

Third Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2017 11:00 am

"God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Prelude "A Crown For Me" (Southbridge) Sandy Griese

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord!

P: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

L: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

P: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

L: Come, let us worship and celebrate God's loving presence with us.

P: We sing to God with our hearts and our spirits Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH 127

Lighting of the Candles

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

"Loving God, we come this morning in hope—hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of Your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship—the possibilities of encountering You in unexpected ways. Amen."

Anthem "The Old Rugged Cross" (arr. D.R. Edwards) Handbell Choir

Children's Message

Hymn Response "Amazing Grace" (vs. 1 & 3) UMH 378

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

"Gracious God, we confess that we have often turned from You and wandered in our own wilderness. When things are not perfect in our eyes, we complain, grumble and doubt. We lose hope in the people around us and, even worse, we lose hope in You. Forgive our doubts and complaining. Heal us. Wash us again in the living water and restore us. Amen."

Hebrew Scripture Exodus 17:1- 7 Renee Knopp

Gospel Lesson John 4:5-42

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

*Please rise either in posture or in spirit.

Hymn of Faith

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

UMH 510

Message

"Jesus, the Solid Rock" Rev. Wayne Chung
People were thirsty in the wilderness and grumbled. "Strike the rock, and water will come out." Why water from a rock than from a river? Why strike the rock? Anyone who drinks water I give will never thirst."

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory "Love So Amazing" (arr. M. Helman)

Handbell Choir

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

*Closing Hymn "My Hope Is Built"

UMH 368

Sending Forth God's Light and Love

*Hymn Response "Amen"

UMH 898

Postlude "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" (arr. Mansfield)

Sandy Griese

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

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The flowers on the altar today are given by Bonnie Revell in anticipation of spring!

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: The Elliott Family following the death of John's father, Sally Lounsbury recovering from surgery, Iva Gene Ward recovering from surgery, Deloras Ward recovering from surgery, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr., Laura Wise – sister of Donna Nestor, Diana Marshall – niece of Martha Wooldridge, Jack Dorsey, Kathy Wallace, Bill Fowler, Those who travel

Our Presence:

Worship Attendance Last Sunday	144
Average Weekly Attendance	184
Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday	58

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God.

Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

	January-December 2016			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$391,895	\$401,811	(\$9,916)	-2%
Missions Fund	\$24,829	\$23,000	\$1,829	8%
P&I Fund	\$27,782	\$24,500	\$3,282	13%
Building Fund	\$76,634	\$76,800	(\$166)	0%
Kitchen Fund	\$60,348	\$6,504	\$53,844	-
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal 29	Other 10	YTD Cereal 322	

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$112,911 as of December 31, 2016

Mortgage Loan Balance = \$511,947 as of December 31, 2016

Service:

Ministers

Secretary

Music Team

Custodian

Counters

Ushers

Junior Usher

Acolytes

Altar Guild for March

Friendship Hour

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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 19, 2017

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Our Mission**

: "Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends.
 Love All; Serve All; Follow One!"

Our Motto

: "Each One, Reach One!"