

Gathering & Welcoming God's Presence

Prelude

GREETINGS

Kenny Perumalla

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Adult Bible Studies -- Sundays @ @9:30am
2. Join us for a United Women in Faith (UMW) meeting on Tuesday, March 18th at 10 am in the Fireside Room. The guest speaker is Jacquie Benoit, the City Rec. Director.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns:

Morning Prayer

Lords 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the season of Lent, a time to remember the sufferings of Jesus Christ.

People: A season to remember that to follow Christ is to take up our crosses and be servants of all.

Leader: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Peter, are afraid and turn away.

People: A season to ask ourselves what we, like Joseph of Arimathea, have to offer.

Leader: A season to watch and wait with Christ, that we may have courage in the hour of testing.

People: A season to stand at the foot of the cross and offer our lives once more to God.

Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"

UMH#191

LUMC's Vision Statement:

"Show God's love by accepting, supporting, and serving all people."

Story Time

SCRIPTURE: Mark 15:42-47

*HYMN:

"Were You There"

UMH #288

Message:

"Joseph of Arimathea"

Pastor Linda

Ford

The Joyful Art of Giving

Song Dedication #95

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

It is a blessing to be able to give, O God, and we thank you for our ability. Help us in all our dealings, with other persons as well as with you, to become more and more loving, kind, and open of heart, in order that we may be more like you and honor you by our behavior. We pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us the power of love in this world. Amen.

Hymn:

"Lord of the Dance"

UMH #261

*BENEDICTION:

*POSTLUDE

Scripture Reading: Mark 15:42-47

And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.

And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead.

And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph.

And he bought a lined shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the lined shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

Reader: This is the Word of God **Congregation: Thanks be to God**

Upcoming Sundays

March - June 2025

MARCH Pastor Linda Ford
9th - 23rd

MARCH Pastor Lisa Brown
30th

APRIL Pastor Gregory Floyd
6th - 20th

APRIL Pastor Lisa Brown
27th

MAY Pastor Linda Ford

JUNE Pastor Linda Ford

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March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday in Lent

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Office Hours: M – F 8am-10am