

STORM LAKE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 2024
COLOR: PURPLE

PRELUDE

"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"
"Variations on a Hymn for Lent"

Deanna Larson, organist
J. Rinck
D. Wood
Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand and join in singing...

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" **UMH # 103**

Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes
Most blessed most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious
Thy great name we praise

-Verse 2-

Unresting unfasting
And silent as light
Nor wanting nor wasting
Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains
High soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love

-Verse 3-

To all life thou givest
To both great and small
In all life thou livest
The true life of all
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree
And wither and perish
But naught changeth thee

-Verse 4-

Thou reignest in glory
Thou dwellest in light
Thine angels adore thee
All veiling their sight
All laud we would render
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
Of light hideth thee

Please join in the Call to Worship and read responsively...

Deb DeHaan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

- L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
P: **O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**
L: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
P: **Make me know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**
L: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
P: **Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from old.**
L: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!
P: **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way.**
L: He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.
P: **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

Please join in the ...

Deb DeHaan

***OPENING PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, we have come before your throne of grace asking You to make us aware of your presence in this place and in our hearts. We would like to thank you for the fellowship that we have with You and with one another. We are here to worship You, O God. Reveal yourself to us in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH # 70

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end
Amen Amen

Please join in the ...

Deb DeHaan

***PRAYER CONFESSION**

Merciful God, create in me a clean heart. Please restore our inner beings. We have failed to always be in love with You. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated and hear these...

Deb DeHaan

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

- L: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
P: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are also forgiven!**

ALL: **Glory to God! Amen!**

O let the Son of God enfold you
 With His Spirit and His love
 Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
 O let Him have the things that hold you
 And His Spirit like a dove
 Will descend upon your life and make you whole

-Chorus-
 Jesus O Jesus
 Come and fill Your lambs
 Jesus O Jesus
 Come and fill Your lambs

-Verse 2-
 O come and sing this song with gladness
 As your hearts are filled with joy
 Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name
 O give Him all your tears and sadness
 Give Him all your years of pain
 And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

Chorus-
 Jesus O Jesus
 Come and fill Your lambs
 Jesus O Jesus
 Come and fill Your lambs

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, AND BY THE PEOPLE

*Please observe a short moment of silence after each prayer, then the leader would conclude: Lord, in your mercy, and all may respond: **Hear our prayer.***
 Together, let us pray:

- L: for the people of this congregation...(moment of silence)
 Lord, in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayer**
- L: for those who suffer and those in trouble...(Moment of silence)
 Lord, in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayer**
- L: for the concerns of this local community...(Moment of silence)
 Lord, in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayer**
- L: for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...(Moment of silence)
 Lord, in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayer**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lake Okoboji Camp Counselors

CAMP VIDEO

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION

"Thy Word is a Lamp"

UMH #601

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
 And a light unto my path
 (continued...)

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Please join me in the...

Matt Collins

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 8 :31-38

Matt Collins

SERMON

"For the Sake of God"

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

MOMENT OF TRANSFORMATION

((This is a moment for us to commune with God. Feel free to pray right where you are or you can come to the altar as we sing
"Lord, I want to be a Christian...(vss 1-3)"
(UMH # 402).

Lord I want to be a Christian
In my heart in my heart
Lord I want to be a Christian
In my heart
In my heart
In my heart
Lord I want to be a Christian
In my heart

-Verse 2-

Lord I want to be more loving
In my heart in my heart
Lord I want to be more loving
In my heart
In my heart
In my heart
Lord I want to be more loving
In my heart

-Verse 3-

Lord I want to be more holy
In my heart in my heart
Lord I want to be more holy
In my heart
In my heart
In my heart Lord I want to be more holy
In my heart

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Colton Lindgren

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.

THE INVITATION TO GIVING

As forgiven and reconciled people, Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERING

"Faith of Our Fathers"

G. Young

Tithing & Offerings / online giving / VENMO: @StormLake-UMC

Offering plates will be passed.

Please sign the attendance books at the end of each pew, and pass down the row.

**Presentation of Tithes & Offerings*

Please stand and join in singing...

*DOXOLOGY

No 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERING PRAYER (Based on Mark 8:31 - 38)

Deb DeHaan

God of Boundless Goodness: We have come to this place this day to worship you with our songs, with our words, with our gifts, and with our whole hearts. We are reminded that our discipleship decision involves more than what we bring this day to the altar; it calls us to a place where a cross that is ours alone must be picked up and carried. This, more than anything else, is why we need the community of your church. Strengthen us, we pray, not just to carry our own cross, but to help sisters and brothers carry their crosses as well. In the name of the one who bore his cross for us, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

"Shalom to You"

UMH # 666

Shalom to you now
Shalom my friends
May God's full mercies
bless you my friends
In all your living
And through your loving
Christ be your shalom
Christ be your shalom

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING PRAYER SONG**

A CLOSING PRAYER

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.
Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways,
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ,
His Son, Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again. Amen

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in C"

Deanna Larson, organist
J.S. Bach

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 25th

2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30 am-Confirmation

9:00 am-Kids Sunday School

10:00 am-Worship w/Camp Counselors

Children's Message

11:00 am until 1:00 pm

JENNY ALLEN BENEFIT DINNER

Monday, February 26th

10:00 am-XYZ Exercise class

4:00 pm-Food Distribution

6:30 pm-Cub Scouts in FLC

Tuesday, February 27th

9:30 am-Staff meeting

3:30 pm-Zone 1st-3rd graders

Wednesday, February 28th

3:30 pm-Zone 4-6

5:00 pm-Handbell practice

6:00pm-LENTEN SERVICE

6:00 pm-Youth 7th -8th

7:00 pm-Youth Meal

7:30 pm-Youth 9th-12th

Thursday, February 29th

Marjean's 2nd year anniversary
at SLUMC (8 years!)

Sunday, March 3rd

3rd SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30 am-Confirmation

9:00 am-Kids Sunday School

10:00 am-Worship w/Communion



Prayer Requests

Jenny (Brouwer) Allen	Margaret Weber
Melva Bainbridge	Sherise Ellis
Coleen Baughman	Wayne Stark
Lance Bellinghausen	Kathy Wadsley
Donna Blom	Tyler Crandell
Virginia Carlson	Those battling depression.
Drew Havens	Aaron Johnson
John Nichols	Corey Petersen
Kim Piercy	Lori Hermsted
Deb Richardson	Barb Hadenfeldt
Karen Salmen	Judy (Polly's cousin)
Bev Schmidt	
David Walker	

Fundraiser for

Jenny Brouwer Allen

TODAY

11:00am-1:30pm

At Storm Lake

United Methodist Church

Family Life Ctr.

211 E. 3rd St.



MENU: Spaghetti w/meat or veggie sauce, bread sticks, salad, and dessert. Gluten free spaghetti will also be available.

The youth of our church are hosting a fundraiser for one of their counselors, Jenny Brouwer Allen. Jenny is battling cancer and is currently going through stem cell treatment.

Please join us in helping Jenny with her medical bills. May we also surround Jenny with God's healing presence as we continue to pray for her and the doctors who will be treating her.

Birthdays this week in Feb./March

Dave Meyer	25th
Wendy Goodchild	28th
Jennifer Witt	28th
Paul Magnussen	1st
Susan Thompson	1st
Dannika De La Cruz	2nd
Lane Diehl	2nd



MISSION & MINISTRY PLAN 2023:

To know Jesus Christ and make him known.