

WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 26, 2023

PRELUDE
(8:00 AM)

“I Surrender All”
“Ah, Holy Jesus”
“Were You There”

arr. Bock
Cruger

PRELUDE
(10:00 AM)

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”
“His Eye is on the Sparrow”
“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

arr. Torrans
Atterman
arr. McDonald

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad that you are worshipping at First United Methodist Church this morning. Please **SIGN AND PASS** the attendance pad at the end of the pew. If you are visiting with us, we would especially appreciate having your name, address, and phone number because we would like to thank you for being with us.

***HYMN No. 144**

“This is My Father’s World”

Terra Beata

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

People: The One who calls us,

Leader: The One who equips us,

People: The One who loves us without end,

Leader: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

ANTHEM
(10:00 am only)

“Drop, Drop, Slow Tears”

Sam Owens

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Mary Jo Zubrod

* **PSALTER**

Psalm 130

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***GLORIA PATRI No. 71**

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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.

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using sins)

*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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "When I survey the Wondrous Cross"
(10:00 AM only)

Gilbert Martin

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

*Doxology No. 95

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE

"Luke 18:9 - 14"

Pew Bible Pages 955 - 956

MESSAGE

"Lord, It's Hard to Be Humble"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM only)

***HYMN No. 593**

"Here I Am Lord"

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

"Victory in Jesus"

arr. Bock

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

arr. McConnell

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, flautist Pat Murphy, and the Epworth Bellringers. The handbell ringers for the anthem are Caroline and David Dorn, Nettie Swart, and Laura Whitten. The 8:00 AM pianist is Michele Sandberg.

LITURGIST today is Heidi Ketzko.

ACOLYTES today are Ainsley Schuler and Hayden Schuler.

USHERS today are Team 2, Captain George Lilja.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in memory of Michael and Nathan Park, given by The Jack Park Family.

PEDESTAL FLOWERS today are in honor of Alyssa Morrison, given by Hannah and Heidi Ketzko.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Margie Angevine, 205 Water Street, Room 543, Warren, PA 16365. - Please consider sending her a card.

WELCOME ~ If you want to attend a new member class at The First United Methodist Church, please get in touch with the church office at 814-723-4930.

CREATIVITY ~ On Thursday, March 30th, Creativity will meet at 9:00 AM to put the palms out before Palm Sunday.

CROSSING BREAKFAST SUPPORT ~ The Crossing has volunteers to staff the free Saturday morning breakfasts. However, due to increased costs, we need additional funds to cover the food and supplies required. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Funds can be directed to FUMC or The Crossing (350 Pennsylvania Ave W). Thank you. God bless.

BOOK CLUB ~ The Book Club will meet at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, April 5th, at Nettie Swart's Home at 15 Hill Street, Warren, PA.

ANNOUNCEMENT ~ We are considering the possibility of conducting baptisms in April. If you are interested in being baptized or having children or grandchildren baptized, please contact the office at 814 - 723 - 4930.

LENTEN FAIR ~ Please join us for our **LENTEN FAIR** on **Palm Sunday, April 2nd**. Enjoy the many activities we have planned for you and your family. (This event is for children of ALL ages!) There will be egg decorating, pretzel making, cookie decorating, an Easter egg hunt, and much more. You will want to attend the action at 8:30 AM in Founder's Hall. (2nd Floor) For this event, we need help from our adults and older youth. Please consider giving your time to this wonderful event. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board for those who can help. Come enjoy the fun and fellowship at our 2023 Lenten Fair!!

GUEST SPEAKER ~ On April 16th, we will welcome Dr. Belinda Forbes, a dentist serving with AMOS Salud y Esperanza (Health and Hope) in Nicaragua, as the Liaison for Faith and Health Partnerships. Her responsibilities include supporting AMOS's Primary Health Care Program and accompanying delegations, volunteers, and communications. Belinda will speak at both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services on April 16th. A lunch in Founder's Hall will follow the 10:00 service, where Dr. Forbes will give a presentation. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board.

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER ~ In her book, Open Road, the Adventure of a Breakthrough Prayer Initiative, Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey asks you to consider whether you think of your church as an organization, or a movement. What might happen if we started thinking of our church as a movement? A movement is defined as "a rapid progression of events," or "a series of actions and activities trending toward a new direction?" Our church is entering a new and exciting time right now, and we should be open to what God will do through us. She points out that the prayer that always works is "*Thy Will Be Done.*" Basically, a breakthrough prayer is this prayer phrased another way. This moves a congregation from managing logistics to participating in a Spiritual movement. Our prayers often focus on needs—the needs of our family, our friends, or ourselves. A breakthrough prayer invites God to miraculously break through, open new doors, and usher in new possibilities. We ask God how we are to follow God's will in new ways. Join us today, from 9:00-9:30 a.m., to find out more about breakthrough prayer, and together write a prayer to be used with our congregation as we move forward to what God is calling us to be. Tawni Betts will facilitate the discussion.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF

March 26, 2023 – April 1, 2023

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel
8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
11:00 AM Light Lunch Fellowship; Founder's Hall

MONDAY

6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability Group
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
6:30 PM Church Council Meeting
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Troop 9 Boy Scouts; Downstairs

TUESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
12:30 PM Tuesday Afternoon Study; Covert Room
1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlors
1:45 PM Peals of Praise Handbells; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
5:15 PM WHS Soccer; Gym
5:30 PM Soup and Study Luke 22: 39 - 46; FH
6:30 PM Epworth Handbells

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
8:30 AM Covenant Discipleship Group; Mark's Office
3:30 PM LOGOS - Recognition Night
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM U10 Soccer Practice; Gym
6:00 PM Madrigals; Choir Room
6:30 PM Chancel Choir; Music Room

THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
9:00 AM Creativity; Sanctuary
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
5:30 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Parlor B
6:30 PM Warren Philharmonic; Founder's Hall

FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder's Hall

As we move ahead with plans to join a new denomination, we will need to replace the hymnals currently in use. Hymnals given in memory or honor of family and friends are available now in Parlor A to take by our congregation. Once we receive new hymnals, all current hymnals will be available to you, and those left will be taken to the conference center.

The Worship Committee is recommending the purchase of a new hymnal "Our Great Redeemer's Praise." It is published by Seedbed, Inc. and represents the full scope of John and Charles Wesley's theological heritage. We are excited about this new tool for worship.

We will be accepting and encouraging you to purchase a hymnal in honor or memory of someone close to you. The cost is \$30.00, and payment can be made at any time to the office. Checks should be made out to First United Methodist Church and returned to the office with the order form at the bottom. A plaque will be placed inside each hymnal with your information.

If you have questions or want to see this new hymnal, please see Ruth Nelson or Michele Sandberg. Thank you for your support as we move into new and exciting times.



(Return to the church office with payment.)

I wish to order _____ hymnals at a cost of \$30.00 each.

Please check appropriate line for the plaque (s):

_____ Our Great Redeemer's Praise in Honor of

By _____

_____ Our Great Redeemer's Praise in Honor of

By _____

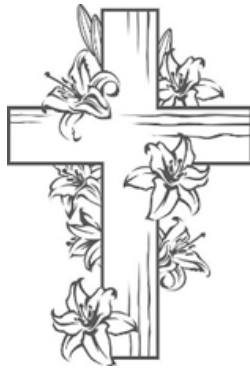
OR

_____ Our Great Redeemer's Praise in Memory of

By _____

_____ Our Great Redeemer's Praise in Memory of

By _____



**THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Market Street
Warren, Pennsylvania 16365**

ASSORTED EASTER FLOWERS

Our Sanctuary will be decorated this Easter with an assortment of flowers

The cost of each plant is **\$11.00** if ordered through the Church.

MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY ORDERS.

MEMORIALIZED OR HONORED PERSON(S): (Circle one)

FLOWERS GIVEN BY:

I wish to purchase _____ assorted flowers at a total cost of \$_____

I wish to give \$_____ to the Flower Fund.

I will pick up a flower at the end of the Service Yes / No (Circle one)

LAST DAY TO ORDER FLOWERS:

April 3, 2023

NO ORDERS ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.