

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pam Barrett	Ann Irwin	Mary Neitzke	Lucille Thompson
Randy Boyer	Nell Kirkpatrick	Kathi Parker	
Ellen Graham	Annette McGary	Keith Reynolds	
Tammye Green	Mary Meilcarek-Clark	Harriett Silvey	

ROUTINE FACILITY USAGE:

<u>Sundays:</u> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 1:30 pm PRAY Program	<u>Tuesdays</u> 10:00 am Morning Bible Study 5:00 pm Soccer Practice 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<u>Thursdays</u> 5:00 pm Soccer Practice 7:30 pm N A
<u>Mondays</u> 5:30 pm Soccer Practice HIATUS 6:00 pm Choir Practice	<u>Wednesdays</u> 10:00 am FUEL 11:00 am Ann's Closet (1st & 3rd) 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm N A	<u>Fridays</u> 6:30 pm Sea Scouts
	<u>Saturdays</u> 6:00 pm N A	

THIS WEEK at ST. B:

Tuesday, February 24: Morning Bible Study at 10:00 am begins
Thursday, February 26: BINGO at 10:30 am
Friday, February 27: Family Game Night at 6:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PLEASE NOTE:

The Lenten Daily Devotional Cards have arrived. Please see Pastor Corrie for your copy.

Sunday, March 8: Daylight Savings Time begins.

Sunday, March 15: UMCOR Sunday

Our 2nd Annual Spring Market will be held on May 2nd from 10:00 am-4:00 pm and the vendor application is now live on our Facebook page. Please take a moment to see what's posted then share the flyer, the QR code and link with all of your friends and neighbors. Please contact Margaret Fisher or Tiffany Julian with any questions.

Upper Room: Pickup a copy, at either Sanctuary entrance, to guide your daily devotional.

Attendance: Please fill out the attendance pad at the end of your pew.



Growing disciples of Christ for the transformation of our community.



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PRELUDE *Amazing Grace* Margaret Fisher

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE IN OUR FAITH Liturgist, Josh Waterhouse

GREETING:
L: The good news of the gospel is:
P: manna in the desert, water turned into wine, love after loss, forgiveness after pain.
L: The good news of the gospel is:
P: release for the captive, hope for the hopeless, mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.
L: So come on in. There’s no time to waste! This surprising good news is here for you.
P: Let us worship this good-news God.

*HYMN *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* UMH 540

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Please see insert

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Holy One, it is easy to see the mustard plant and forget to marvel at the seed. It is easy to taste good wine and not appreciate it. It is easy to miss the holy that is in our midst. So as we turn to your text today, we pray, surprise us. Speak to us. Move through us. Draw us closer to your good news. We wait with bated breath. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE READING John 2:1-11
Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

HYMN *In a Neat and Tidy Garden*

*SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:31-32
Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

SERMON Rev. Corrie Alexander-Willette

OFFERTORY *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* TFWS 2112

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Please see insert

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

*HYMN *Rejoice, the Lord is King* UMH 715

*SENDING FORTH
As you leave this place, when you meet anger, speak with love. When you meet fear, speak with hope. When you meet pain, speak with gentleness. But no matter what, speak this good news. For the good news of the gospel is love and justice for all. It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms. The good news of the gospel is alive in the world, so go forth speaking. For if you won’t, then who will? Thanks be to God for this good, good news. Amen.

*POSTLUDE *What Wonderous Love Is This* UMH 292

Arrangements: Prelude by Jason Tonioli; 2nd Hymn Words by Anna Strickland
Liturgy by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org
****Please stand as you’re able in body or spirit***



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

I have seen it alive in the world.

And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

In a Neat and Tidy Garden

ALL THE WAY 8.7.8.7 D ("All the Way My Savior Leads Me")

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Robert Lowry (1875)



In a neat and ti - dy gar - den grows a se - cret ti - ny seed
Green and ten - der leaves I har - vest from the mus - tard grow - ing wild
O - ther gar - den - ers may strug - gle and pre - tend they have con - trol



There a - mong the plan - ted bar - ley will e - merge a shock - ing weed
To en - rich and spice my dish - es that were un - til now too mild
O - ver land that God cre - a - ted but I'll tell you what I know:



Grow - ing quick - ly through the so - il to break forth in va - cant spot
Un - ex - pec - ted and sur - pris - ing, un - con - trolled by hu - man hand
I am not the Mas - ter Gar - dener, just a stew - ard of this place



What a joy when I dis - cov - er God has plan - ted in my plot!
See the reign of God is grow - ing, ta - king root through - out the land!
God has seed - ed ev - ery a - cre with sur - pris - ing, wi - ld grace!



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joy-spreading God,

We love to imagine you at a wedding, your throat hoarse from laughter, feet tired from dancing, brow damp from the warmth of the day.

We love to imagine you turning water into wine, people passing glasses, quenching their thirst, delighting in every joy-filled, holy moment.

We love to imagine that this is how your ministry began—with celebration and joy, with banquet tables and laughter—because we crave more of those moments ourselves.

We live in a world that seems to run out of joy. The news is a rotating blur of heartache. Our hearts carry fear and grief, anxiety and loss.

We find ourselves praying for . . .

We pray for those who are caught in war-torn areas. For those who are spending their Sundays in a hospital room. For those who push through waves of depression every day, or struggle to manage illness or addiction. . .

Holy God, we live in a world that is overflowing with hard news, and we crave a piece of your joy. So on our lowest days, and in our bleakest moments, remind us that your ministry started with a small miracle. On the longest nights, remind us that we are never alone. When joy wears thin, remind us that you call us by name. When hope flickers, remind us that you hear our prayers. And when the weight of the world feels too heavy, remind us that the heart of the gospel really is good news.

Until that promised day, when we will once again find ourselves dancing until our feet are sore and gathering around the table with our neighbors, we will pray the prayer your son taught us to pray, saying. . .