

**First United Methodist Church
February 26, 2023**

Prelude Piano
Welcome and Greeting Pastor
Announcements Pastor

K.I.D.S. Kids In Divine Service (Upstairs in the Children's Wing (3rd Graders & Under)
 Children may go with Teacher Betty Thalls

***Opening Prayer**
 Forgiving God, we come into your presence from many different places. We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude. We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of suffering. As you welcome us into your house, lift our burdens and receive our praise. Redeem us by your grace and fill us with your mercy. Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another and be strengthened to go from here to serve the world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

***Call to Worship** Pastor
 Pastor: Because we trust in God's faithfulness,
People: we are free to make our confession to God and call for his compassion.
 Pastor: Let us, therefore, confess our sins
People: that we may be renewed in his grace. Amen.

***Hymn of Worship** *How Great Thou Art* Hymn 77
 P/O

New Testament Scripture James 5:16 (NLT) Liturgist

Song of Praise *Who You say I Am* Keys

Song of Prayer *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Hymn 496 Organ

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer Pastor

Offering

Music Special *The Penitent Heart* Organ

Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor

Loving God, you have shown us your ways and led us into your presence. You have blessed us and kept us safe. In you we see that we are loved. We offer you our lives, for we have chosen to follow you. We offer you our praise, for your love is great. Use our gifts, our money, and our hearts to establish your presence of love on the earth. Amen.

Song of Thanksgiving *Give Thanks* FWS 2036

Song of Reflection *It Is Well* by Kristene DiMarco Keys

Old Testament Scripture Daniel 9:3-19 (NLT) Pastor

Sermon **Confession Cures** Pastor Nate Eckert

***Song of Commitment** *Love Lifted Me* Piano
 Pastor

***Benediction**
 Go now to persevere in prayer and action to bring God's unfailing love to others. And may God save you from all that would harm you. May Christ Jesus heal you and raise you up; and may the Holy Spirit anoint you and give you peace with one another. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, amen.

***Postlude** *O Come and Mourn With Me Awhile* Organ

February 19th Service: <https://youtu.be/NtT3q81laas>

Worship Team

Music Director & Guitarist Rick Peelle
Organist Carol Meyer **Pianist** Susie Lewis
Song Leaders Donna Winters & Amanda Stainbrook
Greeter Marti Retherford
Ushers Bob & Greta Gustin, Dave Thalls
Nursery Stacy Herr & Linda Cowan

The altar flowers are given by Barb Beeson.

**Welcome to Worship Our Lord.
Today, Sunday, February 26, 2023**

This Week: Monday, February 27

6:30 Sorority in Conference Room

6:30 Lenten Study Begins in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 1 Worship Team Rehearsal

5:30 Game Night in Fellowship Hall

Next week March 8 Bells resume rehearsal at 6 p.m.

Worship Rehearsal at 6:50 p.m.

**Pick up Daily Devotions: March Upper Room along with Our Daily Bread
located in the Café bookrack.**

**Jefferson Township Food Pantry thanks everyone who contributes.
Chris Lane is Jefferson Township Trustee.**

**Drop off these food items at the Trustee's Office during their new hours:
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

May leave donations at the church Cafe

February Donations: Instant Oatmeal, Pop Tarts, & Cereal Bars

**March Donations: Spices (dollar ones at Walmart: (Garlic powder,
onion powder, hamburger seasoning, salt & pepper etc.)**

Prayers for our Members & Friends: Marilyn Scott, Priscilla Sherry, Ginny Ozbun, Jo Johnson, Chris & Barb Beeson, Judy Hilbert Haisley, Bob & Dixie Fast, Craig Salhoff, Martha Gigg, Linda Riley, Elizabeth Waggoner, Tonya Sparks, Jim & Ginny Retherford, Angela Cox, Lisa Warner's parents' health, Susan Sanders, Carol Meyer, Christa (Coleman) husband Mark, Dylan Orschell, Donita Lester, Mindy Smith recuperating from knee surgery.

The community is invited to the Thrift Shop's Annual Business Meeting in the FUMC Fellowship Hall at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26. The Thrift Shop is owned and operated by First United Methodist Church, Congregational Christian Church, and Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren. Meet the Thrift Shop employees and learn how the shop contributes to the community and provides scholarships to Nettle Creek graduating high school seniors. The program will be A Better Way, formerly known as Genesis of Richmond. A Better Way is a mobile advocacy organization serving Wayne and seven surrounding counties. Heather Eckert and Candra Ramsey, Richmond Site Coordinator, will share A Better Way's mission: to reduce domestic abuse, sexual assault, suicide.

First United Methodist Church Worship Service

First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

**O Lord, Listen! O Lord,
Forgive! O Lord, Hear And
Act! For Your Sake, O My
God, Do Not Delay, Because
Your City And Your People
Bear Your Name.”**

Daniel 9-19

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CHURCH MISSION:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

CHURCH VISION:

***As disciples who make disciples, we will connect intentionally,
listen actively and love deeply in our relationship with God and our community.***