

# *Living Our Faith*

March 19, 2023 — 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Worship Services

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**



## **Downers Grove First United Methodist Church**

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## 10:00 A Moment for Children

Pastor John

Children are welcome to come forward or gather around the screen at home to share in this special time. Afterwards, preschool through sixth graders may go with the Sunday school teachers. Children may be picked up in the second floor classrooms (rooms 212–218) following the service.

*At this time, youth in 7–12 grade are invited to attend Bibles and Bagels in the Youth Room for the remaining time of the worship service.*

## Community Prayers

### Reading of the Holy Scripture — Ephesians 5:8–14

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, so live your life as children of light. <sup>9</sup> Light produces fruit that consists of every sort of goodness, justice, and truth.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, test everything to see what's pleasing to the Lord, <sup>11</sup> and don't participate in the unfruitful actions of darkness. Instead, you should reveal the truth about them. <sup>12</sup>

It's embarrassing to even talk about what certain persons do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But everything exposed to the light is revealed by the light. <sup>14</sup> Everything that is revealed by the light is light. Therefore, it says, Wake up, sleeper! Get up from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

### 10:00 Anthem

*Saints Bound for Heaven*

Traditional  
arr. A. Parker, R. Shaw

### Sermon

“Exposing Darkness and Light”

Pastor Claude

### A Stewardship Moment and UMCOR Offering

#### Offertory

8:30 *Air du Nord*  
10:00 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
The Westminster Ringers

W. Wolstenholme  
arr. Jason Krug/Barnes

\*Doxology Hymnal #95

### \*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #382 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

### \*Benediction

\*Postlude 8:30 *Piccola Fanfara*  
10:00 *Postlude on St. Thomas*

Marco Rossi  
Dennis Johnson

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The flowers on the altar today are given today in honor of Joanne Colby's 90th birthday with love from the Colby/Donnelly family.

Please rise as you are able.

**Notes:** **Bold** text indicates congregational response. Hymnal refers to the red hymnal in the pew holders. Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary and in the balcony from the ushers.

Please note that the 10:00 a.m. worship service is being recorded and livestreamed on YouTube.





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**EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

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**UMCOR Offering Today**

Today we celebrate UMCOR Sunday, a day when individual and local church gifts support UMCOR's administrative costs. Through your gifts to UMCOR, we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement, and climate change. Give online at [dgfumc.org/giving](http://dgfumc.org/giving) or use the available envelopes.

**Youth Bibles and Bagels Today**

Today, youth in grades 7–12 are invited for Bible study and breakfast during the 10:00 a.m. service. The group will explore the Easter story and what's "blooming" in their lives.

**Join the Bucket Brigade**

***Pick up buckets: March 19***

It's time for spring cleaning! Pick up an empty bucket today and fill it with cleaning supplies for those in need. A list of suggested supplies are included in the empty bucket. Since families in need cannot use food stamps to buy soap or paper products, supplying these items helps boost the monthly spending allowance for food. Return filled buckets to the parlor on Sunday, March 26 or April 2. MJC members will coordinate the delivery to families.

**Administrative Council Meeting**

***Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.***

Our Administrative Council will meet on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Ad Council includes officers, lay members to annual conference, chairpersons of each work area, and members-at-large. All church members are invited.

**Don's Home Cookin'**

***Wednesday, March 22; 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.***

Join us at church in the gym from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. for a home-cooked meal. Don and his team will be serving corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, and other favorites. The meal is always awesome and the fellowship is fantastic! Cost is only \$10 a meal. Invite your family and friends — all are welcome!

**Assisting in Our Services Today**

**Music** 8:30 Elizabeth Vaughan, Chapel Organist  
10:00 Diane Hires, Chancel Choir Director  
Pattie Barnes, Sanctuary Organist

**Lay Reader** 8:30 Rob Wendt  
10:00 Brooke Longino

**Audio-Visual** Jim Gracey, Tom Lykins, Sam Brockway

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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**Sunday, March 19 – UMCOR Sunday**

8:30 am – Worship Service – Chapel  
9:30 a.m. – UWF Bake Sale – Parlor  
10:00 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary  
11:00 am – MJC Meeting – Rm 202

**Monday, March 20**

7:00 pm – Staff Parish Committee Mtg – Rm 202

**Tuesday, March 21**

7:00 pm – Administrative Council Meeting – FH

**Wednesday, March 22**

9:00 am – Women's Bible Study – Rm 213  
4:30 pm – Angel Choir Rehearsal – Rm 16  
5:00 pm – Don's Home Cookin' Family Meal – Gym  
5:00 pm – Cherub Choir Rehearsal – CH  
5:00 pm – Chorister Choir Rehearsal – FH  
5:45 pm – Connection Choir Rehearsal – FH

**Thursday, March 23**

12:45 pm – Ruth and Mary Eliz. Circle Mtg – Rm 202  
5:30 pm – Community Kitchen Dinner – CH  
6:30 pm – Lent Devotional Discussion – Parlor  
7:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal – FH

**Next Sunday, March 26**

8:30 am – Worship Service – Chapel  
10:00 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary

CH – Chapel Hall FH – Fellowship Hall YR – Youth Room

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**Easter Flower Orders Due**

***Wednesday, March 29***

Each year, beautiful flowering plants decorate the altar on Easter Sunday. This year, orders are due Wednesday, April 8. To purchase plants, please fill out the information on the order envelopes in the pews and enclose a check. Be sure to indicate if you would like the flowers in memory of someone or in honor of someone. Place your order in the offering plate on Sunday or pay online through the giving tab on the website at [dgfumc.org/giving](http://dgfumc.org/giving).

**Palm Sunday – April 2**

**Easter Services – April 9, 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.** in Sanct.  
**Handbell Worship Presentation – April 16, 10:00 a.m.**