# Richland Center United Methodist Church 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent: March 17, 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: In the gentleness of morning, in the solace of this safe place we come to you, O Lord. We come for acceptance; we come for community; we come for forgiveness and love.

People: Have mercy on us O God, according to your steadfast love.

Pastor: In the serenity of day's beginning, in the restfulness of worship, we come to you O Lord.

We come to you for respite; we come to you for completion; we come to you for forgiveness and love.

People: You desire our humility and our honesty, O God; teach our hearts to be wise and true.

Pastor: In the quiet of this new day, in the comfort of familiar faces, we come to you, O Lord.

We come for peace; we come for comfort; we come for forgiveness and love.

People: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a right Spirit within us.

Pastor: We come, O Lord of Light, seeking the illumination of your Word. We come for the path we can't find; we come for the life we don't have. We come to you for our lives are death and you alone have breath and being.

People: Restore us to the joy of your salvation, O God, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Amen.

### A MOMENT FOR STILLNESS

## **PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER**

\*HYMN Come and Find the Quiet Center 2128

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope, and the promise of our
deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of
the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

## MINI-MESSAGE (for Children of All Ages)

#### **WORSHIP IN GIVING**

\*Doxology

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

SPECIAL MUSIC "Written In Red"

Vocal Solo by Rosanne Knower

#### WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Individual

**Pastoral** 

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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 Spirit Song 347

#### WORSHIP IN THE WORD

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NIV) Scripture Lesson: Psalm 51:1-12 (NIV)

**Sermon: Atonement** 

\*HYMN This Is a Day of New Beginning 383

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Hymn Leaders: Connie Frye, Rosanne Knower,

Kathy Schwinefus

Pianist: Jennifer Hall

Scripture Reader: Jerry Bower

Prayer: Lord Jesus, like the Greeks of old, I would like to see you, have a chat, a little face-t-face. I am weary of all the confusion generated in your name. Help me to remember the simplicity of being a follower of yours. Amen

#### This Week's Events:

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

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
- Women's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. Library
- Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.
- Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. Library
- 29 **Area Good Friday Services:**St. John's Lutheran Church: 1:00 p.m.
  Richland Center UMC: 3:00 p.m.
  Willow Valley UMC: 5:30 p.m.
- 30 Choir Practice: 10:00 a.m.



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		

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## TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY HOST ....

Many thanks to Joan Wheeler for hosting coffee hour today.



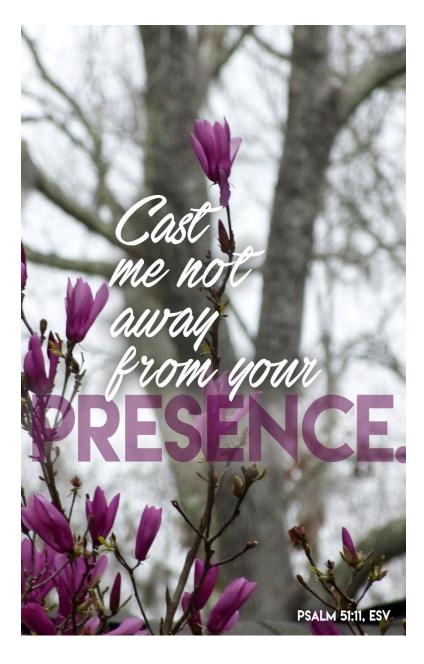


## Special Charge/Church Conference

We will hold a special Charge/Church Conference on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to

attend.

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### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## **UMCOR**

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.

Please consider donating to UMCOR and help share God's love to communities everywhere.



New Worship Times – April 7<sup>th</sup>

Please make sure to note our new Sunday Worship time will be

10:00 a.m.

Our Sunday school will be held at 10:15 a.m.

Coffee - Fellowship Hour will be right after Worship Service.



Good Friday Services being held in the area: Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

St. John's Lutheran Church: 1:00

p.m.

Richland Center UMC at 3:00 p.m.



## **Easter Offering**

Our Easter offering this year will go to A Child's Place. Please give appropriately to this very worthwhile place.



## **Easter Flowers**

There is still time to sign up for donating a flower for Easter Sunday. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.