



**St. Mark's**

**United Methodist Church**

March 23, 2025 - 9:30am Service



**Scripture Reader:** Ann Parker

**Ushers:** Cam Davis and Jeremy Showers

**Acolyte:** Averie McCormick

**Special Offering: Iowa City Compassion**  
Next week Special Offering: UMCOR Sunday

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**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Call to Worship**

**Pastor Alberta**

Leader: Lord, you came to this earth in human form and turned it upside down.

**People: We followed faithfully, then you were arrested, tried, and placed on a cross.**

Leader: You left us with doubts, fears, and questions of what we could believe in.

**People: Then, you suddenly appeared to some of us. The rest of us still grieved.**

Leader: You are patient with us. You give us the time we need to mourn and celebrate.

**People: Thank you for your patience. You never give up on us. Thank you, Lord.**

**Opening Hymn**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*  
v. 1, 4, 5

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**Children's Moment**

**Pastor Alberta**

**Special Music**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*  
Arr. Cathy Mockelbust

**Handbells**

**Offertory & Prayer** – Doxology

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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**

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**Hymn of Preparation**

*We Walk By Faith*

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**Scripture**

John 20: 24-30

**Ann Parker**

**Sermon**

Thomas: Patience of Jesus

**Pastor Alberta**

**Hymn**

*Christ Has Risen*  
v. 1, 2, 4

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**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

*As We Part*

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**Postlude**

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## Announcements



### **The Season of Lent**

Our theme for this year is from a book called The Third Day by Tom Berlin (available from Amazon). It is looking at resurrection through the eyes of Mary Magdalene, Peter, Thomas, the men from Emmaus, and Paul. Each week we will walk the journey with each of these characters learning about what resurrection meant to them.

Lenten studies continuing:

- Wednesday's: March 26, April 2 and 9 beginning at 6:00 PM with dinner (provided by Focus Forward) and Lenten study following from 6:30pm – 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
- Thursday's: March 27, April 3 from 10:00am – 11:00am in the Sanctuary

If you have any questions, be sure to call the office or ask Pastor Alberta.

**You are welcome to join one or both studies as the group discussions will be different.**



Golden Valley District Superintendent has put together a 2025 District Church Prayer List asking us to pray for specific churches and their clergy. Please pray this week for the Island UMC and Pastor Jonathan Cox.

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### **Special Worship Services During Lent**

**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

April 17<sup>th</sup> – **Maundy Thursday**

April 18<sup>th</sup> – **Good Friday**

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### **United Women of Faith**

United Women in Faith will be having a noon potluck on Wednesday, March 26. Please bring your table service and a dish to share with its recipe. Our program will be "This is My Story: Forming, growing, and sharing your faith." We will explore and discuss storytelling as a way to increase self-awareness about your faith journey. We will also talk about the people, scripture, and songs that have influenced your faith. **All are welcome!**

## Today's Offering-Iowa City Compassion

Iowa City Compassion is a Christ centered organization that engages culturally diverse communities together through hope, opportunities and partnerships. Together they equip people at their point of need to move out of poverty and inspire them to be of service to others.

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### Pancake Sunday

Next Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> is the fifth Sunday of the month and the United Methodist Men will be fixing pancakes and sausage for everyone's enjoyment after worship! **Mark your calendars!**

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### Thank You

Thank you for the many prayers during my hospitalization. I'm home and recovered. Barb Fisher-Krueger

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### Upcoming Weekly Calendar

- 3/23** 9:30am – 10:30am – Sunday Worship – Sanctuary  
10:45am – 12:45pm – ASL Movie Review Bible Study – Youth Room  
3:00pm – 5:00 pm – Confirmation – Youth and Wesley Rooms
- 3/24** 10:30am – 11:30am - Loom Mat Making – Youth Room  
11:30am – 1:00pm – Holy Art – Fellowship Hall  
6:00pm – 7:00pm – American Sign Language – Fireside Room  
6:30pm – 9:00pm – Scouts Pack 250 – Fellowship Hall
- 3/25** 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Narcotics Anonymous Meeting – Wesley Room
- 3/26** 11:30am – 1:00pm – Knitting/Crocheting Group – Fireside Room  
12:00pm – 2:30pm – United Women of Faith – Fellowship Hall  
1:00pm – 5:00pm – Christmas Stockings – Wesley Room  
4:00pm – 5:00pm – Men's Book Club – Fireside Room  
6:00pm – 8:00pm – Dinner and Lenten Study – Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm – 7:15 pm – Bell Choir – Music Room  
7:15pm – 8:00pm – Choir Practice
- 3/27** 6:00am – 8:00am – Kiwanis – Fellowship Hall  
10:00am – 11:00am – Lenten Study - Sanctuary  
10:30am – 11:00am - Library Bookmobile – parking lot  
6:30pm – 8:30pm – Cub Scouts Pack 251 – Fireside Room and Fellowship Hall
- 3/28** 6:30pm - 9:30pm – Dungeons and Dragons – Fireside Room  
7:00pm – 8:00pm – Narcotics Anonymous Meeting – Wesley Room
- 3/29** 8:00am – 12:30pm – dCom District Meeting – Wesley and Fireside Rooms and Fellowship Hall  
9:00am -11:00am – Overeaters Anonymous – Youth Room
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