

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UMC OF AKRON

The liturgical color is purple, symbolizing both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. It is also the color of penitence.

- Sun. – Mar. 8

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m.

Keystone Class

10:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship

10:00 a.m.

Children’s Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

New Members Class

11:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

11:30 a.m.

Praise & Worship

11:30 a.m.

Children’s Sunday School
- Mon. – Mar. 9
- Tue. – Mar. 10

10:45 a.m.

Free Lunch

12:30 p.m.

Free Lunch Bible Study
- Wed. – Mar. 11

10:00 a.m.

Attitude of Gratitude
- Thu. – Mar. 12

1:00 p.m.

Bible Study ‘Walking In The Word’ with Pastor Pippin
- Fri. – Mar. 13
- Sat. – Mar. 14

9:00 a.m.

“Jesus Said…” Ministry

10:30 a.m.

“Jesus Said…” Bible Study

11:30 a.m.

Lisa Ball Memorial



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Mon.-Thu. 8:30a-3:30p & Fri. 8:30a-12:00p

Rev. Dr. Howard N. Pippin, Jr. Pastor
Dave Haydu Praise Worship Leader
Carolyn Curtis Director of Music and Organist
Brandy Draper Christian Education Coordinator
Kathi Bastron..... Business Administrator



First United Methodist Church of Akron

Gather Grow Go

*We Gather to praise and worship Jesus Christ
We Grow in our relationship with Jesus and others
We Go out in loving service for God*

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AKRON

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE
10:00 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

March 8, 2020 Second Sunday in Lent

GREETING

PRELUDE Adagio Johann S. Bach

INTROIT

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For God so loved the world

People: That God gave us Jesus, the only Son

Leader: So that everyone who believes

People: May not perish but have eternal life

Leader: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world

People: But in order that the world might be saved through him.

Leader: God so loved the world,

People: God loves us all, and God offers us new life in Christ.

All: Come, let us follow Christ, the only Son, the Messiah. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #159 Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

*OPENING PRAYER

Infinite Love, heart of all life, you loved this word into being with such love as to birth yourself among us, Love begotten as the Beloved. Opening ourselves to your love we live beyond our mortal selves and join your eternal Oneness. Your presence does not separate but unites; love does not push away, but embraces; you do not condemn, but save. Trusting this we know we are loved, never rejected. When our trust fails, we are doomed: withdrawing into ourselves we aren't open to love, the only source of life. Help us O Lord. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, RECOGNITION OF FIRST-TIME GUESTS, ATTENDANCE

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 121 pew Bible O.T. p. 571

TIME OF CARING AND SHARING

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRAYER HYMN #452 My Faith Looks Up to Thee OLIVET

TELLING THE STORY Nicodemus

HYMN OF RESPONSE #378 v. 1 Amazing Grace! AMAZING GRACE

CHOIR ANTHEM

*GOSPEL LESSON John 3:1-21 pew Bible N.T. pp. 93-94

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION “Jesus Stood Up For Us” Rev. Dr. Howard N. Pippin, Jr.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION #369 Blessed Assurance ASSURANCE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY There’s Room at the Cross for You Ira Stanphill

*DOXOLOGY # 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF DISMISSAL #98 To God Be the Glory TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Allegro Antonio Vivaldi
*Congregation will please stand, if able

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
11:30 A.M. IN THE SOCIAL HALL

Opening Praise and Worship Singing

Blessing the Children

Offering & Morning Prayer

Scripture Lesson and Sermon

Announcements

Closing Praise Song

THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING ARE GIVEN BY:

The Briney-Truza Perpetual Flower Fund. *These flowers are available to go to the sick and/or homebound.*

OUR PRAYERS

For healing:

Martin Wainwright
Noway White, Free Lunch volunteer
Sabrina Scruggs, Phyllis Thronton’s sister
Barb Schultz, Sandy Rickel’s mother
Laurie Snyder
Liz Spiker
Mary Jane Sampson
Lori Phelps
Dottie Wilson, friend of Linda Knight
Nola Olivo
Mark Miller, cousin of Jo Ellen Pryce
Shirley Wagner
Betty Ann Boulton
Lara Layfield, fiancée of Carl Green
Joe Estes
Chris Beckett, nephew of Jo Ellen Pryce
Rod Colbert & family, cousin of Jo Ellen Pryce
Marilyn Studt
Jaden Lane, friend of James Malone
Jim Whitworth
Elizabeth Ogrodnich, Heidi Baker’s mother
Jill Kremer, cousin of Sandy Estes

For our homebound family and friends

For the victims of human trafficking

For the safety of our troops and peace throughout the world

Intercessory
Prayer
is
Appreciated

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We welcome you to First United Methodist Church of Akron, Ohio this morning and hope you find our worship service meaningful and helpful. **Please fill out the green Connect Card in the attendance pad and turn it in to the Welcome Center.** If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to unite with us. As the attendance pad is passed to you in your pew, we ask you to print your name and address in order for us to simply send you a word of greeting.

FRIENDS, PLEASE WRITE THE DATE ON THE ATTENDANCE SHEET.

**LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS,
PEW BIBLES, AND PERSONAL HEARING ASSISTANCE**

Large-print bulletins are available for the visually impaired. Throughout the sanctuary, Bibles may be found in the pew racks along with our hymnals. If you are seated in the front two rows, the hymnals and Bibles are located under the pew seats. Should you want to use a personal hearing device, simply request one from an usher. The hearing device allows you to sit anywhere in the sanctuary and permits the user to control the volume.

WE GATHER to praise and worship Jesus Christ

WORSHIP

At 10:00 a.m. we offer a spirit-filled traditional worship service in the sanctuary
At 11:30 a.m. we celebrate our living Savior with praise & worship in the social hall

NURSERY

The nursery is available from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with parental and/or volunteer supervision at all times. The service is piped into the room.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us each Sunday in the Miller Room for coffee, punch, pastries, & fellowship at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome! Thank you to our hostess today, Gena Valloric.

WE GROW in our relationship with Jesus and others

Keystone Adult Sunday School ~ Sunday 9:00 am in the Meeting Room
Children’s Sunday School ~ Sunday 10:00 am on the 2nd floor
Pray & Play ~ Sunday after the Praise set (in the Social Hall) on the 2nd floor
Free Lunch Bible Study ~ Tuesday 12:30 pm in the Library
Attitude of Gratitude ~ Wednesday 10:00 am in the Bride’s Room
Walking In The Word ~ Thursday 1:00 pm in the Miller Room
Jesus Said Bible Study ~ Saturday 10:30 am in the Library

Fish Fry

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If you are able, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to offset the cost of the college students' tickets. Be sure to identify yourself and mark the donation for "College Tickets". God will surely bless you!!

The last Saturday of every month it is our church's commitment to bring and serve the food for Jesus Said. You may bring any dish you like, help set up, serve, and/or clean up. Please be here before 9:00 a.m. **We gladly accept cash donations too!!**

ALTAR FLOWERS

MARCH CHURCH CALENDAR

OUR PRESENCE LAST WEEK

OUR READER TODAY

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SERMON NOTES

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