

# Welcome to

**2024 March 3 Third Sunday in Lent**

*May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!*

Prelude – *Preparing our Souls through silence, reading and reflection*

\*Procession of the Cross - Response # 236 “Lift High the Cross” vs.1

Announcements and Prayer Concerns– *Sharing our life together.*

Congregational Prayer

Invocation and Confession – *Entering into the Presence of the Lord*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
(Matthew 28:19) **C: Amen**

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5) **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

**C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen** (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43) **C: Amen**

## Announcements and Schedule

### Studies this Week:

Wednesday -10:30am Bible Study – 1517 Thomas Jefferson Rd

7:00pm – Women’s Group – 169 Buxton Dr

7:00pm – Men's Group – 169 Buxton Dr.

Thursday – 7:00pm– Bible Study– 19 George St.

*We have prayer cards for you to mail to anyone you lifted up at the Altar during Communion. Feel free to bless others with these.*

We have Lenten Devotionals from the Society of St. Andrew if you would like to add a study during the Lenten Season.

### An Update from the missions we support in Moldova:

Dear Andrew Just before myself sinking in the salvage of correspondence I decided to send you a message. I am so grateful to Providence I can share with you not only joy, but the grief and loss as well. Albeit for decades my country and it's people are loosing it's economical, social and political connections to Russia (these were almost destroyed by the war in Ukraine), our cultural links are still strong and Moldavian diaspora in Russia still numerous. After Alexey Navalny death myself and my parents discovered each of us personally was inspired by his life, his ideas, his public speeches. In ex-Soviet families is still kind of a taboo to discuss political issues. But we were on the same line for years. It is so sad. Like the house is empty. He was a real fireproof man. As far as I know he was an active Christian and spoke overtly against the Russian Orthodox Church authorities (which supported the war in Ukraine). There is a place near Russian embassy protesters use for years and a lot of Moldovans brought flowers to this spontaneous Navalny memorial. I was there too and while leaving the place I recalled a Biblical verse: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

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Call to Worship – Psalm 19.1-10

\*Hymn # 637 “We Gather Together”

First Lesson – Exodus 20.1-17

Call to Prayer # 96 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Second Lesson – I Corinthians 1.18-31

Offertory (Please place your offering in one of the plates)

\*Doxology – #668

\*Gospel – John 2.13-25 “Praise be to thee, O Christ”

Sermon– “What Losers Win in God’s Economy”

\*The Apostles’ Creed

Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Unending Hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

The Mystery of Faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.**

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

\*Hymn - #93 “His Eye is On the Sparrow”

\*Benediction with Choral Response- “African American Amen”

\*Dismissal and Recessional

## Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Glen Harvey, Liz Griffin, Betty Mann, Katie Epley, Yvette Clark, Darby Atkins, Chris Griffin, Jean Moriety, Heather Wright, Starke Camden, Robert Wright, Cyndy Williams, Nikki Vogt, Wayne Williams, Jim and Sue Henry, Gwen Miller, Bea Gardner, Lora Drinkard, Marion Mantz, Mamie Wetzel & those persecuted around the world.

Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country.

The situation and people in Israel

The people of Ukraine and Moldova, esp. Dimitri, Stella Lorina,

The people of Turkey and Syria

The people of East Palestine, Ohio

Harper Grace, premature granddaughter of a co-worker of Jen’s

Amanda Crosswhite, Guillain Barre Syndrome

Dave Gardner, recovering from surgery

Sherry Bryant, Katie Epley, Gail Evertt, recovering from surgery

Tammie Blade, recovering from hand surgery..

Paul Balderson, recovering from surgery.

Bob Bertotski, cancer, friend of Larry Shepley

Agnes Lowry Campbell, surgery March 7

John and Ann Hall’s baby

Trevor, friend of the Griffins

Chris Tucker, friend of the Griffins, bone cancer

Frank Worley, Judy Wimmer’s brother, recovering from heart surgery.

Tiffany Reynolds and Hank Adams, cancer

Helen Kinzer, Dave and Judy’s daughter in law

Sander Stults, suffered a stroke

Ruth and Glen Harvey

Dick Kihnley, Sue Rossiter’s brother-in-law, great improvement from surgery

Jenifer Mahanes

Jay Marks, looking for a job.

Jerri Doss

Chad Reeves, young man who had a heart attack.

Shawn Butler, cancer

April Stephens’ mom, Cindi Mason, stage 3 colon cancer

Abigail Englund

David Baker, cousin of Judy Kinzer, needs a kidney.

Anise Maddox, mom of a friend of Web’s, with cancer

Mary Kessler, friend of the Dietrich’s

Margaret Kihnley, sister of Sue Rossiter

Jan Grey

Justice Ashwell, Carolyn’s grandson

Laura Cash, friend of Web’s

Debbie Reeves, cancer

Kevin Thomas Mele, on dialysis

Nancy Turner, treatment for cancer, friend of Martha’s

Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes

The Bible is full of stories of God's healing presence in peoples' lives. When Jesus traveled and preached the gospel, it was often in association with healing of the body, mind and the spirit. In Luke 4:40 we read "At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them."

Later in the New Testament, James calls us to pray for those who are sick. He writes "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

In light of the above and other Scriptures, the Well Church has decided to offer a Service of Prayer and Healing. This Service will be in addition to the Sunday morning worship. It will be a liturgy of prayer, music, exhortation, and Communion to experience the healing power of God in our congregation and beyond.

If you or anyone you know would like to participate, or if you just want to pray for others who are suffering, you will be gladly welcome. There will be ministers available for prayer and anointing if desired.

We plan to have this service monthly on a Sunday evening beginning in May.

For further information, contact the Rev. Andy Behnke or Pastor Tom. Please keep this ministry in prayer.