

Richland Center United Methodist Church
A Community of Faith
4th Sunday in Lent, March 10, 2024



****Please wear a name tag. You will find them on the round table in the Narthex area. Thank you.****

Please silence or quiet your cell phone so we can worship and celebrate God together.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**This mark invited those who are able to please stand*
PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: We are Lenten travelers, and this journey is a long one. Let us take a moment to rest and breathe.

People: Only in God do we find our rest.

Pastor: Sometimes the road is easy, and we bask in the warmth of the Light who guides us.

People: Other times the road is hard. We are reminded of how much Jesus struggled to touch the lives and reach the hearts of his people. We fear that we are not much different than they were.

Pastor: Some days we delight in the joy of journeying together on this road.

People: Other days we struggle with the temptation to

turn away, to shun what we don't understand, to stand in judgment and blame others as we travel this path.

Pastor: Today, let us come into the Light together as we learn to love God and one another through all the twists and turns of our Lenten journey.

All: Come, let us worship God together! Amen.

A MOMENT of STILLNESS

PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* 206

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH --** *The Nicene Creed*
(In Unison)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father;
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God;
begotten not made, one in being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven.
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin
Mary and became truly human.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again,
In accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son,
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one, holy, catholic*, and apostolic
church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MINI-MESSAGE (for Children of All Ages)

WORSHIP IN GIVING

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Individual

Pastoral

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.

HYMN *Oh How He Loves You and Me* 2108

WORSHIP IN THE WORD

Scripture Reading: John 3:14-21 (NIV)

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10 (NIV)

Sermon: Un-Consciousness

***HYMN** *Because He Lives* 364

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Hymn Leaders: Connie Frye, Rosanne Knowler,
Kathy Schweinefus
Pianist: Jennifer Hall
Scripture Reader: Paul Murphey

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, I now from past experiences that
when my eyes stray from you to the cars of this world, I
soon lose my way. Help me to have single-mined vision.
In your name. Amen. Amen.*

This Week's Events:

- 10 Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
UMCOR Sunday
- 11 Trustees Mtg: 4:00 p.m. – Library
- 12 Women's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library
- 13 Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.
- 14 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library
- 15 Irish Dance Recital: 4:00 p.m. – Potato Bar
5:00 p.m. – Recital
6:00 p.m. – Ceili Dancing

Upcoming Events:

- 17 Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
- 18 Ad Council
- 19 Women's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library
Choir Practice: 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Newsletter deadline: Noon
Thrift Shop helpers: 1:00 p.m.
Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.
Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. - Library



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY
HOST

Many thanks to Dianne Monson for
hosting coffee hour today.

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March Birthdays				March Anniversaries	
Tate Perkins	3/1	Lucy Joyce	3/8	Avery & Carissa Hatfield	3/19
Rachel Kaszubski	3/3	Michelle Woodman	3/8		
Deanna Gochenaur	3/4	Novali Ludwig	3/9		
Annabeth Sprecher	3/4	Dan Tracy	3/10		
Danielle Worthington	3/5	Jerry Bower	3/27		
Amanda Vitale	3/5	Jocelyn Storer	3/31		
Martin Rohn	3/7	Emelia Tracy	3/31		

**Starting April 7, 2024, our Worship
service will begin at 10:00 a.m.**

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



UMCOR

United Methodists celebrate UMCOR Sunday on March 10th, Advance #1015. Please consider donating to UMCOR and help share God's love to communities everywhere.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and

individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This offering understates UMCOR's "cost of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go towards that project and not administrative cost.

UMCOR doesn't just respond to the emergency for the short term. Working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR builds relationships and helps communities rebuild, in the years following a disaster.

UMCOR is also the Mission Focus for the month of March.



IRISH DANCE RECITAL AND POTATO BAR



Date: Saturday, March 16th

Place: RC Church Fellowship Hall

Time: Meal at 4:00 p.m.

Recital at 5:00 p.m.

Join in the fun and learn a dance afterwards!

Cost: Free will offering with proceeds benefitting the Irish Dancers and the Richland Center UMC Camp Fund

* Reservations not necessary, but appreciated! Here are several options:

1. Sign-up on the attendance sheet located in the narthex
2. Call the church office at 647-3203
3. Email trinityumc@mwt.net

This delicious hot **Potato Bar** to include great toppings to choose from, like butter, sour cream, chili, onions, and broccoli!!

