

Announcements

1. LENTEN POTLUCK DOLLAR DINNERS- Our fourth Lenten Potluck Dollar Dinner is this **Wednesday** at 6pm. The main dish and beverages will be provided. We ask everyone to bring a side dish or a dessert to share, a \$1 offering per person, and if possible, your own table service. A sign-up sheet is on the narthex bulletin board. This week's theme- pot roast! **All are welcome, so feel free to reach out to neighbors, friends, & family.**

2. DORCAS CIRCLE EASTER CANDY DRIVE- The Dorcas Circle is making Easter baskets for the children of Wayside Cross Ministries. We will need enough candy for 50 children aged 5-12, and 25 children aged 13-17. Please, only wrapped candy without nuts/peanut butter. Donations should be dropped off at church by Sunday, **April 6th**.

3. GREAT AGERS- Celebrate Spring with Great Agers on **April 11th**. We will be making pork roast so bring your favorite side dishes and your own table service. Enjoy fellowship and good food. Plan to arrive between 11:30 a.m. and noon. Lunch will be served at noon. Sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend. Hope to see everyone.

4. MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET- Hear Ye! Hear Ye! All fair maidens! Mark your calendars for the annual Mother & Daughter Banquet on **May 10th**. Our theme this year is "Herstory: Being All You Can Be" and will feature castles, royalty and a delightful program by professional storyteller, Marie Ringenberg. She will be focusing on stories where a woman saves the day. Marie has been spinning yarns for more than 30 years and is a member of the National Storytelling Network and the Fox Valley Storytelling Guild. We will start the evening at 5 p.m. with a basket auction and refreshments, then at 5:30, cross over the drawbridge into a castle for a feast served by handsome men. Afterwards, we will trek back to the sanctuary to hear fascinating stories by Marie. Remember, *all women are daughters*, so join us for a fanciful evening and invite your favorite fair ladies to join in the fun. Tickets will go on sale before church beginning April 27 (\$15 for adults, \$8 for children 5-12 and children under five are free.)

5. CHURCH DIRECTORY- If you haven't completed your directory information form, please take one from the narthex and return it to the church office as soon as possible. Thank you!

6. UMCOR SUNDAY- Today is UMCOR Sunday, when we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), an organization that acts on our behalf when there is a crisis. The Northern Illinois Conference received a \$10,000 grant from UMCOR for roof repair at First UMC in Elgin. Let's show our gratitude and pay it forward by giving generously. Special offering envelopes are included in your bulletin or scan the QR code below.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Small Group: Loyal Leaders class (10:15am)
Children's Church (9:20 am)

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This Week at Bethany

SUN	MAR 30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Online	9:00 am
		Loyal Leaders		10:15 am
TUE	APR 1	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	6:30 pm
WED	APR 2	Lenten Potluck Dollar Dinner	F.H.	6:00 pm
		Lenten Bible Study	Narthex	7:00 pm

MARCH 30, 2025



WALK WITH ME: FOOLISHNESS



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4th Sunday of Lent

* Indicates that worshippers are to stand if able.
Congregational responses are in bold print.

Worship Leader: Sherry Allen

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude	“Invention No.6, BWV 777” (J.S. Bach)	John Kwon
Greetings		Rev. Sang Hun Han
Announcements		Sherry Allen
*Opening Hymn	“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”	UMH #128
	1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.	
	**Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me; his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.	
	2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, by waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. **	
	3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine; content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. **	
	4. And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. **	

*Call to Worship

“Come walk with me!” the Savior calls.

Right: And one by one through arid desert and verdant gardens, over the highest hills and across the deepest valleys, we come.

Left: Out of the darkness and into the light, we come.

“Come walk with me,” the Savior bids.

Right: And one by one we come. White hair and black hair, red, brown, blue and green. Builders and bloomers, Generation X, Y, and Z,

Left: Fishers and farmers, bakers and bankers, builders and baby-sitters, students and seekers, prisoners and pastors, educators, first responders, retirees, from all walks of life, we come.

“Come walk with me,” the Savior invites.

All: To laugh, to cry, to dance, to mourn, to eat, to drink, to sing, to party, to live, we come. Amen.

Passing Peace of Christ **“O How He Loves...”** TFWS #2108
*O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me!
He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you;
O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!*

Children's Message

Service of Baptism: Lincoln Michael Whitt

Children's Church

Joni Javier & Heesung Kwon

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

(Screen)

Contemplation Hymn

“Lamb of God”

TFWS #2113

1. Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side, to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

****Refrain:**

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

2. Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died, the humble king, they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. **

3. I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side, to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. **

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

*Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Sherry Allen

Christ Crucified Is God's Power and Wisdom

¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.” ²⁰Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²²Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

This is the Word of Life for all the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Offering Our Gifts to God's Service

Offertory Anthem

“Aria”

Chancel Choir

(Cynthia Dobrinski)

*Doxology **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** #UMH 95

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.

Debbie Fisher

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, help us remember that all belongs to you. Take these offerings and use them for your glory. Take our lives, and use us, always and everywhere, for your glory. In Christ's name. Amen.

*You may give your offering at www.bfvumc.org/online-giving
or mail it to:*

**Bethany of Fox Valley UMC
2200 Ridge Ave. Aurora, IL. 60504**

Message: **“Walk with Me: Foolishness”** Rev. Sang Hun Han

Closing Hymn: **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”** UMH #140

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

**** (Refrain) Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear Presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with 10,000 beside! **

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

Rev. Sang Hun Han

*Postlude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

John Kwon

(M. Bridges, G.J. Elvery)

SAINTS IN ACTION

Worship Leader:	Sherry Allen			
Ushers:	Charles Bibbs & David Han			
PowerPoint Preparer:	Gwen Daniels			
Children's Message:	Debbie Fisher			
Children's Church:	Joni Javier & Heesung Kwon			
Greeters:	Lynn Coughlin & Louise Hari			
In-Person Slide Operator:	Jacquee Lawrence			
Online Worship Service:	Dorothea Rynearson			

	3/2	3/9	3/16	3/23
IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE	46	51	66	48
ON-LINE ATTENDANCE	-	4	6	2
WEEKLY OFFERING	\$5,826	\$2,752	\$3,430	\$3,634