

*Cicero*  
*United Methodist Church*  
March 27, 2022



FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
LENT

*\* Please stand as you are able*

**\*Prelude**

**“Lamb Of God”**

**Greeting**

**Young Children’s Time**

**Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Let us acknowledge our need to restore, repair, renew our Holy Vessels so that we might be able to create and imagine new possibilities, new solutions.

**God of All Possibilities, made in your image, you have tasked us as co-creators of a better world. You bestowed imagination and the ability to learn and progress. But we are tired. Our energy wanes and enthusiasm wanes.**

The call for ideas, solutions, work-arounds and adaptations has been non-stop for us all—whether we are needing to find ways to keep children engaged and well, or figuring out how to maintain a passion for our work win the midst of trying times, or needing desperately to undo systems of oppression too long affecting our lives and the lives of our neighbors.

**Not only our livelihoods, but our liveliness is at stake. Too often we want to give up, declare it all too hard and simply isolate, waiting out the time for better days.**

It all feels overwhelming and so we look away, sometimes even from the need in our own community.

**Help us, Healer. Show us our energy reserves. Forgive our cynicism. 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:**                    *“Come as You Are” Performed By: April Smith*

### **Giving Time**

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Dedication

**Call to Prayer**                    *“Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole”*

*Our Concerns and God Sightings*

### **Prayers of the People**

Healer of our every ill, especially our malady of exhausted spirits, 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 remind us that we do not have to shoulder everything alone. We give you thanks that all we must do is orient ourselves toward your divine spirit to accompany us, touch us, inspire us, heal us.

We pray especially for all who feel opportunity and possibility is cut off to them. Whose spirit is continually dampened and damaged by those who fail

to see value in their contributions, who steal away rights to the fullness of expression.

We give thanks for communities, churches, non-profits, and businesses that are supporting the flourishing of all voices, especially voices that have been silenced.

We give thanks for the courage of innovators who use their resources and creativity to make more good in the world, making this a priority over profit.

We ask for courage and encouragement to re-evaluate how we as a church can join this effort now and into the future.

We pray this day for...

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**The Lord's Prayer**

**Music to Welcome Scripture**

*"He Touched Me"*

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

**\*Scripture**

**Matthew 9: 18-26**

Reader: Leah Robinson

**Response to the reading:**

The Word of God for us,  
the beloved people of God.

**Thanks be to God. AMEN**

**Message**

*“Different Pictures”*

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**

*“All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name”*

**\*Commission and Blessing**

**\*Sending Music**

*“What a Beautiful Name”*

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

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## **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.

**\*\*\* DIANE ILLAQUA INVITES YOU TODAY AFTER WORSHIP IN THE SPEER ROOM TO HELP MAKE EASTER CARDS FOR OUR FRIENDS AT JANUS PARK, AND FRIENDS WHO RECEIVE MEALS ON WHEELS \*\*\***

# 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

### *Interim Co-pastors*

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We are handicap accessible with ample parking near each entrance.  
Our greeters will gladly provide directions.