

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

+Indicates that all are invited to stand in body or spirit.
Congregation is invited to respond as indicated by **Bold Print**

PRELUDE

Sharwin G.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Penny M.

BREAKTHROUGH SIGHTINGS

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (UNISON)

God, we do not know what to do, but You do. Open our hearts, eyes, and minds to You. Amen.

CENTERING TIME

Restful Moment

Sharwin G.

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Marilyn S.-K.

Marilyn: The heavens are telling the glory of God,

All: and the firmament proclaims their handiwork.

Marilyn: Day to day, God pours out their love upon all people.

All: Moment by moment, we are given strength and courage.

Marilyn: Rejoice in the Lord; behold God's confident assurance.

All: Rejoice in the Lord; praise to God's holy name!

+OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

UMH # 145

+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON):

Marilyn S.-K.

Almighty God, the whole of creation is gathered before you. With each new dawn, it bears witness to your unending glory; and with every movement, it offers praise to your wonderful being. We, too, have a part in this rejoicing. We were made in your image, gifted with the ability to share your creativity and love. And you invite us to do so, in every moment, with confident assurance. Yet, we do not always have the courage. Worldly voices whittle away at our conviction; painful life experiences erode our resolve. We let fear, rather than boldness, guide our words and actions. Forgive us, O God! Remind us of your steadfast faithfulness, from generation to generation. Open our hearts to the promise of your truth and possibility, coming into being right now. Help us to root ourselves deeply in your abiding presence, that we might forever find our joy in your strength. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER

+SHARING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Penny M.

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

Marilyn S.-K.

When the seventh month came and the people of Israel were settled in their towns, all the people gathered together in the area in front of the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Instruction scroll from Moses, according to which the LORD had instructed Israel. ² So on the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the priest brought the Instruction before the assembly. This assembly was made up of both men and women and anyone who could understand what they heard. ³ Facing the area in front of the Water Gate, he read it aloud, from early morning until the middle of the day. He read it in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and everyone listened attentively to the Instruction scroll.

⁵ Standing above all of the people, Ezra the scribe opened the scroll in the sight of all of the people. And as he opened it, all of the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all of the people answered, "Amen! Amen!" while raising their hands. Then they bowed down and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸ They read aloud from the scroll, the Instruction from God, explaining and interpreting it so the people could understand what they heard. ⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all of the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Don't mourn or weep." They said this because all the people wept when they heard the words of the Instruction. ¹⁰ "Go, eat rich food, and drink something sweet," he said to them, "and send portions of this to any who have nothing ready! This day is holy to our LORD. Don't be sad, because the joy from the LORD is your strength!"

SERMON

"Rejoicing in God"

Lifting our voices in praise to the Divine

-This Is My Father's World—UMH # 144

-Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us-UMH # 381 (V.1,3 & 4)

-My Faith Looks Up to Thee-UMH # 452

-This Is the Day-UMH #657

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Marilyn S.-K.

OFFERTORY

Cross of Sorrow

+DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH # 95

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MARCH 16, 2025

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Marilyn S.-K.

Holy God, this is the day that you have made! You fashioned it, just as you have done so many times, bestowing the bounty of your gifts and offering opportunity to share in all its wonder. With grateful hearts, we return to you a portion of what we have received, confident that you will multiply it to your service and bring to fulfillment all that you have promised. Amen.

If you do not feel comfortable speaking your joy or concern aloud, please complete a prayer card and pass it toward the center aisle. Pastor will collect the cards as we sing the following hymn:

PRAYER HYMN

O Come and Dwell in Me (V.1,3 & 4)

UMH # 388

JOY AND CONCERNS

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.

+CLOSING HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord is King

UMH # 715

+BENEDICTION

Penny M.

POSTLUDE

A Lenten Prayer

Sharwin G.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

REACHING UP TO WORSHIP GOD | REACHING OUT TO SERVE OTHERS | REACHING IN TO GROW TOGETHER



ANNOUNCEMENTS



MARCH'S NOISY CAN

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN: MARSHFIELD MOBILEPACK EVENT

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian nonprofit hunger relief organization that provides food to help communities in developing countries become self-sustaining. FMSC's approach is simple: volunteers hand-pack scientifically designed meals which are shipped to partners in nearly 70 countries across the world.

Your financial support makes it possible for us to provide hope and the promise of a beautiful future to precious children around the world. Marshfield's FMSC Mobilepack's 2025 goal is to raise \$41,000 & pack over 135,000 meals.

Zion Community Church will host the MobilePack Event Thursday, April 24-Saturday, April 26, 2025. **Registration to volunteer opens March 13.**

JOIN TOGETHER FOR ONE CAUSE: TO FEED
STARVING CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD.

UPCOMING MARCH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

19: MARIAN G.

21: PASTOR DOUG

22: CALEB H.



2025 Lenten Book Study

Five Marks of a Methodist

Steve Harper

- Monday, March 24 @ 11AM
In-person or Zoom
- Tuesday, March 25 @ 7 PM
Zoom Only

Wesley's next dates to staff the Food Pantry are **April 7th & 9th**. Please see Jackie if you're able to volunteer. New volunteers are always welcomed.



This week's YouTube link for Sunday Worship Service

<https://www.youtube.com/live/bQdaq1c5Wtc>

LET'S PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS!

If you have a joy or concern let us know! wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org

JOYS: those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week (see announcement page). Share with us your joys so we may celebrate together and glorify our Lord for your blessings!

- For **Alasia** (*niece of Pastor Doug*) who was born this past Thursday.
- For **Laura** (*daughter-in-law of Penny M.*) who continues to do well in her recovery.
- For all of the **disciples** rehearsing for the Live Last Supper presentation.

CONCERNS:

- For **Carol** (*great aunt of Pastor Doug*) who will be having surgery on her jaw this week.
- For **Jim G.** (*father of Laura*) who is in the hospital.
- For the family of **Don** (*husband of Pastor Ruth*) who passed away.

HOMEBOUND: Ruth S. Dorothy D. Shirley S. Ardis A.

OTHERS:

- For **Pope Francis** who continues to recover from respiratory issues.
- For the **Palestinians** as all relief aid has been blocked from entering Gaza.
- For **firefighters** and **first responders** as classes are cancelled at the National Fire Academy.

This week, we saw God "breaking through" in...

- ...the thrill of **Auburndale** winning regionals competition.
- ...the joy of **friends** of the Tomlinsons becoming grandparents.
- ...the relief of **Caleb H.**'s recovery from his cough.
- ...the excitement of **Nolan H.**'s robot improving for competition.
- ...the kindness and courteousness of folks respecting a student driver.
- ...the wonder of **Marilyn S.-K.**'s grandson's smile.
- ...the thrill of **Cameron S.** taking first place in his wrestling meet.



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 23!** Following the worship service, we will be having an **all-church town hall meeting** (in-person and streamed to YouTube).

Leadership will give an update on our progress with the MCCI process, and they will talk about opportunities to help share Wesley UMC's story with the MCCI team that will be coming as part of phase two. There will also be time for folks to share their questions, thoughts, and feedback as where God may be calling us in these moments.

All are welcome to attend this meeting and take part in the conversation. For more information, contact the church office at (715) 384-2292 or email wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org.



"THE LAST SUPPER"

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WILL PRESENT THE 21ST PRESENTATION OF
"THE LAST SUPPER"

THE PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD
AT WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
211 SOUTH MAPLE AVENUE, MARSHFIELD

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

@ 7:00 PM

Save the Date!

INVITE A FRIEND.

SPREAD THE WORD.

PRAY FOR

SUCCESSFUL SHOWS.