

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

Musician: Carol Engel

Director of Children, Youth, and Food

Shelf: Kristin Gontea

Pastor Lora Sturm

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

We give you thanks for all the ways that you bless our lives: the beauty and abundance of nature, the love of family and friends, the joy of knowing you and hearing your word. Send Your Spirit during this time of worship so that we might dream your dreams and see visions of the world as you created it to be. Guide our thoughts and actions. Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Here I am Lord"
(UMH 593, verses 1 & 2)

Centering Moment

Children's Message Gretchen Olson

Scripture (Luke 18:9-14)

The Message

"What does Living in Lent Look Like?"

***Hymn** "Lord I want to be a Christian" (UMH 402)

Prayer

We turn to God in prayer not because we are compelled but because God invites us. We come to God not because of our righteousness but because of God's grace in that spirit. . .

Offering

***Closing Hymn** "Oh how Jesus loves"
(UMH 170)

Benediction

SUMC CALENDAR

Sunday, March 8: 9-10am Worship; 10:15-11am Kid's Choir & Sunday School

Monday, March 9: 9am-12pm Office Open – Kristin; **4-7pm Open Hearts Food Shelf**

Wednesday, March 11: **9am-12pm Open Hearts Food Shelf**; 6-6:30pm Lenten Supper; 6:30-8pm Youth Small Groups & Confirmation Class

Thursday, March 12: 6-8pm Racine Food Shelf

Sunday, March 15: 9-10am Worship – Women in the Pulpit Sunday; 10:15-11am Kid's Choir & Sunday School

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 22: Community Art Day

Saturday, March 28: United Women in Faith Annual Kitchen Cleaning

Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 3: Good Friday Worship

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday

SUMC NOTES

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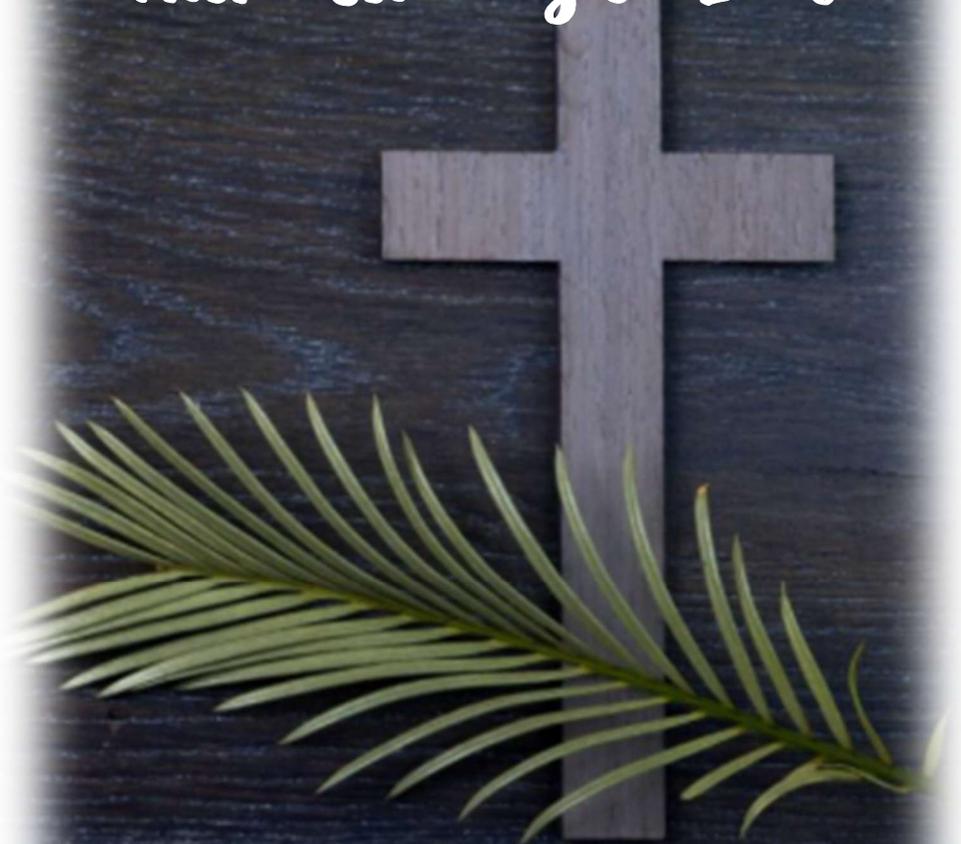


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