

Announcements

UMCOR Sunday—When disaster strikes around the globe—such as the wildfires in California or Hurricanes in North Carolina—UMCOR, is prepared to act. Your generous giving allows us as a church to respond when disaster strikes. Give online directly or make checks to Emmanuel with “UMCOR” in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

Election Day Bake Sale Coming up on April 1st—Baked goods and sales people needed for our next bake sale! All proceeds support missions. Sign up by the office to bake or help sell. Baked goods can be left today after church or Monday, March 31st by 5:30 p.m.

Holy Week Schedule—Believe it or not, Holy Week is coming!

- Palm Sunday—Sunday, April 13th 10 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday (at St. James UMC) - Thursday, April 17th, 7 p.m.
- Ecumenical Good Friday—Friday, April 18th, Noon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
- Emmanuel/St. James Good Friday— Online Service (Posted at 5pm)
- Easter Sunday is April 20th! Coffee & Donuts 8:45 a.m.; Egg hunt 9 a.m.
- Easter Worship With Communion- 10 a.m

Lenten Worship Series “Bread of Life”— Our Lenten Series will focus around the many different Scriptures that Jesus speaks about and offers us Bread. Our Lenten Study opportunities are Tuesdays on Zoom at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday afternoons at St. James (2p.m.) and Wednesday evenings at Emmanuel after the meal.

“Lunch and Fun” at Edison Elementary on Thursdays—Pastor Ben has started to sit with a few young people over the lunch hour and play board games. The more the merrier! Please touch base with Ben if you would like to join him some Thursday.

Emmanuel Prayer Joys and Concerns

- ♥ For 22 yr. old Olivia Geisthardt who is on hospice following 4 years of cancer treatments
- ♥ For Kurt as he continues hospice, and Shiela as she cares for him
- ♥ For Mom, aka Ann Pleiss Morris, as she travels home from Minneapolis

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Bread for Sharing

Luke 14:7-14

March 30, 2025

Prelude

Welcome — PASTOR BEN MORRIS

Choral Gathering— The Lord Is My Song — ON SCREEN

Call to Worship

You are invited to the feast of plenty. Let every willing soul join in the circle!

The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.

Wear whatever you have. You are welcome as you are!

The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.

At this celebration, no one is turned away. There is a place for you!

The bread of life has come to sustain us.

Believing this promise, let us worship together!

Hymn – You Satisfy the Hungry Heart — RED 629

Opening Prayer — ALL

**God of extravagant feasts and open invitations,
we confess our tables are often small and exclusive.**

**When we should stretch our welcome to others,
we limit seats to those we find useful, acceptable, or entertaining.**

We make plans without accommodating everyone's needs.

**We choose to leave people out
rather than express boundaries that might feel uncomfortable.**

**We choose a shallow sense of peace rather
than the deep peace that comes after hard, healing conversations.**

**While you do not require us
to include people who cause us to feel unsafe or at risk,
you do call us to welcome people we find different, difficult, or annoying.**

**Give us good discernment to include those who challenge us
and expand our capacity for compassion
so we might love our neighbors as you love us. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Beneath the mantle of peace, Jesus, the bread of life, provides a bounty of fellowship, care, and connection. May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Take a moment to greet others with the peace of Christ,
which inspires us to care for the needs of our community.

Children's Message— PASTOR BEN

Offering

Doxology — RED 95

Offering Prayer

**Bread of life and source of all good things,
receive these gifts and offerings in your generous hands.
May they serve your church and our community,
expanding the message of your love and grace
to all who hunger and thirst. Amen.**

Scripture — Luke 14:7-14

God, we thank you for your Word.

The story of your grace.

Sermon — Bread for Sharing — PASTOR BEN

Choir Anthem —O, Brother Man

Concerns and Prayers

Pastoral Prayer and 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 to temptation,
but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn— Jesus, United by Thy Grace — RED 560

Benediction

Choral Benediction— God to Enfold You — ON SCREEN

Postlude