

Announcements

1. GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY- Today marks the beginning of Girl Scout Week, celebrating the 114th anniversary of the organization's founding. Troops typically honor their faith by attending services and conducting community service projects. Please stand if you are or have been involved with the Girl Scouts, Guides, or Brownies.

2. 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. Sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend.

3. DOLLAR DINNERS -The third of our weekly Lenten potluck dollar dinners is this Wednesday, **March 11th at 6:00 pm**. The main dish and beverages will be provided. This week we will enjoy pork 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.

4. DORCAS CIRCLE- The Dorcas Circle will 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 15th**.

The next Dorcas Circle meeting will be on Wed., **March 18th** at 1:00 pm. Join us for some light refreshments, grace, and fellowship!

5. GEORGETOWN ELEMENTARY- The Missions team is collecting small prizes 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.

6. EASTER FLOWERS- Don't forget to submit your order for Easter flowers by Sunday, **March 15th**. Forms are available in the narthex.

7. COMBINED AD COUNCIL AND CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING- There will be a quarterly joint meeting on **Tuesday, 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.

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

9. HOLY WEEK SERVICES- Join us for our Holy Week services as we journey towards the joy of Easter. All are welcome! **Palm Sunday-** March 29, 9am, **Maundy 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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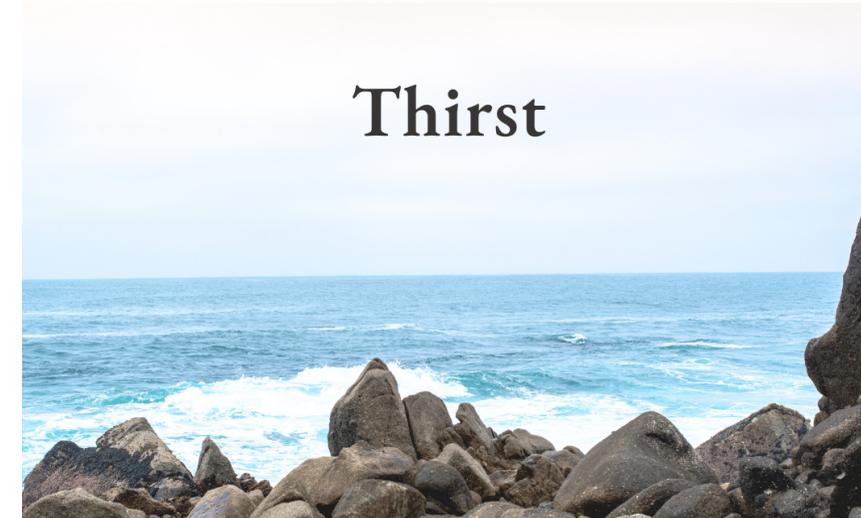
SAINTS IN ACTION

Worship Leader: **Barbara Bibbs**
Ushers: **Charles Bibbs & Christine Pommier**
PowerPoint Preparer: **Jacquee Lawrence & Christine Pommier**
Greeters: **Sherry Allen & Lynn Coughlin**
Children's Message: **Melanie Bomersback**
Children's Church: **Melanie Bomersback**
In-Person Slide Operator: **Ken & Jacquee Lawrence**
Online Worship Service: **Dorothea Ryneanson**

	2/8	2/15	2/22	3/1
IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE	43	47	38	46
ON-LINE ATTENDANCE	5	4	6	7
WEEKLY OFFERING	\$4,055	\$1,135	\$7,813	TBD
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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Third Sunday in Lent

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

Worship Leader: Barbara Bibbs

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

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

Greetings Rev. Sang Hun Han

Announcements Barbara Bibbs

*Opening Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH #127

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth
flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and
shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; I will ever
give to thee.

*Call to Worship

Come to the waters of grace.

Here, our thirst is satisfied.

Come to the rivers of love.

Here, our parched mouths sing with praise.

Come to the tree bearing the fruit of life.

Here, our hungry souls are fed.

Come to the One who loves us.

Here, our hearts find joy, our spirits reside in deepest love.

Come to the waters of grace.

Here, our thirst is satisfied.

*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 Melanie Bomersback

Children's Church Melanie Bomersback

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Screen)

Contemplation Hymn TFWS #2158

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

***Refrain:** Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none
but thee. *

3. When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me
gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

*Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:1-9 Barbara Bibbs

Invitation to the Thirsty

55 "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who
have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost. ²Why spend money on what is not
bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me,
and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. ³Give
ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an
everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.
⁴See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and
commander of the peoples. ⁵Surely you will summon nations you
know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has
endowed you with splendor." ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near. ⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways and
the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will
have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. ⁸"For
my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the LORD. ⁹"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so
are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your
thoughts.

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 "Ashokan Farewell" Sherry Allen &
(Jay Unger) 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: "Thirst" Rev. Sang Hun Han

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn "I'll Fly Away" TFWS #2282

1. Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll (fly away) fly away
(fly away;) to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll (fly away)
fly away...

****Refrain:** I'll (fly away) fly away, O glory, I'll (fly away) fly away
(in the morning.) When I die hallelujah, by and by, I'll (fly away) fly
away (fly away.) **

2. When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll (fly away) fly away
(fly away;) like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll (fly away) fly
away (fly away.) **

3. Just a few more weary days and then, I'll (fly away) fly away
(fly away;) to a land where joys shall never end, I'll (fly away) fly away
(fly away) **

*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.