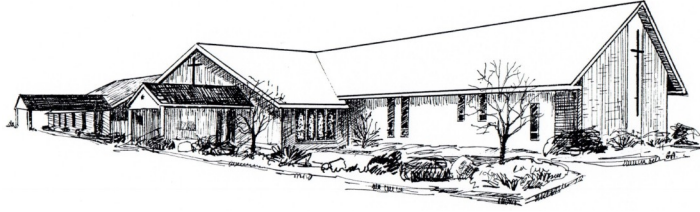


# Wesley United Methodist Church



2200 16th Avenue, Sterling, IL

*March 7th, Third Sunday in Lent*

## ENTRANCE

**PRELUDE**

"Verset"

by Stanley P. Trusselle

"At Calvary"

by D.B. Towner/arr. Roger  
C. Wilson

**INTROIT**

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus "

by Helen H. Lemmel

† **CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 27)**

O God, you are our God.

**We seek you, thirsting for you as we would for a stream in a scorching desert.**

We come to behold your power and glory.

**We come to hear of your love-- a love that means more than life itself.**

We come as guests to your rich banquet.

**You are our God. We seek you and are satisfied!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

† **OPENING HYMN**

"My Hope Is Built "

#368 vs. 1,4

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**MORNING PRAYERS**

**The Lord's Prayer: 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.**

† RESPONSE "Glory Be to the Father" #70

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

HYMN "Seek Ye First" #405 v. 1,2

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 14:53-64

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Courtyard"

**THANKSGIVING**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, we thank you for your many blessings. Remind us daily to hunger and thirst for you and for you alone. And let us see this hunger and thirst in those we encounter every day, that we may tell them the good news. Use our gifts today to spread this good news to all who long for a deeper meaning and a fuller purpose in their lives. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

† CLOSING HYMN "Because He Lives" #364 vs. 1,3

† BENEDICTION

† RECESSIONAL "Because He Lives" #364 refrain only

POSTLUDE STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS BY GEORGE J. WEBB

**\*\*Flowers on the altar are given by Bill and Sue Abate  
in Memory of Charles and Dorothy Abate \*\***