Growing Up in Gratitude

"From Personal to Communal"
Psalm 118:1-4, 19-29

"Christ-followers living God's love"
March 15, 2020
Order of Worship
3rd Sunday of Lent March 15, 2020 8:30 and 10:00 am

Our service is broadcast live on radio 92.1 FM and live streamed on our Facebook page. Nursery care for infants through kindergarten is available. TFWS Hymns are from “The Faith We Sing” (black) hymnal. Prayer concerns may be registered on the beige prayer card and given to the worship leader after announcements.

Musicians: Edna Sahs, organist; Jennifer Lohmann, pianist

Hearing Devices are available in the Narthex (north entrance). Please ask an usher for assistance.

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE
8:30 am Prelude on “Neumark” – Robert Graham
10:00 am “Prelude” – Lev Gurilev

* CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from The Recovery Church, St. Paul
Welcome to this place which you make holy by your presence.
Come in with all your vulnerabilities and strengths
all your fears and anxieties
all your loves and hopes
For here you need not hide or pretend
or be anything other than who you are
and who you are called to be.
Come into this place where we can heal and be healed,
forgive and be forgiven.
For God’s gracious acceptance of all has made this a holy place.

* OPENING HYMN TFWS # 2034 “Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

A TIME OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and
cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray in Silence

But hear the good news. God commended his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TFWS # 2200

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:30 am (Chancel Choir) “I Am Thine, O Lord” – Adam Walz
10:00 am (Praise Team) “Worthy Is the Lamb” – Darlene Zschech

A TIME OF SUPPLICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

RESPONSE # 549 (v. 5) “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God’s begotten Son;
As members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

A TIME OF GRATITUDE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

God’s word for all God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-4, 19-29
SERMON
“From Personal to Communal”        Jerry Morris

PRAYERS OF THE THANKFUL PEOPLE
* HYMN # 572       “Pass It On”

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE
Please complete the Connect Card insert found in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY
8:30 am
10:00 am
“Deep River”                   – arr. Janet Linker
“Norwegian Folk Lullaby”        – Edvard Grieg

*PRESENTING OUR GIFTS # 549 (v. 1)       “Where Charity and Love Prevail”
Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love, by love are we thus bound.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Lord God, we are thankful, both individually and together. As we bring these individual gifts together, bless them for the service of your kingdom. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN TFWS # 2022       “Great Is the Lord”

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
8:30 am
10:00 am
“Blessed Assurance”          – James Denton
“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”  – William Bradbury

*Stand either in body or in spirit.

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Refreshments are served in the Fellowship Hall following the service.
We’re glad you’re with us today. Our goal here at Lake Street is to welcome all people in Christ’s love, regardless of age, gender, sexuality, race, ability, or anything else that divides people.

**Worship Aids**

Bulletins are available from ushers at both entrances. The readings and prayers are printed there, but will also be projected on screens. Large print bulletins and pictorial bulletins for non-readers are also available.

Hearing devices tied to the sound system are available at the Lake Street door. Just ask an usher for help.

**Children and Families**

Parents are welcome to keep their children with them in worship. Don’t worry about the wiggles. At the back of the sanctuary are rockers reserved for parents of small children. For more privacy, the service is also being streamed in the library—out the side door and up the ramp. And during every service our Preschool Area is available for children up to age 5, where they can learn about God through play and activity.

A “Children’s Moment” is offered in worship, and all ages are welcome to come up. In the 10:00 service, many children will leave after the Children’s Moment for Sunday School (5th grade and younger). If you are a first-time guest and would like your children to go to Sunday School, please take them down yourself the first time so the teachers can get all information necessary for your child’s safety.

**Connect Card**

The insert in the bulletin is a way for our members to sign in, and there is also a place where you may leave contact information, if you like, so that we may welcome you more than once.

**Coffee Fellowship**

You are invited to a coffee fellowship from 9:30-10:00 in the Fellowship Hall, by the parking lot doors.

**Communion**

We usually serve Communion on the first Sunday of the month. We use grape juice and gluten-free bread, to include everyone, and all who are seeking God, of any age, are welcome at Christ’s table.
Community of Worship

We are grateful for your presence today. In this place of worship, let your worries give way to peace and your doubts be changed into hope. Let us remind ourselves that the Lord holds the whole world in His hands. May the Lord bless us all.

Radio Ministry
Gifts contributed to our radio worship ministry were given by Kenneth and Mandy Lyke.

Altar Flowers
Flowers in the chancel area this morning are given in memory of Donna Wick from Marshall, Jeffrey, Steve and Michael Wick.

Worship Leaders: •Rev. Jerry Morris; •Minister of Music: David Fehr; •Organist: Edna Sahs; •Pianist: Jennifer Lohmann; •Liturgists: (8:30a) Michael Ahrens, (10:00a) Kathy Gierhart; •Tech Crew: Logan Wallace, Aaron Athas, Greg Wallace; •Worship Design: Pat Peterson; •Nursery: Carley Van Beek.

An Altar of Gratitude
Through Lent, all are invited to bring offerings of gratitude to lay on our altar, as a weekly-growing picture of thankfulness. These may be the things themselves or something to represent what you’re grateful for.

Lenten Worship
In addition to our Sunday worship during Lent, we will also gather for brief services each Wednesday. These services will have short devotions and some activities on practical ways to grow in gratitude. The following schedule is possibly correct, but we reserve the right to change it, even at the last minute.

→ March 18th — Prayers of Community
→ March 25th — What If?
→ April 1st — Hippolytus Communion
→ April 9th — Maundy Thursday
→ April 10th — Good Friday

IM Church → Today, March 15th at 3:00 pm
IM Church is an ecumenical, inclusive ministry created by a coalition of several faiths working together to provide a monthly message of God’s love and a meal for people with cognitive and other disabilities.

Unlike a traditional church service, IM Church is broken up into three components: a short interactive learning session that previews the sermon message; a short worship service with music, where people can participate as they choose; and a simple meal and fellowship afterwards.

Fifth Sunday Together, March 29th
As is our custom when months have a fifth Sunday, we will be combining our usual two worship services and joining together at 9:00 am. Following the service, all are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a brunch. If you are able to bring breakfast food — egg bakes, fruit, bread, cinnamon rolls, Cap'n Crunch and milk, etc. — please do so, but whether you can bring something or not, come join us for a time of fellowship. (We will also be putting together Flood Buckets for disaster relief. See the Loose Change for Missions item in further columns.)

Community of Inclusive Welcome

Pancakes and French Toast Breakfast Today
Did you bring your breakfast appetite? Come ‘on down to the Fellowship Hall and enjoy the great Lake Street Pancakes and French Toast breakfast being served from 8:00 am until 11:30 am. Stop in before or after worship!

Prayer Ministries
Our e-mail prayer chain is one way our faith community continues to grow to care for one another. Sign-up on the Connect Card insert.

Praying for all Lake Street members and friends during the year! This week please pray for: Sandra Hamilton, Gay Lynn and Timothy Handrick, Dirk, Wendy, Megan, Carl and Grace Hansen. LaRue Hanson, Penny Hanson, Steven and Janice Harrison, Craig and Suzanne Heabler, Carol Ann Hedrington.
Christian Symbols
Christian symbols around our church are the subject of the Digital Shooters Gallery for March and April. Stop by the Fellowship Hall to check out these images and learn about their meaning.

United Methodist Women
All are invited to join United Methodist Women on Wednesday, March 18th at noon in the Fellowship Hall for lunch followed by a presentation by Pastor Jerry Morris on Gratitude. Please contact Marty Fisher-Blakeley with reservations by today.

The UMW North West District Spring Day of Enrichment is Saturday, April 25th at Rice Lake United Methodist Church from 8:30 am—3:00 pm. The theme is Spotlighting Women and Children, specifically Maternal and Child Health. Registration forms are on the bulletin board outside the office. Registration deadline is April 125th and the cost is $15.00.

Community of Spiritual Formation

Gratitude Discussion
A group gathers each Wednesday through Lent at 4:30 pm in the Fireside Library to discuss The Little Book of Gratitude by Robert Emmons. This is a thoughtful study of the how and why of being thankful. The paperback version is only about $7.50, but it is only $0.99 on Kindle. Join us in thinking together about this thing that we talk about all the time, but actually do much less often.

Community of Compassionate Outreach

ARCW Wish for March: Macaroni and Cheese
Please join others from Lake Street in contributing Macaroni and Cheese to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin Food Pantry. Your donation will assist over forty area families in our community affected by HIV/AIDS. Place your donation in the ARCW box outside the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your support!

Beacon House
Once again this month we are joining with St. John’s Episcopal Cathedral to host for a week at Family Promise/Beacon House shelter for the homeless.

Volunteer groups will be serving evening meals on different nights this week, and individual volunteers will sleep there as overnight hosts. Our church’s contact with the Family Promise board is Kent Gierhart, who lined up the volunteers before leaving to go south. All of the congregation are invited to pray for those families trying to put their lives together and to give thanks for the volunteers who make this ministry possible.

Loose Change Offering for March
The Mission team will be coordinating a church project to purchase and assemble Flood Buckets for UMCOR. This benefited 20 families who were affected by flooding. In 2020 the Mission team is hoping to provide at least 20 flood buckets to UMCOR again this year. To accomplish this the Loose Change Offering for both February and March will go to support this project. The supplies for each flood bucket cost approximately $75.00. If you would like to sponsor part or all of a flood bucket, make checks out to LSUMC with a memo note for flood buckets and drop in the offering plate or at the church office. In the last few years there has been a tremendous need for UMCOR’s support and the flood buckets they provide in many parts of Wisconsin.

The Mission Team will purchase the supplies and on March 29th after the church service, we will gather together to assemble the flood buckets as part of our Fifth Sunday Together. Thank you, for your donations and support. We will be able to use our time and resources to support those who will be affected by flooding in the coming year.

Resources For Ministry

General Conference 2020 Listening Sessions
As our next General Conference of the United Methodist Church approaches, our Wisconsin delegates are traveling around, to answer questions regarding the complex proposals to be considered. Listening sessions will be held on:
→ March 21st (Saturday) 1:15 pm Tomah UMC
→ March 29th (Sunday) 3:00 River Falls, UMC
Honoring and Remember This Easter
Friends and family of Lake Street UMC are invited to remember and honor others this Easter through decorating the sanctuary with lily plants and carnation bouquets. Order slips are on the desk in the Gathering Area. Please enclose the information slip with your gift in the envelope. Suggested amount is $9.00. Place the envelope in the offering or give to the office by Sunday, March 29th. Easter bulletins will list names. Flowers may be taken home after the last Easter

This Week at the Lake

Sunday, March 15th
8:00a Pancakes and French Toast Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
8:30a Worship || Nursery || Adult Studies Radio Ministry (92.1 FM)
8:30a Live Stream on Facebook
9:15a Confirmation
9:30a Fellowship and Scrip Sales
10:00a Worship || Nursery Live Stream on Facebook Sunday School
11:00a Praise Band Rehearsal
3:00p IM Church (Fellowship Hall)
4:00p Hispanic Ministry Worship (Chapel)
Moms on the Run (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, March 16th
5:00p Beacon House Hosting
6:15p Pack 128 (Rooms 101/102/103/202/203/Third Floor)

Tuesday, March 17th
9:30a AT-IT Core Team (Conference Room)
11:00a Calendar Staff (Conference Room)

Noon — Bulletin Information Deadline
5:00p Beacon House Hosting
5:30p Trustees (Conference Room) Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Boys Choir)
6:15p Finance Committee (Fireside Library)
7:00p Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Male Chorus)

Wednesday, March 18th — Circuit Rider Deadline
12:00p UMW General Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
4:30p “Gratitude” Book Discussion (Rm 202)

Online Giving
Interested in our option for giving that allows you to set up for automatic donations using your checking account or credit/debit card? Visit Online Giving at www.lakestreeumc.org/give. Use the QR code shown here with your phone which will take you directly to the giving page, or text 844-804-9791 and follow the directions.

March Is WOODMANS Foods Month
The LSUMC Scrip Program now is selling Woodmans Scrip cards for $50 and $100. This card pays 5% to our church. This is the best of any grocery store in the area. Get yours now! — Buy Scrip and Support LSUMC

5:00p Beacon House Hosting
5:30p Youth Group
5:45p Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30p Lenten Worship — What if?
7:15p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00p The Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday, March 19th
7:30a MAP (Men at Prayer) Fireside Library
9:00a Quilters (Room 101A)
1:00p Circuit 11/12 (Chapel Heights UMC)
4:30p Bolton House Support (Lounge)
People First UCP Group (Room 202)
5:00p Beacon House Hosting
6:00p Moms On The Run (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, March 20th
5:00p Beacon House Hosting

Saturday, March 21st
1:15p General Conference 2020 Listening Session — Tomah UMC

Sunday, March 22nd — 8:30 and 10:00 am
Sermon: “From Feeling to Action”