

Sunday, March 12, 2023



Coldwater United Methodist Church

Third Sunday in Lent

*"[Lament Psalms are] a prayer for times when praise is unimaginable, for places where praise would be inauthentic. Yet prayer without praise is not hopeless. On the contrary, such prayer marks the difference between hope and mere optimism. In the face of difficulty, the speech of optimism is without evidence, groundless: "Things will be better from now on." **That of hope, however, has its reasons, grounded in relationship:** "The situation will likely remain difficult, but there is this relationship with God troubled though it is; so I will stay in the relationship, at least for now, in order to say what I have to say." - Ellen Davis Opening Israel's Scriptures*

PASTOR SCOTT MARSH

Office Hours: M-Thur. 9am-3pm

Michele Broughman ~ *Administrative Assistant*

Cindy Garn ~ *Music Ministry*

Tony Garn ~ *Multimedia coordinator*

Rasha Nasser ~ *Nursery Care*

SERVICES

9:00 Traditional Service

9:15 Children's Sunday school (*school year*)

10:30 Casual Service

***Special One Service Sundays are at 10 am**

WELCOME

We are glad to have you with us today.

Hearing devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month.

Ways to connect with us

The Options for viewing this Sunday's Service:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRGbDaBqke3ctmHq1ctf37w>.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/coldwaterum/>.

Coldwater UMC website

<https://www.coldwaterum.org/>

Coldwater United Methodist Church website Sermon's page:

<https://www.coldwaterum.org/copy-of-sermons>

Coldwater United Methodist Church website bulletins/newsletters page:

<https://www.coldwaterum.org/newsletters-bulletins>

Coldwater UMC updated calendar

<https://www.coldwaterum.org/calendar>

Amplify Media

<https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify>

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Monday-Thursday 9 am – 3 pm

Please note that all *bulletin information & updates* need to be submitted to the Administrative Assistant each **Wednesday by 9:00 am**. Thank you for your assistance.

9:00 am – Classic Service

- *Prelude* “Out of the Depths I Cry to You”
Music: Attr. to Martin Luther (1524)
Source: United Methodist Hymnal
- *Gathering Song* “A Community in Christ”
- *Welcome & Announcements*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ * (UMH # 607)*
- *Threshold Moment*
- *Calls to worship (from Touch of Holiness pg. 58)*
 - Leader:* Sometimes we say that we are a people of dry bones; we are a people without hope.
 - People:* God says that we shall be raised from our living graves and we shall be filled with Spirit.**
 - Leader:* Sometimes we say that we are cut off from one another, and our sources of joy are dried up.
 - People:* God says that we shall be at home with one another and we shall live with celebration.**
 - Leader:* Sometimes we come to worship aimless and fearful.
 - People:* Then God reveals wondrous works of love and we come to know God.**
- *Opening Hymn** UMH # 517 “By Gracious Powers”
(to the tune “Hope of the World”
John 4:5-42; Psalm 102
“Glory Be to the Father”
- *Scripture*
- *Scripture Reading Response UMH # 71*
- *Children’s Moment*
- *Message* Pastor Scott Marsh “I Know How You Feel”
Reader’s theater Psalm 102
- *Responsive Hymn* W&S # 3093 “Fill My Cup, Lord”
- *Offering/Tithes* Chancel Choir “Draw Me Near the Cross”
- *Doxology* UMH # 94 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *Lord’s Prayers*
- *Closing Hymn ** UMH # 534 “Be Still, My Soul”
- *Benediction **
- *Benediction Response ** W&S # 3117 “Rule of Life”
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude* “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”
Music: Joseph Parry (1879)
Source: United Methodist Hymnal

*Stand as able

10:30 am – Casual Service

- *Gathering Song* "A Community in Christ"
- *Welcome & Announcements*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ * (UMH # 607)*
- *Threshold Moment*
- *Opening Hymns ** W&S # 3093 "Fill My Cup, Lord"
TFWS # 2154 "Please Enter My Heart, Hosanna"
- *Scripture* John 4:5-42; Psalm 102
- *Scripture Reading Response* W&S # 3009 "Praise God for This Holy Ground" (Vs. 2)
- *Children's Moment*
- *Message* Pastor Scott Marsh "I Know How You Feel"
Reader's theater Psalm 102
- *Responsive Hymn* UMH # 534 "Be Still, My Soul"
- *Offering/Tithes*
- *Doxology* TFWS # 2036 "Give Thanks"
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *The Lord's Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn ** TFWS # 2218 "You Are Mine"
- *Benediction*
- *Benediction Response ** TFWS # 2280 "The Lord Bless and Keep You"
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude*

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Announcements

Bible Study— “Getting Involved with God” by Ellen F. Davis

* **Led by Diane Godfrey** on Sundays from 11:30-12:30 pm Mar. 12, 19 and 26.

* **Led by Kathy Rockey** on Mondays from 6:00-7:00 pm Mar. 13, 20, and 27.

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**Submit Requests for Memorial Funds** to Nancy Davis [davisnmd@yahoo.com](mailto:davisnmd@yahoo.com) by March 14. Request forms can be found in the Memorial Committee mailbox. Please include where you would purchase the item(s) and total cost+shipping. Nancy Davis, Chair, Memorial Committee

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Backpack Buddies—We will be collecting hairbrushes, combs, hair ties, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner, body wash or hand soap, socks boys and girls, wash clothes, deodorant, gloves, mittens, hats and scarves, dental floss. Grocery lists are available on the information table. Items will be collected through March 19th list. We still need plastic bags.

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**Attention new chair persons and new committee member representatives** for Finance and Administrative Council committees; on March 21, Finance will meet at 6 pm and Administrative Council will meet at 7 pm.

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Paul & Nora Meredith invite everyone to celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, March 26 in the Fellowship Hall between 1st & 2nd services. **Please do not bring cards or gifts.** The best gift possible is sharing cookies, coffee, and genuine quality time with church family.

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**Palm Sunday, April 2—One service at 10 am.** Easter Cantata presents Lloyd Larsen’s “Worthy is the Lamb” with a potluck to follow the service. Ham, mashed potatoes & gravy provided. Those with last names A-M bring a salad; N-Z bring a dessert.

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Women United in Faith will host a Lenten Luncheon on April 5, 2023, at 12:00 noon followed by a program by Pastor Dave Morton. All ladies are invited and there will be a signup sheet on the event board outside Friend’s Place. Hope to see you there.

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**The Easter Offering will go to Jacob’s Well** to help those in the community that are in need.

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Beginnings Care for Life Center Baby Bottle campaign will take place May 14-June 18. This is an annual fundraiser and supports a wonderful cause. Bottles are provided to collect your change, cash, & checks in for donation.

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**It’s time to order Easter flowers.** Please see the insert for more information.

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Nursery care workers needed. Please contact the office for more information. See job description posted on bulletin board.

Announcements

Join us throughout Lent as we consider the Habits of our Heart. Our 7 week worship series "Heart Habits- Growing Our Relationship with God" will focus on Hebrew Scripture that tells the tale of God's heart for us, and our heart for God. As the accompanying book study Getting involved with God states "...it is evident that the Old testament is urging us toward certain habits of heart and mind that "work: in our relationship with God." Join us as we discover these habits together. -

Pastor Scott

Heart Habits worship series topics (Invite a friend!)

"Seeing Heart to Heart" Psalm 102- March 12th

"Break my Heart for What Breaks Yours" Psalm 51- March 19th

"Heart and Soul, Discovery at the Bottom" Isaiah 49- March 26th

"Listening to the Heart" Isaiah 50- Palm Sunday April 2nd

"God's Overflowing Heart" John 20- Easter Sunday April 9th

Pastor Scott will lead a Worship Service at Drew's Place the first Tuesday of each month at 2 pm. If anyone from the congregation would like to join, please contact Pastor Scott.

Pastor Scott's office is open to walk-ins on Tuesday's from 9 am -12 pm. No appt. needed.

CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse from 6:30 to 7:10 pm; **CANTATA CHOIR** rehearses 7:15 to 8 pm.

All God's children invites all youth to the Friday night fun night every Friday from 6:30-8pm. **Youth Friday night fun night** is looking for donations of drinks and snacks, please! They be may left in the 2nd floor kitchen or near the elevator door.

All God's Children meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Faith & Food - A Bible Study for those in their 20's, 30's & 40's— The group is now meeting the second and fourth Sundays monthly from 12:00-1:15 pm. We need approved childcare workers for these days. Please contact the office to volunteer.

Tommy's House current grocery list is available on the information table outside of Friend's Place. Please take one.

Registration for 2023 Summer Church Camp has begun. Brochures are on the information table outside of Friend's Place. Coldwater UMC provides camp scholarships to pay for camp. See more details in the March newsletter. Contact Ruth Proctor or Michele if questions.

UMCOR is on the scene in Turkey helping the earthquake victims. They need contributions to carry on their work. Envelopes are in the pews for donations if you would like to donate.

Calendar

Sunday, March 12—Pastor Scott Marsh

9:00 am Classic Service
9:15 am Children's Church
10:30 am Casual Service
11:30 am Bible Study with Diane Godfrey
12:00 pm Faith & Food

Monday, March 13

12:30 pm Prayer Group
6:00 pm Bible Study with Kathy Rockey

Tuesday, March 14

9am-12pm Pastor Scott's office-walk-in hours

Wednesday, March 15—Bulletin Deadline

6:00 pm Memorial Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm Cantata Rehearsal

Thursday, March 16

7:00 am Rotary
4:00 pm M&M Diner

Friday, March 17—Offices are closed

5:30 pm Kids Safe Space

Saturday, March 18

Sunday, March 19—Pastor Scott Marsh

9:00 am Classic Service
9:15 am Children's Church
Blood Pressure Checks
10:30 am Casual Service
11:30 am Bible Study with Diane Godfrey

Calendar beyond this week

April 2 Palm Sunday/Cantata/
One service 10 am + potluck
April 6 Maundy Thursday service +
meal
April 7 Good Friday Ecumenical 12:30p
April 9 Easter Sunrise Service 7:30 am
Breakfast 8:00 am
Classic service 9 am
Casual 10:30 am

Prayer List

Annette
Jack Ferguson
David & Carol Hindenach
Bente Howe
Rich & Jan Johnson
Cathy Marbaugh
Cindy Paul
Co-worker of Kathy Rockey
Tyler S.
Beau Siler
Jeff Streets
Sue Wassenberg
Ashley Wilcox
Carolyn Yoder
*Those with illnesses
*Our leaders, our nation, our world
*The leaders within our church, committee
meetings, and groups that gather

Please submit your Prayer request's by filling out the prayer request cards located in the pews, send an email to the church office or pastor, or call the office. *Please note that due to confidentiality the church will not publish prayer requests without permission of the individual being added to the prayer list/chain

2023 Special Sundays

Mar 19 UMCOR Sunday
Apr 23 Native American Sunday
May 14 Golden Cross Sunday
Jun 4 Peace with Justice Sunday
Aug 20 Christian Education Sunday
Sep 10 Rural Life Sunday
Oct 1 World Communion Sunday
Oct 15 Disability Awareness Sunday
Nov 26 UM Student Sunday