

Cicero
United Methodist Church
March 20, 2022



Third
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

** Please stand as you are able*

***Welcoming music**

Greeting

Young Children's Time

Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Let us acknowledge our need to restore, repair, renew our Holy Vessels, and that the health of our minds deeply affects our physical and spiritual health. We struggle under the strain of disappointment, despair, and delusion.

Too often we hide this, afraid of what others might think of our difficulties in managing or moving forward, even in the face of devastating circumstances.

So many are suffering now, God, weary and distraught, grieving and at the end of their rope.

We cannot fathom the proportions of loss and so we look away, sometimes even from the need in our own community.

Help us, Healer. Show us our capacity for compassion. Forgive our inattention. Move us to move one step at a time toward greater care for one another.

In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

Special Music: “Love Was When” - Performed by Dave Kesel

Giving Time

Offertory

*Doxology

*Dedication

Call to Prayer

“Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole”

Our Concerns and God Sightings

Prayers of the People

Leader: Healer of our every ill, especially our malady of stigmatized fear of mental illness, we come before you to make our petitions known. Hear our cries for healing of body, mind, and spirit. We know that already you are at work among us, showing us the way to recovery from the toxicities and grief of our time.

You have stamped each one of us as “worthy.” We give you thanks that your mercy is wide and your faithfulness to us not depend upon having our feelings sorted out or our sense of well-being secure. You are not waiting for us to “get our act together” before offering us your love and grace.

We pray especially for those who have experienced heightened and acute mental and emotional difficulties as a result of this past year of isolation and fear. We pray for those who feel far from hope and we mourn those who could not find a lifeline to survive this hardship. We pray for those who find themselves without access to adequate care, someone to talk to, or appropriate resources to steady their hearts and minds.

We give thanks for those who are telling their stories, showing us how to open our hearts to help others and offering ripples of healing in the community. We pray grateful thanks for progress toward holistic healthcare and the efforts of all who are working to de-stigmatize mental illness, and making it easier to ask for, and get, the help so desperately needed. We ask for courage and encouragement to re-evaluate how we as a church can help now and into the future.

We pray this day for...

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The Lord's Prayer

Music to Welcome Scripture *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" UMH #121*

****Please stand as you are able to honor the reading of God's word.***

***Scripture** **Matthew 9:27-33** **Reader:** Megan Boyles

Response to the reading: The Word of God for us,
the beloved people of God.
Thanks be to God. AMEN

Message *"Stories"* Rev. Susan Ranous

Prayer for God's Grace and Assurance

Assurance of Forgiveness

(unison)
**Jesus, lover of our souls,
we humbly accept the grace of forgiveness
that promises to make us whole and holy again.
Thank you, Jesus.
Thank you, God. AMEN.**

Sharing of Christ's peace

The Peace of all peace,
Jesus the Christ,
be with you all.
And also with you.

***Closing Song** *"Grace Alone"*

***Commission and Blessing**

***Sending Music** *"This Little Light of Mine"*

***Holy Vessels: A season of Recovery, by Marcia McFee, et al from the
Worship Design Studio.com***

Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Diane's office hours are Wednesday's 10:30-1:00.
Appointments are appreciated but not necessary. Cell: 315-532-3354

March 6-April 3 @ 10:00 a.m.

Lent Worship Series: Holy Vessels: A Season of Recovery

Spaghetti Dinner

March 27th: 4 pm to Gone

\$10 Adults: \$5 4-11 yrs. Free 3yrs and under. Take outs are available

Palm Sunday April 10 @ 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday April 14 @ 7:00 pm Live streamed and in-person

Good Friday April 15 @ 7:00 pm Live streamed and in-person

Easter Sunday April 17

8:30 a.m. Service - not live -streamed

11:00 a.m. Service – live-streamed

(NOTE: As of this writing we still need to accommodate cleaning of the sanctuary between services. We have also learned that people prefer to worship in the Sanctuary rather than watch it on the screen in Fellowship Hall.)

Eastertide

April 24 – May 29 - Services will be 10:00 a.m.

Pentecost

June 5

Ukraine

The United Methodist Church is active in world crises! You can help the Ukraine in the midst of war's atrocities. Individuals can give directly to the Ukrainian people through local church offerings by writing a check to the Upper New York Conference with Advance [#14053A](#) in the memo line of the checks. These checks can either be collected by church and mailed in, or mailed directly to the conference office: UNY Conference Center, 7481 Henry Clay Blvd. Liverpool, NY 13088.

The Ukraine UMC has created a crisis committee that will oversee all the global support that is coming in through UMCOR's Advance [#14053A](#) "Eurasia In Mission Together - Ukraine and Moldova." The money channeled through this Advance fund will go to the Ukraine UMC church account and decisions on how this will be used will be considered by the crisis committee, which includes pastors as well as lay leaders.

UMCOR also offers other opportunities for more specific giving to Ukrainian refugees in Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, and Romania. You can designate giving by stating it is for "Ukrainian Refugee support" to the following Advance numbers.

- Hungary In Mission Together (Advance # 00175A)
- Poland In Mission Together (Advance # 00408A)
- Romania In Mission Together (Advance [#00211A](#))
- Slovakia In Mission Together (Advance # 00236A)

Donations for Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia should be mailed directly to UMCOR Mission Together Advances at 458 Ponce De Leon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30308.

** IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO DONATE COOKIES FOR SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR, PLEASE LEAVE THEM WITH MARY IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR IN THE KITCHEN IN THE WELCOME CENTER. THANK YOU!

OUR WORSHIP MINISTRY PARTNERS

Worship is prepared and staffed by:

Music Ministry Team: Nancy Congdon, Ben Shearer, Praise Singers

Camera Operator: Joe Finch

Sound Technician: Tim Gauthier; Rick Rudmann

Tech consultant: Rob Smith

Worship Team: Deb Irwin, Nancy Congdon, April Smith, Jan Cerimeli, Jeanette Elwood, Cindy Brink, Sue Werner

Administrative Assistant: Mary Slack-Nolan

Sunday School is staffed by:

Sue Bonspille, *director*; Vicky Moore, Linda Bouwens, Christine Burton, Rachel Panek, Sarah Jones, Alyssa Dunsmoor, Stephanie Lotts, Larry Bonspille, Emily Bush, Susan Coulter, Danni Gauthier, Norm and Judy Barkley, *teachers*.

The Nursery is staffed by:

Jennifer George; Jennifer Meyer

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