



Bring your Hopes. Bring your Doubts. Feed your Soul.

February 18, 2024, 9:30 am

Welcome to Judson Memorial Baptist Church. Today is the First Sunday in Lent; FYI, because this year is a leap year + Lent's early start date...there is an extra day of Lent! 41 days of Lent! Remain calm; we'll get through this together.

This morning, we welcome **Rev. Dr. Brian Henderson as our guest preacher**. Rev. Henderson is an ordained American Baptist minister who has served three congregations over 25 years. Brian worked with AWAB's Board and Staff since 2019 before beginning as full-time Executive Director in 2024. Outside his ministry responsibilities, Brian loves traveling and spending time with his three young adult (nearly) children.

The lesson reader is Rev. Dr. Cody Sanders, Associate Professor of Congregational & Community Care Leadership at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Dr. Sanders preached at Judson after moving here this summer. He also previously served on the AWAB board.

"Love Comes Home" was commissioned for Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus through a generous donation from Rich Olson in memory of his husband, Rob Rodgers, who thought everyone should have a home. Composer Kim André Arnesen, Text by Euan Tate, Performed by Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus Dr. Gerald Gurss, conductor Barbara Brooks, collaborative pianist and recorded January 27th, 2022, at Reformation Lutheran Church in St. Paul with additional scenes captured on February 8, 2022, at Clare Housing- Midtown.

The Oscar-themed Sermon Series starts on March 3 and ends on March 24th. Each sermon will look at a major theme prevalent in the movie for that Sunday. March 3rd, "The Holdovers", March 10th, "Killers of the Flower Moon", March 17th, "Barbie + Oppenheimer", March 24th, "American Fiction."

Baptism Class. Our first baptisms since COVID-19 will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. The four-week baptism class will start the week of April 15th. Please see the pastor if you are interested. This class is open to everyone.

New Members/Inquiries Class. If you are interested in joining Judson Church or learning more about Judson, please see the pastor or contact him at gtnorvell@judsonchurch.org for more information. Classes will take place on March 11 and 18 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

All cash collected from the offering plate will go to AWAB (Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists)

EASTER FLOWERS – You have the chance to make our Easter morning come alive with color. You can purchase tulips, mums, hydrangeas, or pansy bowls in memory of or in honor of someone you love and watch our Sanctuary bloom-Forms on the table in the back of the sanctuary and in this bulletin. **The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 3.**

LENTEN PRAYER SERIES

What is Prayer? Is prayer a conversation between us and God or a way of connecting with our own wisdom? Is there a difference between prayer and meditation? What does it mean to live each moment of our lives in continual prayer? In this online series, Carolyn Kolovitz will facilitate an exploration of these questions and a variety of prayer practices. During the first session, we'll hear the questions, ideas, and experiences of one another and then practice centering prayer. All sessions will be from 10:15 - 11:00 am via Zoom. Carolyn Kolovitz, Spiritual Formation Director.

Mar. 2 – What is Prayer? Centering Prayer
Mar. 9 – The Welcome Prayer

Mar. 16 – Visio Divina and Lectio Divina
Mar. 23 – Examen

To register, email ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org

Donations from Loose Offerings

So far this fiscal year, [6-1-23 to 2-4-24] We have given away \$5,306 to various causes from our loose (cash) offerings each week. On the first and third Sundays, we give to Starfish and Joyce Food Shelves.	Starfish Joyce Food Shelves Shaw University Choir Meals on Wheels Planet Care Road Show Shapan Orphanage Total	\$2,532 \$ 528 \$ 325 \$ 575 \$ 309 <u>\$1,802</u> \$5,306
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We thank you for your generosity to these causes.

THE FORWARD MARCH--Judson's Amazing Silent Auction March 10 to March 17

ONLINE AUCTION IS ONLY 3+ WEEKS AWAY.

Your auction committee is working hard to pull off the best auction ever, and with your help, we can all make it a BIG success!! You should have received an email with two ways for you to enter your auction items or Great Gatherings information on the Betterworld online auction website. Also, **there are sign-up sheets at the back of the Sanctuary** for you to complete with potential items to donate and Great Gatherings offerings for the FORWARD MARCH auction on March 10-17.

If you would like to post your item or Great Gathering right away, click on the link below, which will take you to the Betterworld auction site, where you can enter your donation information right onto their website. (Note: When you click on the link below, you will need to type in the name of your donation in the blank space under "What Items Would You Be Willing To Donate." Then you can click on "Add to Offers," which will next have you create a login) Here's the link:

<https://judsonchurch.betterworld.org/donate-an-item>

In advance, here's a HUGE hug of gratitude,

On behalf of the March Forward Auction Team,

If you have questions contact Scott Simpson at startime7@gmail.com / 612-834-4547 or Brad Joern at bradleyjoern@comcast.net / 612-581-7057



TRUST- Lunch and Learn it Thursday, March 7, 2024 / 11:30 am to 2 pm.

It is hosted at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis. Registration required: Call TRUST Inc. at 612-827-6159 or email trust@trustinc.org. The schedule: 11:30 Gathering Focus; 12 Free Lunch; 12:30-2 pm Learn It Options.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Events coming up in February and March –

March 10 Minneapolis Trombone Choir Concert 3 pm - Celebrate the 49th year of this annual concert at Judson. The music spans from classical to jazz, as well as pieces written for the choir by members of the choir itself. Jim ten Bensel is the director. The suggested donation is \$20 or pay-what-you-can. All proceeds go to the Judson Music Program.

Forward...March-Judson's Amazing Silent Auction March 10 to March 17. A message from the Auction Committee

A Huge thanks to everyone who participated in our brainstorming session in December! You gave us some great ideas, and some of you actually committed items. We are so appreciative!

March 17 Requiem Concert – written by Judson's very own Douglas Weatherhead, 3 pm. The "Requiem," written by our own Doug Weatherhead, will be presented for a third time on Sunday, March 17, 2024. It premiered on Sunday, November 1, 2009, as part of our Sunday morning service and then again on Sunday, November 13. It will be performed by the Judson Church Choir with Chamber Orchestra: John David De Haan, conductor--Pay-what-you-can (suggested \$20).