

Upcoming Events and Information

Tue./Thur.:	Exercise Group (Fireside Room)	3:30pm
Tuesdays:	Bell Choir Practice	5:15pm
Wednesdays:	Bible Studies	9:30am & 7:00pm
Saturdays:	Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room)	8:00am
Sundays:	Combined Youth Group (MS & HS)	1:00-2:30pm

Mon. Mar. 20th - Community Care Team meets at 7:30pm in library
Tues. Mar. 21st - Worship Committee meets at 7:00pm
Wed. Mar. 22nd - CGH Medical Center & Sauk Valley Chamber of Commerce are hosting a Professional Women's Network event luncheon at the Church 11am – 1:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

Hosting coffee & donuts for Sun. Mar. 26th is the Flick Family.

- **Everyday Essentials** for local pantries are being accepted in Fellowship Hall. **March collection: toilet paper.** Also needed: **travel-sized toiletries**. Thank you for helping those in need!
- **Loose coins for March: Midwest Mission Distribution Center**
- **Nursery** is provided for 10:00 am service.

Worship Leaders today

Youth Director:	Melissa Hurley
Music Ministry:	Judy Bushman (Organist) Mary Nemes (Handbell Choir Director)
Head Usher:	Jeff Cedro
Nursery Supervisor:	Carol Cravatta
A/V Specialists:	Logan Ayala and Joey Cordell

Liturgists:	8:00 AM Rory Smith	10:00 AM Amy Lopez
Greeters:	Jan Glover	Janne & Frank Rausa
Ushers:	Rita Smith	Steve Lopez



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WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 19, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church
March 19, 2023

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

The Shadow of the Cross by Mary Elizabeth Dexter
Kyrie - New World Theme by Antonin Dvorak/arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
Psalm XIX by Benedetto Marcello/arr. Edward Broughton

INTROIT

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place by Lanny Wolfe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† OPENING PRAYER:

Almighty, creating God, you have called us to this place. You breathe life into us each day. You welcome us just as we are, with all of our hopes and fears, all of our faults and talents. As we worship, may we rest in your Spirit, and may we remember that you alone renew our lives. Fill us with your unmerited grace and abounding love. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN "Hymn of Promise" UMH #707 (vs 1,2)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

† RESPONSE "Glory Be to the Father" #70

BELL CHOIR (10:00AM) "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"
African-American Spiritual /arr. Benjamin Tucker

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:00AM)

HYMN

"Open Our Eyes"

TFWS #2086

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:1-2, 5-7

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

SERMON

What Does "I Am" Speak to You?

THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

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

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As we enjoy the rich feast God has provided, we know that there are those who want for food and drink in body and soul. Multiply the offerings we share today, that they may bless those in need. May the spiritual nourishment we receive today strengthen us for continued service in your name. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† CLOSING HYMN "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" UMH #383 (vs 1,3,5)

† BENEDICTION

† RECESSIONAL "More Like You" TFWS #2167 (first half)

POSTLUDE

His Name Is Wonderful by Audrey Mieir

† Please stand if you are able in your body or spirit.
Bold print indicates in unison

The altar flowers are given in
appreciation of
The Men's Bible Study Group