

**DODGE CENTER
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
March 18, 2018**

* Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Centering Praise UMH # 657 This Is the Day**

Call to Worship- Psalm 51

L: Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!

P: Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!

L: Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin!

P: For I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always right in front of me.

L: I've sinned against you - you alone. I've committed evil in your sight. That's why you are justified when you render your verdict, completely correct when you issue your judgment.

P: Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin, from the moment my mother conceived me.

L: And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places; you teach me wisdom in the most secret space.

P: Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

L: Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new faithful spirit deep inside me!

P: Please don't throw me out of your presence; please don't take your Holy Spirit away from me.

L: Return the joy of your salvation to me and sustain me with a willing spirit.

P: Then I will teach wrongdoers your ways, and sinners will come back to you.

***Hymn UMH # 365**

Grace Greater than Our Sin

Unison Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, you know our ways. There is nothing hidden from you. You know our hidden places and secret spaces where we attempt to hide sin from you and ourselves. Forgive us for even thinking we can hide something from you. Since sin steals our joy of salvation, I want to be thoroughly clean. Wash us so that we may be whiter than snow. Return to me my joy of salvation that my heart may be glad, and I may teach those who are struggling also, that they may be set free. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

*** Hymn of Response UMH # 420 Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

Children's Time

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Giving our Tithes and Offering

***The Doxology UMH # 95**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn UMH # 587**

Bless Thou the Gifts

New Testament Lesson

John 12:20-33

Message

Pastor Joyce

***Closing Hymn UMH # 527**

Do, Lord, Remember Me

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

† Welcome to all visitors. Everyone please sign and pass the attendance register, and please join us for a time of fellowship following worship.

We will be holding Lenten Services Wednesday, March 21st with a Lenten Lunch beginning at 12:05 and ending about 12:45. Invite your co-workers to come with you! Maundy Thursday will be March 29th at 7:00 pm.

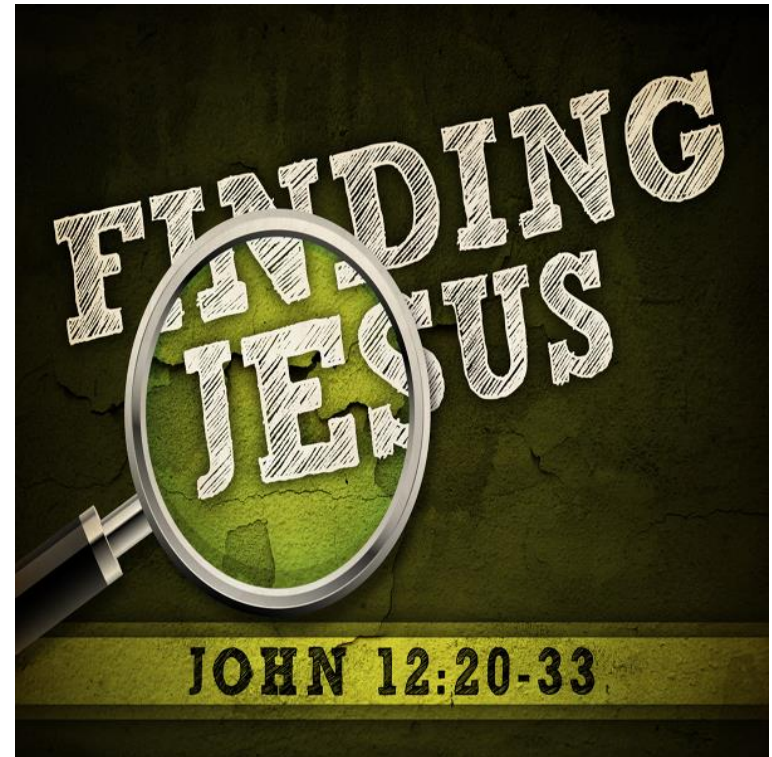
We are now in the church calendar year of Lent, the 46 (counting Sundays) days or 6 weeks before Easter! The Sunday School students and teachers invite the congregation to join us in collecting money to send to Heifer International. This is our 7th year in a row that we have donated to Heifer International. There will be a noisy/loud offering of coins in tin cans on Palm Sunday, March 25th. Checks and cash may be given anytime during Lent until April 8th. Watch for more information and donation containers at the back of the church. Thank-you for your participation.

What better way to prepare for the joy of Easter than hearing uplifting and spirit-filled music! The Luther College Concert Band, one of the Midwest's outstanding collegiate wind ensembles, will perform at 7 p.m. Monday, March 26, at the Minnesota Wi-Fi Performing Arts Center at Kasson-Mantorville High School. The concert is open to the public with a freewill donation taken at the door.

Sunrise Service and Breakfast - 6:30 am. Easter Sunday, April 1st. Please join us for a potluck breakfast following the Sunrise Service. WWAP will be serving and all are invited to join us. If you are unable to bring food, come anyway as there is always plenty. We will be eating about 7:15-7:30 am.

The confirmation students (grades 5 and older) will be packing food backpacks for the K-M Food for Friends backpack program on April 11th from 6:45-8:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kasson. This is a great service opportunity.

The Newsletter deadline is today.



Welcome to Worship!

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9:00 am