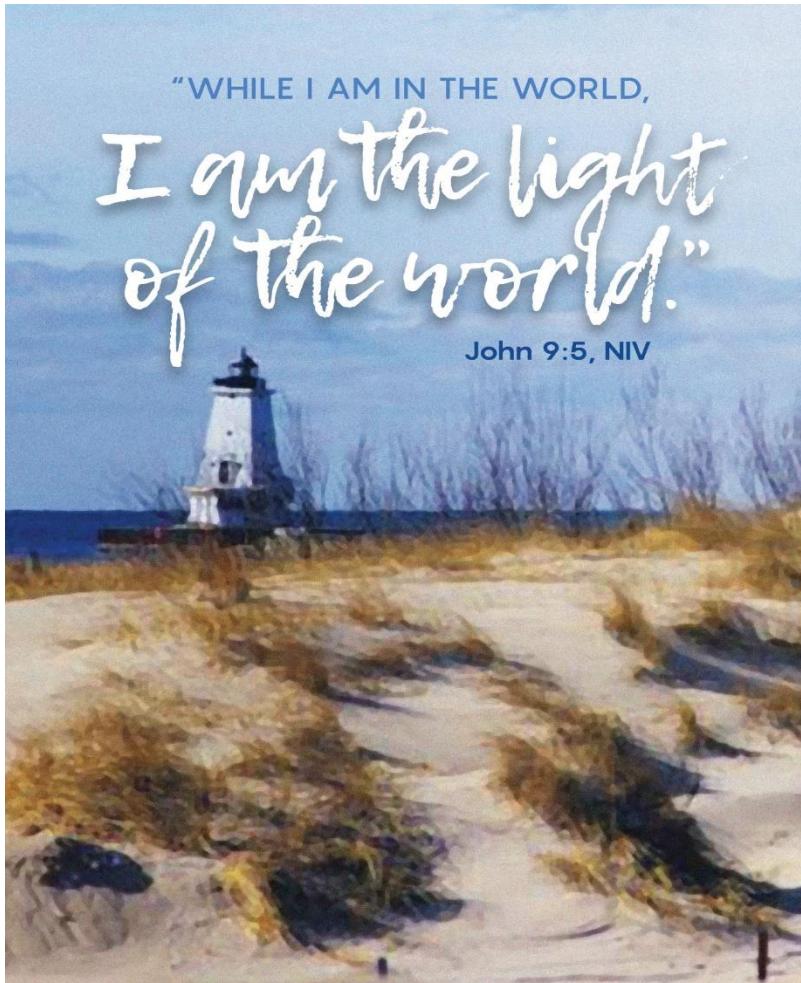


FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 24
11:00 am Worship Service



"WHILE I AM IN THE WORLD,
*I am the light
of the world.*"
John 9:5, NIV

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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 11:00 am Service for March 24, 2019

GATHERING

Friendship United Methodist Church welcomes you and rejoices that you have chosen to worship with us. Friendship Church is a congregation of caring and committed Christians. Everyone is encouraged to complete the information asked of you in the "RED" Registration Pads found in each Pew. If you would like a visit from the pastor or seek more information about Friendship Church please mark the appropriate space on the pad. We invite you to stand, if you are able, at the points of worship marked with an asterisk. We invite you to read aloud with others at those places in **bold print**. Friendship Church hopes that this worship experience will help strengthen your faith and helps you to grow in your love of God. If you are a visitor and would like a "visitor bag" please see an usher following the service.

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of Sue Neiman on her 104th birthday today by her daughter Bonnie Revell

WELCOME

PRELUDE "My Redeemer" (Ritter)

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: We are gathered for worship.

P: **In a world of half-truths, we need a time of truth-telling.**

L: In a world of many gods, we need an encounter with the one true God.

P: **In a world that demands so much – and yet so little of us – we need to be confronted with a Gospel that will ask of us our very lives.**

L: Let us worship God!

* HYMN OF PRAISE: UMH 67 “We, Thy People, Praise Thee”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, we have tasted your goodness through Jesus Christ. In His name we come asking forgiveness. We confess that we are greedy, while others go hungry. The daily bread you give is not enough; we must indulge our appetites. Our egos need feeding as well: we crave recognition and ignore our neighbors. Show us once more that Jesus Christ is our cup and our portion; may we find in Him our heart’s delight. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MOMENT FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US:

- Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

SPECIAL MUSIC - Rick Bailey (see insert)

“Before The Throne Of God Above”

(Charlie Lees Bancroft and Vicki Cook)

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Offertory “Consider the Lilies” (Southbridge)

*Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*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*

*Prayer of Dedication & 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

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 127

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: John 9:1-5 (New Test. Page 96)

Luke 13:1-5 (New Test. Page 71)

MESSAGE: “God of Pain or God of Compassion”

– Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

PRAYER

*HYMN OF INVITATION: UMH 295

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Through the Gates” (Williams)
