

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

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

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

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

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

## PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH** **885**

**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.**

**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:**

- 17 **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.
- 20 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:**

- 24 Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
- 26 Women's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library
- 27 Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.
- 28 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.



attend.

**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

**Richland Center United Methodist Church**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**March 17, 2024**



PSALM 51:11, ESV

## 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.