

Announcements

1. ALTAR FLOWERS- The beautiful flowers that adorn our altar were provided by Cathy Schnable in memory of her husband Mike Schnable.

2. DOLLAR DINNERS -Our last Lenten potluck dollar dinner is this Wednesday, **March 25th at 6:00 pm**. The main dish and beverages will be provided. This week we will enjoy pot roast. Bring a side dish or a dessert to share, an offering of one dollar per person, and your own table service. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how much food to prepare.

3. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- VBS returns this summer on June 15-19, from 9am to 12:30pm, for youth ages 6 through 12 years old. Our theme will be **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**. There will be great opportunities to volunteer and join in the fun. More details soon to follow. Please contact Bonni Pear pearbonni@gmail.com with any questions.

4. FELLOWSHIP TREATS & COFFEE- More volunteers are needed to bring in treats and prepare coffee for everyone to enjoy after worship service. Pair up with a friend to make it even easier. Don't worry if you have not done it before- there's always someone to lend a hand! Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

5. HOLY WEEK SERVICES- Please join us for our Holy Week services as we journey towards the joy of Easter. Flyers are available in the narthex if you would like to share with friends, family, and neighbors. All are welcome!

Palm Sunday- March 29, 9am

Maudy Thursday- April 2, 7pm (in person only)

Good Friday- April 3, 7pm (combined service with Hope UCC, in person only)

Easter Sunday- April 5, 9am. Children will have an Easter Egg Hunt.

6. EASTER OFFERING- It is a tradition at Bethany to collect a special offering for Easter. These special offerings go to our greatest need at the time. We currently have a small spending deficit. We will use this year's Easter offering to cover any deficit that may remain at the end of March and use the remainder for our apportionment obligation to the Northern Illinois conference of the United Methodist church. Your support is greatly appreciated.

7. WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH- March is Women's History month, an annual observance to highlight the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. This year's theme is **Leading the Change...**

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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SAINTS IN ACTION

Worship Leader:

Aaron Lewis

Ushers:

Charles Bibbs & Heesung Kwon

PowerPoint Preparer:

Jacquee Lawrence & Christine Pommier

Greeters:

Jan Allman & Bonni Pear

Children's Message:

Jacquee Lawrence

In-Person Slide Operator:

Ken & Jacquee Lawrence

Online Worship Service:

Dorothea Ryneerson

	2/22	3/1	3/8	3/15
IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE	38	46	42	49
ON-LINE ATTENDANCE	6	7	4	3
WEEKLY OFFERING	\$7,813	\$7,463	\$4,762	TBD
2026 APPORTIONMENT ALLOCATION: \$26,305		PAID THROUGH FEB: \$0		

Next week is Palm Sunday- The Sunday immediately preceding Easter Sunday, Palm Sunday commemorates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and begins the series of observances focusing on the events of Holy Week. This Sunday is also often referred to as Passion Sunday, marking the beginning of the passion or suffering of Jesus leading to and including the crucifixion.

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Worship Leader: Aaron Lewis

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude “**The Trusting Heart to Jesus Clings**” John Kwon
Greetings Rev. Sang Hun Han
Announcements Aaron Lewis
*Opening Hymn “**My Jesus, I Love Thee**” UMH #172

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3. In mansions of glory and endless delight; I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now..

*Call to Worship

People of God, come and worship the Lord.

We come to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

The world tells us to trust in our achievements and accomplishments.

But we count all things as loss compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ.

We have not yet reached the goal, but we press on in faith.

We forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead.

Christ Jesus has made us his own.

Therefore, we press on toward the goal for the prize of God's heavenly call.

Come, let us worship the God who calls us forward in faith.

With grateful hearts, we 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 “**More Like You**” TFWS #2167

More like you Jesus, more like you. Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you. More like you Jesus, more like you. Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like you.

Lord, you are my mercy, Lord, you are my grace. All my deepest Sins have forever been erased. Draw me in your presence. Lead Me in your ways. I long to bring you glory in righteousness and praise.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

*Scripture Reading **Philippians 3:4-14 (NIV)** Aaron Lewis

⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in^[a] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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 “**The Old Rugged Cross**” John Kwon

*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: “**A New Creation**” Rev. Sang Hun Han

SENDING FORTH

*Closing 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. ******

*Benediction

Rev. Sang Hun Han

*Postlude

“The Road Home”

John Kwon

(from Southern Harmony 1835)

*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.*