

## Announcements

**1. EASTER FLOWERS-** It's time to place your order for flowers to help beautify our sanctuary this Easter. The plants may be picked after Easter Sunday worship service for you and your family to enjoy. Order forms are in the narthex and must be returned by Sunday, **March 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**2. DOLLAR DINNERS -The first of** our weekly Lenten potluck dollar dinners starts this Wednesday, **February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**. This week's theme is Italian. Each week, a main dish and beverages will be provided. We ask everyone to bring a side dish or a dessert to share, an offering of one dollar per person, and your own table service. **All are welcome- the more the merrier!!!** Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how much food to prepare.

**3. DORCAS CIRCLE-** The Dorcas Circle are beginning their annual preparations to support The **Wayside Cross Ministries** with donations of **Easter baskets**. The Wayside Cross is dedicated to empowering at risk inner-city youth in Aurora. They will prepare 50 bags for young children and 25 for the older kids of Wayside, and 10 bags for the kids of Bethany. \$10 McDonald gift cards for the older kids will be used in lieu of coloring books and stuffies. To support these efforts, donations of individually wrapped and nut-free candy and/or \$10 McDonald's gift cards are appreciated and should be dropped off by March 8th.

**4. GEORGETOWN ELEMENTARY-**Thank you all for your recent donations of hats and mittens/gloves. Winter's not over yet and little ones continue to lose these throughout the year! As part of their Golden Feather award program, Children are awarded tickets for displaying "SOAR" attributes: **Show Integrity, Own your Learning, Accept Responsibility, Respect self and others** They redeem their tickets at the end of week for a prize We are collecting small prizes such as colored pens, slime squishies, etc. through **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. See the display in the breezeway. Thank you for your generosity! From the Bethany Missions Team.

**5. GREAT AGERS-** Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at noon on March 13 with the Great Agers. We will be serving corned beef so bring your favorite side to share. Then after lunch, we will be entertained by two lively, accomplished Irish musicians thanks to a generous grant from the Midwest Methodist Foundation. Evelyn Thom will be on the fiddle and Liam Kantor will be strumming his guitar for a lively program guaranteed to get your toes tapping and your hands clapping. Sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend.

**6. COMBINED AD COUNCIL AND CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING-** There will be a quarterly joint meeting on **March 10 at 7:00 pm**. We are asking all committees to submit all dates for events through the end of 2026. With multiple congregations using the church, it is important to get dates on the calendar to avoid conflicts. If your group is not sure of a date, please include a tentative date if possible. Submit dates to the office before the meeting if you are unable to attend. Thank you.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Music Director** John Kwon / yoahn4piano@gmail.com  
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## YOUTH MINISTRY

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## COMMUNICATIONS

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## MINISTERS: ALL MEMBERS

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## SAINTS IN ACTION

Worship Leader: **Pat Buchenot**  
Ushers: **Charles Bibbs & Jon Jeambey**  
PowerPoint Preparer: **Jacquee Lawrence & Christine Pommier**  
Greeters: **Jan Allman & Fatmata Jalloh**  
In-Person Slide Operator: **Ken & Jacquee Lawrence**  
Online Worship Service: **Dorothea Rynearson**

	1/25	2/1	2/8	2/15
<b>IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE</b>	41	48	43	47
<b>ON-LINE ATTENDANCE</b>	5	4	5	4
<b>WEEKLY OFFERING</b>	\$1,863	\$3,854	\$4,055	\$1,135
<b>2025 APPORTIONMENT ALLOCATION: \$27,396</b>		<b>PAID THROUGH DEC: \$12,095</b>		

**7. BLACK HISTORY MONTH-** Over the past three Sundays, we have looked at the lives of Marie Wilkinson, Thomas a. Dorsey, and Jean Baptiste Point Du Sable. This week, we wrap up our celebration of black history month honoring the life of Bessie Coleman, an early American civil aviator and the first African American woman and first native American to hold a pilot license.

### **Why do we not use any shiny items on the altar during Lent?**

*In United Methodist churches, shiny, decorative, or celebratory items are removed from the altar during Lent to foster a somber, reflective atmosphere focused on repentance, prayer, and Christ's sacrifice.*

February 22, 2026



# Temptation



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## First Sunday in Lent

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

Worship Leader: Pat Buchenot

### ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude “**Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**” John Kwon  
Greetings Rev. Sang Hun Han  
Announcements Pat Buchenot  
Black History Month Moment Pat Buchenot

\*Opening Hymn UMH #156

#### “I Love to Tell the Story”

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

\*\***Refrain:** I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams. I love to tell the story, it did so much for me; and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. \*\*

3. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. \*\*

#### \*Call to Worship

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**And there he faced temptation, hunger, and trial.**

In the desert, he did not cling to power or comfort.

**But trusted the Word and will of God.**

When tested, he chose faithfulness over fear

**Obedience over control, worship over self.**

Come, let us gather with hearts open to God's leading,

**To listen, to trust, and to follow wherever the Spirit leads.**

Come, let us worship the Lord.

\*Passing Peace of Christ TFWS #2108

#### “O How He Loves You and Me”

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 Jacquee Lawrence

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Screen)

Contemplation Hymn TFWS #2112

#### “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley; he had to walk it by himself.  
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; he had to walk it by himself.

2. We must walk this lonesome valley; we have to walk it by ourselves.  
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves.

3. You must go and stand your trial; you have to stand it by yourself.  
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you; you have to stand it by yourself.

### PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

\*Scripture Reading Luke 4:1-13 (NIV) Pat Buchenot

#### Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” <sup>9</sup> The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup> For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; <sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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 “**Are you Able?**” John Kwon  
(H Mason)

\*Doxology UMH #95

#### “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

**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](http://www.bfvumc.org/online-giving), scan the QR code to the right, or mail it to:



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

Message: “**Temptation**” Rev. Sang Hun Han

### SENDING FORTH

\*Closing Hymn “**Lift Every Voice and Sing**” UMH #519

1. Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty; let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

\*Benediction Rev. Sang Hun Han

\*Postlude “**Were You There?**” John Kwon  
(African-American Spiritual)

We are glad that you joined us this morning in worship.  
We hope that you find strength, renewal, and a sense of peace going through the coming week.