

STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 3, 2024
COLOR: PURPLE

PRELUDE

"Meditation"
"The King of Love"

Deanna Larson, organist
G. Dupont
W. Held

WELCOME

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand and join in singing...

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH #369

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

-Chorus-

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

-Verse 2-

Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

-Chorus-

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

-Verse 3-

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

-Chorus-

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

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

Shelby O'Bannon

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: What are we doing in this place?

P: We have come from different places to worship You, O God,

L: What are we doing in this place?

P: We have come to say thank you to You, O God.

L: What are we doing in this place?

P: We have come to sing your praises.

Please join in the ...

Shelby O'Bannon

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God, in Jesus Christ you have built for us an eternal house, a temple of righteousness, a place of gracious plenty for the hungry and abundant life for the poor in spirit. Fill us with zeal for the body of Christ. Overturn the tables of corruption and greed and upset the imbalance of injustice, so that we may worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed.

Amen

(Posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website, <http://www.pcusa.org/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/prayer-for-lent-3-b.html>.)

***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 be seated and join in ...

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

"God is so good"

Shelby O'Bannon

TFWS #2056

God is so good
God is so good
God is so good
God's so good to me

-Verse 2-

God cares for me
God cares for me
God cares for me
God's so good to me

-Verse 3-

God loves me so
God loves me so
God loves me so
God's so good to me

-Verse 4-

God is so good
God is so good
God is so good
God's so good to me

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

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION

"Thy Word is a Lamp"

Joan Rude

UMH #601

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

GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:13-22

Bethany Larson

MEDITATION

"I Will Raise It Up"

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 "As the Deer" **TFWS # 2025+2 vs**).

As the deer panteth for the water
so my soul longs after thee.
You alone are my hearts desire
and I long to worship you

-Chorus-

You alone are my strength my shield
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my hearts desire
and I long to worship thee.

-Verse 2-

You're my friend-
and you are my brother
even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other
so much more than anything.
(continued...)

-Chorus-

You alone are my strength my shield
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my hearts desire
and I long to worship thee.

-Verse 3-

I love you more than gold or silver
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
and the apple of my eye.

-Chorus-

You alone are my strength my shield
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my hearts desire
and I long to worship thee.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Table 1)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right...

...And so,

With your people on earth
and all the company of heaven

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

..Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

(Deanna Larson will be playing UMH # 620 during Communion)

INVITATION TO GIVING

"The Lord will give what is good," says the psalmist. Let us share our tithes and offerings, in thanksgiving for what we have already received, and in the sure hope of an abundant world to come.

OFFERING

"In the Cross"

J. Linker

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!**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (Based on John 2:13-22)

Shelby O'Bannon

Generous God, all we have comes from you and has been given to us as stewards that we might live and love as your beloved children. As we bring our gifts this morning, we realize what a small portion they are compared to what You have given to us. As we have sought ways to fund church ministry without raising our level of sacrifice, forgive us. If there have been times when we unconsciously favored reaching those with more assets to give and overlooked those who live and struggle with little, forgive us. Guide us in the path of repentance. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH #557 (verse 1 & 2)

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above
(continued...)

-Verse 2-
Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears our hopes our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares

***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

"Allegro moderato"

Deanna Larson, organist
L. Boellmann

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 3rd
 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT
 8:30 am-Confirmation
 9:00 am-Kids Sunday School
 10:00 am-Worship w/Communion

Monday, March 4th
 10:00 am-XYZ Exercise class
 4:00 pm-Food Distribution
 4:30 pm-NOW Singers

Tuesday, March 5th
 9:30 am-Staff meeting
 3:30 pm-Zone 1st-3rd graders

Wednesday, March 6th
 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

Saturday, March 9th
 Women's Conference

Sunday, March 10th
 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
 4th SUNDAY IN LENT
 8:30 am-Confirmation
 9:00 am-Kids Sunday School
 10:00 am-Worship w/Handbells
 & Baptism

MISSION & MINISTRY PLAN 2023:

To know Jesus Christ and
 make him known.

Prayer Requests

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| 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 | |

Birthdays this week in March

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| Nelly Kapiriel | 3rd |
| Beatrice Walker | 3rd |
| Linda Baier | 4th |
| Clare Brostad | 4th |
| Orene Cressler | 8th |
| Dale Fibelstad | 8th |



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 Sibling Pastors Build
 Intercultural
 Community Fueled
 by Foundation
 Support**

LAST SUPPER DRAMA
"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"
 Dramatic Presentation by the
 United Methodist Church
 211 E. Third Street, Storm Lake, IA
Thursday, March 28, 2024
@ 7:30 pm
 Everyone is welcome to attend.
 This drama is a free gift to the community.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION



Saturday, March 9

Storm Lake United Methodist Church
East Entrance



11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Methodist Basement

- Health Information Stations & Prizes

Starting at Noon | Methodist Family Life Center

- Program Celebrating Women
- Pacific Islander Dancers
- Dancers & Songs Representing Various Cultures

HELP US INSPIRE AN INCLUSIVE WORLD FOR WOMEN!