administrator:** Peggy Leonhardt

**Hours:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Sunday, 9:15am

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday, 10:30am

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:**

Saturday 2/14 – Saturday 5/16

Confirmation classes will be held each Saturday from 9-10:30am.

**CERAMICS:** Mondays, 1-9pm

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Thursday, 6:30-7:25pm

**JOYFUL BELLS:** Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm

**SASSY SOWERS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday & 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday, 10am-1pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> SATURDAY SUPPER:** on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at

The Open Flame Restaurant

5081 S 108th St, Greenfield, WI 53228

<http://www.openflamerestaurant.com/>

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 9am at:

Pallas Restaurant, 1657 S. 108<sup>th</sup> St

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 8:30am at Meyers

**EASTER LILLY/CHRYSANTHEMUM ORDERS:**

Order forms are on the table, by the bulletin board.  
Orders due by 3/1/26.

**PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH:** March 29th, 11:30am-1pm

after church, in the fellowship hall. \$5 donation per person.