

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Gathering Music

Doug Madow

Welcome/Announcements

Pastor Amy Jo

- Sign-Up Sheet for reading Scripture
- Book Study at Hope Church on parables, Monday at 10:00 a.m.
- Lenten Soup Sales
- Rule of Christ Training, Monday, April 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

*Call to Worship

Trust in the Lord and do good.

May the Lord give strength to the people!

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

God is our refuge and strength.

*Invocation

Special Music:

“Once Upon a Tree”

Choir

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 11:23-25

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The desire of the righteous ends only in good,
the expectation of the wicked in wrath.

²⁴ Some give freely yet grow all the richer;
others withhold what is due and only suffer want.

²⁵ A generous person will be enriched,
and one who gives water will get water.

Children’s Message: A Big Miracle from a Little Lunch

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:15-34

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And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods

laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

²² He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Hymn	“His Eye is On the Sparrow”	#2146, FWS
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Message	A Treasure in Heaven	Pastor Amy Jo
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Hymn	“Freely, Freely”	#389, UMH
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Celebration of Generosity: Community Café

Offertory

*Doxology

#95, UMH

*Offering Prayer

Community Prayer:

Almighty God, in a world of change you placed eternity in our hearts

And gave us power to discern good from evil.

Grant us sincerity,

That we may persistently seek the things that endure,
Refusing those which perish
And that, amid things vanishing and deceptive,
We may see the truth steadily, follow the light faithfully,
And grow ever richer in that love which is the life of all people;
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lectio Divina

1. Listen for the word that the Holy Spirit is lifting up for you. (Scripture is read twice)
2. Reflect on the connection between the word and the rest of the passage. (Scripture is read again)
3. Reflect on the connection between the word and your life: what joys/concerns, questions does it invite? (Scripture is read again)
4. Is the Holy Spirit leading you to action in response to this word? (Scripture is read again)

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.

*Hymn "God Will Take Care of You"

#130, UMH

*Benediction

Postlude

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Church Calendar Of Events

Sun. Mar. 23	9am Worship
Mon. Mar. 24	7pm Lakelanders
Thurs. Mar. 27	5:30pm Out to Eat Group- Gran Plaza
Sun. Mar. 30	9am Worship- UMCOR Sunday
Mon. Mar. 31	7pm Lakelanders
Wed. Apr. 2	1pm-3pm Spiritual Direction Group w/ Ruth
Sat. Apr. 5	10am-12pm Jesus Food, Farbo Mall

Small Group Announcement

Out-To-Eat Group Dining March 27th.

After a few months in “hibernation” our Out-To-Eat Group is anxious to once again experience the cuisine at area restaurants. Our next pick is Gran Plaza in Faribault on Thursday March 27th at 5:30. Please sign up or contact Deb Jindra-Pope (952-237-9693) no later than Sunday March 23rd. A sign up sheet can be found in the church annex. If you haven’t been part of the group in the past but looking to enjoy some good food and fellowship please sign up and join us.”

Giving Report

Mar. 9	\$2,154.00- Noisy Offering \$128.15
Mar. 16	\$2,203.00- Noisy Offering \$110.44

Lenten 2025 Soup to Go Update

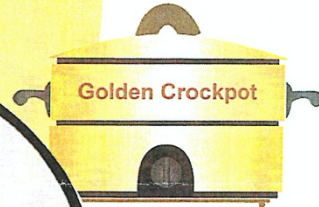
March 7 th (week 1)	295 Quarts sold	\$3,043 in sales
March 14 th (week 2)	299 Quarts sold	\$3,027 in sales

cash donations as of March 9th: \$1,485.00

Thank you to everyone who donated food, supplies, money, volunteered their time and energy, and prayed for our soup project. We look forward to one more week of reaching out to our community together.

Come join the
Kenyon Area
Internship Committee

*Taste all 8 flavors and
vote for the best one!*



Live auction at 12:30pm featuring Kevin Maring auctioneer

601 Lutheran Highway 60 Kenyon
Additional support from Thrivent Action Team funds