

Announcements

1. EASTER FLOWERS- It's time to place your order for flowers to help beautify our sanctuary this Easter. Order forms are in the narthex and must be returned by Sunday, **March 15th**.

2. DOLLAR DINNERS -The second of our weekly Lenten potluck dollar dinners is this Wednesday, **March 4th at 6:00 pm**. This week's theme is Taco Night. 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 will soon be preparing Easter baskets for the kids at **Wayside Cross Ministries**. 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**. **The next Dorcas Circle meeting** will be on Wed., **March 18th** at 1:00 pm. Join us for some light refreshments, grace, and fellowship!

4. GEORGETOWN ELEMENTARY- The Missions team is collecting small prizes such as colored pens, slime squishies, etc. to support Georgetown's Golden Feather award program, where children are awarded tickets for displaying attributes of integrity, learning, responsibility, and respect. See the display in the breezeway and place donations in the bin through **March 22nd**. Thank you!!!

5. GREAT AGERS- Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at noon on **March 13th** 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-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 10th at 7:00 pm**. We are asking all committees to submit dates for all events through the end of 2026 to avoid conflicts on the church calendar. Include tentative dates if necessary and submit to the office before the meeting if you are unable to attend. Thank you.

7. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- Save the date! We are so excited to announce that VBS will return this summer from June 15-19 for youth ages 6 (entering K in the fall) through 12 years old. Our theme will be **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**. More details soon to follow. We will be holding a planning meeting on Tuesday, **March 10th** at 4:30 pm. Please contact Bonni Pear pearbonni@gmail.com if you would like to participate in this meeting.

8. WORLD DAY OF PRAYER-This is a global movement led by Christian women in Nigeria who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This year's theme is "I Will Give You Rest: Come" and will be held on **March 6th**. A prayer card and more information is available in the narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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Music Director John Kwon / yoahn4piano@gmail.com
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SAINTS IN ACTION

Worship Leader: **Aaron Lewis**
Ushers: **Charles Bibbs, Don Stern**
PowerPoint Preparer: **Jacquee Lawrence & Christine Pommier**
Greeters: **Sherry Allen & Christine Pommier**
Children's Message: **Bonni Pear**
Children's Church: **Joni Javier**
In-Person Slide Operator: **Ken & Jacquee Lawrence**
Online Worship Service: **Dorothea Rynearson**

	2/1	2/8	2/15	2/22
IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE	48	43	47	38
ON-LINE ATTENDANCE	4	5	4	6
WEEKLY OFFERING	\$3,854	\$4,055	\$1,135	\$7,813
2025 APPORTIONMENT ALLOCATION: \$27,396		PAID THROUGH JAN: \$12,095		

Why is Lent's liturgical color purple, the color of royalty? The purple that is used for Lent and Advent is not royal purple, but penitential purple. It is a deep bluish purple, anciently made from berries and grapes. Lent is a season that emphasizes penitence for our sinfulness. It expects self-examination and self-discipline in preparation for the benefits of the death and resurrection of Jesus that saves us from damnation because of that sinfulness. As an emblem and reminder of that, we use purple.

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Second Sunday in Lent

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

Worship Leader: Aaron Lewis

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude "Awake, Calls the Voice to Us, Pt. 1" John Kwon
(J.S. Bach)

Greetings Rev. Sang Hun Han

Announcements Aaron Lewis

*Opening Hymn UMH #295

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

*Call to Worship

The Lord is our light and our salvation,
Whom shall we fear?
Though adversaries encamp against us,
God conceals and protects us from harm.
Though enemies seek to bring us low,
God lifts us up to stand on higher ground.
Sing to the Lord with songs of joy.
Make melody to the Lord, our God.
The Lord is our light and our salvation.
Whom shall we fear?

*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 Bonni Pear
Children's Church Joni Javier
Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Screen)

Contemplation Hymn TFWS #2218

"You Are Mine"

1. I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still, and
know I am near.

****Refrain-** Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each
by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you
and you are mine.

2. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to
see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest
in me.**

3. I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who
dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
all will know my name. **

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

*Scripture Reading Aaron Lewis

Genesis 15:17-18

¹⁷When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—

Luke 13:31-35 Jesus' Sorrow for Jerusalem

³¹At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."³²He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.'³³In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!"³⁴"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing."³⁵Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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 "I Hear Thy Welcome Voice" John Kwon
(Lewis Hartsough)

*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, scan the QR code to the right, or mail it to:

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



Message: "Believing" Rev. Sang Hun Han

HOLY COMMUNION & SENDING FORTH

Holy Communion- A Service of Word and Table Screen
Prayer after Communion:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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 wilt 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 ten thousand beside! **

*Benediction Rev. Sang Hun Han

*Postlude "Awake, Calls the Voice to Us, Pt. 2" John Kwon
(J.S. Bach)

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.