



Our Mission: To serve and unite those we touch with the Grace of God.

Our Vision: Transforming lives to become the heart, hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

10:00 a.m. Service *Please stand as able

March 8, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude "Our Father Who Art in Heaven Above" - Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Introit/Choral Call to Worship "Lord, Be With Us in These Forty Days" - Butler

***Call to Worship**

One: God of new birth and Spirit wind ; we seek you and wonder how this could ever be!

All: The Spirit moves in song and prayer, pages of scripture come alive and worship happens here!

One: God of new birth, and Spirit wind; we seek you and wonder how this possibly could be!

All: The spirit of God blows where it will. God's love in Jesus Christ has drawn us here!

***Hymn #384** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" verses 1, 2 and 3

Prayer for Guidance *Unison*

God of this moment, you are here in ways we cannot imagine, moving in ways that are mysterious to us. May we trust your renewing spirit and let your love be our deepest belief, in the night-light of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Message

The children are invited to join Pastor Rory at the chancel steps. Afterwards, Pre-K to 5th graders are welcome to go to Sunday school or return to sit with their families.

Anthem "God so Loved the World" - Stainer, arr. Harlan

Scripture John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can

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one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

***Hymn #120** "Your Love, O God" sung to tune #437 verses 1, 2 and 4

Message

The Bag

Pastor Rory Swenson

***Prayers of the People**

Following each Joy

Following each Concern

Pastor: God is good

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy

Congregation: All the time

Congregation: Hear our prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *Unison*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

"Bagatelle"

- Anderson

Mark Anderson, piano

***Doxology - Hymn #94**

Offertory Prayer *Unison*

In the holy name of God who gave us Jesus Christ, we give these gifts as signs of love. May your spirit lift them up, beyond us, and blow them to wherever they are needed in this world that you love. Amen.

Hymn #367

“He Touched Me”

Benediction

Song of Peace

Go in peace, my friend, till we meet again.
May God’s blessing be on you, may you be a blessing too.
May God’s Spirit burning bright, be your ever-guiding light.
God go with you, making all things new.

Postlude

“Jesu, Priceless Treasure”

- Bach

WELCOME

- **Children are welcome in worship.** We welcome the wiggles, curiosity and expressions of children in worship. Children’s bulletins and crayon bags may be found in the wicker basket just outside the Sanctuary doors. Child care is provided in our well-equipped nursery for children up to the age of three during the service.
- **Hearing assistance devices** for use during service are located at the Welcome Center.
- For your safety, please make sure that your valuables are not in plain sight and that your car doors are locked when attending any function at Grace UMC.

WORSHIP NOTES

Serving us **TODAY**: **Greeter**: Glenda Wheelock; **Usher**: John Podratz; **Sound**: Roy Koenigsberg; **Liturgist**: Bill Macklin; **Acolyte**: Claire Conaway; **Nursery**: Jamie Moeller and _____.

Serving us Sunday, March 15th: **Greeter**: Kay Pasvogel; **Usher**: James Milne; **Sound**: Ed Sanders; **Liturgist**: Diane Martin; **Acolyte**: Meg Molitor; **Nursery**: Jamie Moeller and _____.

Grab a 2020 **CAMP MINNESOTA** booklet off the table in the narthex, register for a camp or two, and start dreaming of warm summer fun!! If you, or a camper you know, needs financial assistance to make it to camp this year, please let Pastor Rory know as soon as possible, but no later than April 15th. There is additional information on the table regarding discounts, etc. and posters on the rolling kiosk. You can also go to their website: www.campminnesota.org

**JUST TO
LET YOU
KNOW...**



Easter Sunday we will be having an 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. service. Kindly see Grace Notes for a complete list of dates for the Easter Season.



This Week
at a Glance

3/8 SUN	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School in Rm. #6
	9:30 am	Coffee and Treats in the Narthex
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	10:10 am	Nursery & Sunday School
	11:30 am	Confirmation
3/10 TUE	11:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Rory in Room #6
	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts
3/11 WED	5:30 pm	Supper in Fellowship Hall
	6:00-6:30 pm	Grace Kid's Activities with Pastor Rory
		Youth Choir with Ms. Paige and Ms. Laura
	6:30-7:00 pm	Youth Activities with Pastor Rory
		God's Kids Choir with Ms. Paige and Ms. Laura
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
3/12 THUR	7:30 pm	AA
3/13 FRI	6:15 am	Men's Fellowship/Cracker Barrel
	8:00 pm	AA
3/14 SAT	9:30 am	Al-Anon

FYI: Order forms for **Easter Plants** can be found on the table in the Narthex.

News regarding a new homeless shelter project for Simpson Housing can be found on the rolling kiosk nearest to the Sanctuary doors. This is the organization we make our sandwiches for each month. That they are able to create a new uplifting environment for their participants is note worthy and Grace UMC is pleased and happy for them.

Kindly see March's Grace Notes and the table in the narthex for information regarding volunteering for the **2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE** being held in Minneapolis May 5th through May 15th.



INCLEMENT WEATHER



If Burnsville Schools close, all children's activities are cancelled.

Are You Ready?



\$5 a Box

**Girl Scout cookies for sale in the Narthex today.
Runs through Sunday, March 29th.**

PLEASE NOTE: There is a post card with information regarding the upcoming Emma Norton Opening Doors Dinner on the rolling kiosk in the Narthex. If you are interested in attending, speak with or contact Janet Barnes (barnesjanetm@gmail.com).