



March 26, 2023

*Please stand if able **Bold: All speak** *Italic: Worship Participant*

PRELUDE

“My Heart Is Filled with Longing” Brahms
Phyllis Lahr

VIDEO WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?
ALL: Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?
ONE: Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?
ALL: Have you ever wondered, *can these bones live?*
ONE: If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God’s house. Hope lives here.
ALL: So, come. Rest your weary bones.
ONE: Let us worship Holy God.

*HYMN

“Days of Elijah”
W&S 3186

HEBREW READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Liturgist: Bill Johnson

ONE: This is the Word of God for the people of God
ALL: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Follow Me” Lee Dengler
Aldersgate Singers

SERMON

“seeking: can these bones live?”
Pastor Tom Ream

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER
**God, we don’t know what to do, but You do.
Open our hearts, eyes, and minds to You. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (UMH 8)

THE LORD’S PRAYER
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.


COMMUNION SONG
“Holy, Holy, Holy” John Dykes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN
“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”
UMH 420

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” arr. Anna Laura Page





Weekly Reflection Question
What glimmers of God’s abundance have you experienced when you have felt dried up and life-less?


Sunday, March 19, 2023
Income: \$7,649
2nd Offering (UMCOR): \$851
In-Person Attendance: 151
Online Live Worship Views: 28

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Weekly Newsletter


ON THE CALENDAR

Week of Sunday Mar. 26th-Saturday Apr. 1st

BIBLE STUDIES

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| • Pastor’s Bible Study | Tuesday 9:30a | Room 129 |
| • Important Words Study | Sunday 10:45a | Room 133 |
| | Wednesday 6p | Room 133 |

REHEARSALS

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| • Aldersgate Singers | Thursday 6:30p | Choir Room |
| • Extoll Handbell Choir | Wednesday 5:30p | Sanctuary |

MINISTRIES

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| • BSA Troops 349B & 349G | Monday 6:30p | Down Under |
| • BSA Cubs 3349 | Tuesday 6:30p | Down Under |
| • Aldersgate Academy | Mon-Fri 6a-6p | Academy |

SUPPORT GROUPS

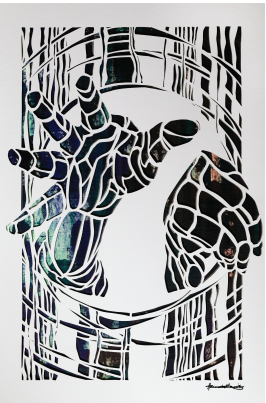
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| • AA | Monday 7:30p | Room 133 |
| • Alanon | Mon/Tues. 7:30p | Room 131 |
| • Alateen | Tuesday 7:30p | Room 200 |
| • 12 Step | Tuesday 7:30p | Lounge |
| • Big Book | Thursday 6:00p | Room 200 |

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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| • Jazzercise | M/W/Th 5:45p | Down Under |
| • Lions Karate | Wednesday 9:30a | Down Under |
| • Preschool Prodigies | Wednesday 10a | Room 200 |
| • Violin Lessons | Wednesday 5:30p | Room 202 |
| • Model Railroad Group | Wednesday 6p | Down Under |

MEETINGS

- None



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HOLY WEEK:** Palm Sunday 9:30a, Maunday Thursday 7p, Good Friday 7p, Easter Sunday 9:30a, Easter Cantata "Covenant of Grace" on April 16th 9:30a.
- **2ND OFFERING:** Today's 2nd offering will go to the Inasmuch Ministry. The ministry is a group of diverse congregations within the Fort Wayne metro area whom the Lord has called to help the needy of the community. "Helping those in need, sharing the love and hope of Jesus, encouraging financial and personal sustainability and growth" is their mission statement and explains the entire approach to assistance. Their first and foremost priority is sharing the gospel and bringing the lost to Christ. The Ministry offers a "hand up" not a "hand out". Their goal is to refer clients to a partner church (currently 31 in the family of churches) in their own neighborhood and establish a link to Jesus Christ. Remarkably they have ministered to and helped thousands of people since the ministry began, approximately 3,500 individuals were served in 2022. Thank you for your continued support of this very important ministry.
- **IMPORTANT WORDS!:** Learn and Grow! 101 Important Words of the Bible! Join us after Worship or Wednesdays at 6p in Room 133.
- **COAT DONATIONS:** Palm Sunday (4/2) celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the crowds who gathered "spread their cloaks". In addition to saving palm fronds, this year we invite you to "spread [your] cloaks" as well. If you have any used jackets or coats, child through adult size, that you no longer need, bring them to church with you on Palm Sunday. Coats will be donated to In As Much Ministry.
- **TOWEL/WASH CLOTH DONATION:** On Maundy Thursday, we will once again observe the practice of foot (and hand) washing. At the last supper Jesus washed the disciples feet. Donate new or gently used wash clothes and bath towels for this service, which will be donated to St. Joseph Missions after the service.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Natalie Arford, Jack Arnold, Connie Blanton, Stephen Berkey, Marion Clark, Tyler Conley, Jim and Marty Copeland, Dell & Mary Cortner, Janelle Couture, Jeff DeLawter, Helen Diefenthaler's great grandson, Blaine Disler, Tucker Donnelly, Elyssa, Dennis Fredrick, Patsy Gerig, Marcia Gregg, Roberta Hackett, Rosalie Hofmann, Jani, Judy King, Bill Larsen, Glenn and Ruth Ann LeBrecht, Cindy Lichty, Mariah Long, Ruth Loomis, Dan & Terri Maucher, Henry Fisher Mitchell, Chris Needler, John & Judy Newberg, Lucas Newell, Jan Newell, Larry Rose, Emily Silva, Jocelyn Snower, Vicki, Otis Vincent, Colleen Ward, Ralph Wetzel, Phyllis Wilkinson, Stephanie Zimmerman, the homeless, children in need, Inasmuch Ministry, Aldersgate Academy children, staff, and parents, Lindley Elementary children, staff, and parents, those serving in the military, the COVID-19 victims and their families, caregivers



prayer

Jesus, friend of Lazarus, Lent has a way of stirring up the grief we carry from year-to-year. Lent brings to mind the various endings in our life—the end of relationships, identities, seasons, and opportunities. Remind us that you know what that grief feels like, which means we are not alone in the heaviness of it all. Thank you for the companionship. Amen.

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