



**St. Mark's**

**United Methodist Church**

April 28th, 2024 - 9:30am Service



**Ushers:** Dennis Preslicka and Kay Seagren

**Scripture Reader:** Jeanne Bennett

**Acolyte:** Izzy Berwald

**Special Offering – Free Lunch**

Next week Special Offering: Golden Cross Sunday

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## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

## Passing of the Peace

### Call to Worship

Leader: A team is created to do what one cannot do alone.

**People: With God at our side, we are a team.**

Leader: A team has a leader who guides, protects, and loves.

**People: Lord, you are our leader.**

Leader: A team has followers who are willing to be the hands and feet of labor.

**People: Lord, we will follow you wherever you lead us. We are your hands, feet, and voice in this world. Call us and we will follow.**

Opening Hymn                      *O Blessed Spring*                      pg. 2076 TFWS

Children's Moment                      Pastor Alberta

Special Music                      *Come Build a Church*                      Chancel Choir  
Ken Medema

**Offertory & Prayer** – Doxology                      pg. 95 UMH                      Pastor Alberta

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

Pastoral Prayer                      Pastor Alberta

The Lord's Prayer                      pg. 895 UMH

Hymn of Prep                      *Jesus, United by Thy Grace* v. 1-4                      pg. 561 UMH

Scripture                      John 15:1-8                      Jeanne Bennett

Sermon                      Teamwork Produces Fruit                      Pastor Alberta

**Hymn: From Screen Only: *God Bless Your Church With Strength* (John Dalles)**

Sung to the tune *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #327 UMH

## Benediction

Closing Hymn                      *May You Run and Not Be Weary*                      pg. 2281 TFWS

## Postlude



### **This Week's Events**

- 4/28 – Sunday Service
- 4/28 – Sunday School – 10:45-11:45am – Fireside Room
- 4/29 – Loom Mat Making – 10:30-11:30am – Youth Room
- 4/29 – ASL – 6-7pm – Fireside Room
- 4/29 – Cub Scouts – 6:30-8pm – Fellowship Hall
- 4/30 – Kiwanis Social – 5:30-9:00pm – Fellowship Hall
- 4/30 – NA Meeting – 7-8pm – Wesley Room (recently changed from Youth Room)
- 5/1 – Christmas Stockings – 1:00-6:00pm – Wesley Room
- 5/1 – Bell Choir Practice – 6:30pm – Sanctuary
- 5/1 – Choir Practice – 7:15pm – Sanctuary
- 5/1 – Worship Team Meeting – 8:00-9:00pm
- 5/2 – Kiwanis 6:00-8:00 am – Fellowship Hall
- 5/2 – Iowa City Book Mobile – 10:30am – St. Mark's Parking lot
- 5/2 – Scouts – 6:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall
- 5/3 – Dungeons and Dragons group – 6:30-9:00pm – Fireside Room
- 5/3 – NA Meeting – 7-8pm – Wesley Room (recently changed from Youth Room)
- 5/4 – United Methodist Men Breakfast and Meeting – 7:30-9:30am – Fellowship Hall
- 5/4 – Overeaters Anonymous – 9-11am – Youth Room
- 5/4 – Holy Art – 9:30-11:00am – Wesley Room

**Special Offering Envelopes** – now located in each sanctuary door.

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### **United Methodist Men Breakfast and Meeting**

We are closing in on the month of May which we hope will be filled with the flowers brought about by the highly erratic showers (i.e. wind storms and tornados) of April. So be sure to mark your calendars for **May 4** when the intrepid men (and interested women) of **St. Mark's** will again gather for visiting, breakfast, bad dad jokes, devotions and program. Mr. Kesselring has again arranged a good one for the program. Jes Lang was hired as the Community Violence Prevention Coordinator for Johnson County in June 2023. Prior to the county, Jes worked at IMCC/Oakdale prison, JECC (Johnson County Emergency Management, and City of Iowa City Parks and Recreation Dept. Jes will share with us pertinent information about her role as the Prevention Coordinator. See you there no later than **7:30 A.M.**

**Love and stuff,  
Gene Matthews**

## District Announcements

**District Conference:** Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Washington UMC - Time TBA

**Bishop's District Town Hall Meeting:** Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm at  
Mt. Pleasant First UMC

**All Districts now have a Facebook page and ours is:** Golden Valley

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Our **Gethsemane Prayer Burning Potluck** will be held Tuesday, May 7, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm.

We will plan to eat around 6:15 or when the majority of folks have arrived. Following supper we will move to the fire pit on the West side of the church. At this time, we will have a brief prayer, burn our Gethsemane prayers, and join together in some campfire songs. We invite you to bring a dish, your own table service, and your lawn chairs. Drinks will be provided.

We hope you will join us for this evening of fellowship.

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**SAVE THE DATE!!** The Garage Sale is returning! Start sorting and saving your stuff! Remember, we have tables (\$5 ea) and spaces (\$10) available for you to have a place in one large garage sale! The LAKC daycare will be joining us!

We will be setting up on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00pm. The garage sale will be Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 8am – 1pm with cleanup until 3pm. Please join us!

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