

Scripture Reading

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Luke 22:39-46

Jesus left and made his way to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived, he said to them, "Pray that you won't give in to temptation." He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down and prayed. He said, "Father, if it's your will, take this cup of suffering away from me. However, not my will but your will must be done." Then a heavenly angel appeared to him and strengthened him. He was in anguish and prayed even more earnestly. His sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he got up from praying, he went to the disciples. He found them asleep, overcome by grief. He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray so that you won't give in to temptation."

Sermon

Changing Our Mind #5: How Far Will We Go

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Anthem

Palm Sunday Procession

Michael Helman

Class Ring; Bill Alexander, director

Morning Prayer

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Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all goodness and grace, you call us to live like Christ, doing nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regarding others as precious and worthy. You ask us to look not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others. There are times we do this well, and there are times when we are selfish, when we don't treat others as your beloved children, and when we put ourselves first, not even seeing the needs of others. Forgive us, we pray. Give us a new mindset, the mindset of Christ who served others and gave himself in love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven, freed and loved! May God grant us the mindset of Christ and may we love and serve others in Christ's name. Amen.

Prayers of Concern and Celebration

Jesus' Prayer

Loving God, Sacred One, Blessed be your name. May your kingdom come, your dream arrive, your purpose prevail, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrong we have done, as we forgive those who have wronged us. Help us steer clear of temptation, and protect us from evil. We trust you in this, for the kingdom, its power and its beauty, are yours forever. Amen.

Offering

Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UM Hymnal #95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Responsive Reading: From Palm Sunday to Good Friday

One: The week begins so well,

All: Shouts of joy, waving palm branches, a parade.

One: It ends so grimly,

All: Thorns, nails, a wooden cross, an execution.

One: Give us courage to hear the story, to walk the journey.

All: Accompany us, O God of many shades, many names.

* Hymn *Go to Dark Gethsemane* UM Hymnal #290

While we sing this hymn, the altar will be draped in black in preparation for Holy Week

Benediction

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You are invited to come to the communion rail during the postlude to pick up a cross as a symbol of following Christ in obedience.

Postlude *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Velda Graham Bell, organ

J.S. Bach

* *Please stand as you are comfortable.*



Announcements

Please fill out the Connect Cards each week. They are replacing the attendance pads formerly found in the pews. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. **On the back of the card**, is a list of ministry opportunities, places where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.

Guests: Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.

Following the service today there will be an informational gathering in the Fireside Lounge to learn more about welcoming Afghan refugees from members of the Peace Church Circle of Support. Should FUMC support more refugees?

Holy Week schedule:

Maundy Thursday Service: April 14 at 7pm in person, livestreamed and on YouTube any time. The service will include Holy Communion (the Last Supper) and journeying all the way to Jesus's death

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 15 at noon in our chapel (in person only): This service will walk us through Jesus's death and the events of the last hours of his life.

Easter Sunrise Service: Sunday, April 17 at 6:30am (in person only): A short service in our church parking overlooking Lake Superior. Dress casually and comfortably. Coffee and doughnuts will be available following the service.

Easter Worship: Sunday, April 17 at 10am in person, livestreamed and on YouTube any time. Please remember to wear masks this Sunday because we are expecting more people than usual. We will have coffee and doughnuts available either in Lakeview Social Hall or outdoors, depending on the weather, from 9:00-9:45am.

Easter activities for children! Meet in Lakeview Social Hall at 9:15 on Easter morning. We'll all go together out to the playground for an Easter egg hunt! This will last until about 9:45. There is no Sunday School that morning; kids may remain in worship with their families and fidget bags will be available. Nursery care will be available.



Easter offering:

Every Easter we take a special offering and you are again invited to make a special gift. This year the financial offering will be split three ways:

- **Harbor House.** Harbor House is a United Methodist Ministry located in Superior whose mission is to provide hospitable shelter, transitional living, and services for homeless women and families. The money given will go toward transportation and a swing set for their outdoor play area.
If you would like to donate items Harbor House needs, there is a bin outside the Sanctuary to put them: Sheets (twin and full – new or like new), towels (bath size and washcloths), pillows, laundry soap (liquid or pods), shampoo and conditioner (ethnic hair products especially needed, deodorant, cleaning products, art supplies).
- **The United Methodist Love Offering.** All the Methodist churches in MN give to this combined effort and present their gifts at the May Annual Conference meeting. This year money will go to Holy Grounds (a day center for the homeless and lonely in Mankato), The West African Family & Community Food Shelf in Brooklyn Center, Simpson Food Pantry in South Minneapolis, the Red Bird Missionary Conference in eastern Kentucky for disaster response after recent severe flooding damaged churches and homes, and Volunteer In Mission Scholarships.
- **The general mission, ministry and outreach of our congregation.** So much ministry is happening through our congregation and we want to continue - and even expand - the level of our outreach and impact. This spring, due to COVID-19 and family situations of leaders, we will not have the Roast Beef Dinner so we hope you will be generous in this giving opportunity.

Faith Forum will not be held next week, Easter Sunday. Join us the following Sunday, April 24, from 9:00-9:45 in the East Lounge when Charlie Orsak will talk about "Teaching Children About Climate Change."

Thank you to Alex Flinner, Nick Gosen and the Livestream Team for making the online service possible.

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