



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
235 South Kenilworth Avenue, Elmhurst, IL  
*Partners in Christ's Service since 1890*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15, 2020      10:00 a.m.

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**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**PRELUDE**

We Gather Together

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it in your pew.*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

#588 Have Thine Own Way Lord

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader:      Worship the living God!

People:      **We come to celebrate the love of Christ.**

Leader:      Our challenge is to trust God's truth in the midst of our struggles.

People:      **We will accept our struggles because truth leads to peace.**

Leader:      Let us continue to the cross with Jesus.

People:      **Let us worship the living God!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Heavenly Father, as we continue in this season of Lent, our spiritual lives are enriched because of the good friends that surround us. You teach us the full blessing of friendships and new friends. Focus our minds and energize our spirits that we may encounter Christ in others. We pray in the name Jesus, our Friend, and our Savior. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #35**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR PEACE**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Lenten Prayer Hymn #566 Be Still My Soul (v. 1)

**Be still my soul, for God is on your side,  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Trust in your God, your savior and your guide,  
Who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still my soul, your best, your heavenly friend,  
Through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.**

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

### **OUR 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Everyone Welcome!

Martha Mendoza

### **SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT**

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
May the love of God surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

### **MISSION MOMENT**

Art Party for Puerto Rico

Lynette Rosen

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Was I Faithful?  
*Chancel Choir*

Hamlin/McDonald

**SCRIPTURE** (*printed inside back page & back cover*) John 4:5-42

### **SERMON**

Restored

Rev. Mike Daly

### **INVITATION TO GIVE**

*The steadfast love of God is as close as every breath. May that steadfast love inspire you with a generous heart, so that you may dwell in God's peace.*

## **DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory

Jesus Paid It All

*Meg McGarry, Michelle Maiers, Kevin Loeper*

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*SENDING OUT HYMN

#573 Purer in Heart, O God

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*\*Please stand if you are able. Please silence your cell phones. Thank you.*

### **Welcome to Our Guests!**

We are glad you came to worship with us. At First Church, we welcome theological diversity. Please feel free to substitute the liturgical language of your choice as you worship. Please join us for coffee and conversation in the parlor following the service.

Monthly newsletters and printed sermons are available in the foyer.  
Fair trade coffee and chocolate are available to purchase in the parlor.

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Senior Minister:**

Rev. Mike Daly

**Ministry of Christian Education:**

Martha Mendoza

**Ministry of Music:**

Jim Molina

**Guitarist:**

Dave Benziger

**Vocalist:**

Meg McGarry

**Head Usher:**

Dave Schacht

**Scripture Reader:**

Carol Ringhoff

**Parlor Host:**

Jan Davis

**Sunday School:**

Olivia Scumaci, Julia Stone, Martha Mendoza



Today’s altar flowers are given in loving memory of M. Ward Fleming by the Fleming, Ogdon, Soland and Sweeney families.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Children begin their morning in the sanctuary. After the Children’s Message, children leave the sanctuary for Sunday School. If you choose to have your children stay in worship, there are children’s bags with coloring and other activities available in the foyer.

**Our “Youngest Among Us” room for infant through 1<sup>st</sup> grade** opens at 9:45 a.m. and is located down the main hallway from the sanctuary in room #100.

**Our 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students** meet in Room #101 in the main hallway across from the “Youngest Among Us” room.

**All 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students** will meet in the Christian Education office this morning.

### **PRAYER LIST**

Basia Rudy	Fred “Rick” Leppien	Ron Tueber	Calvin Jackson Sr.
Amy Lynch	Phyllis Crosley	Bea Hennel	Louise Reed
Ken Stratton	Angela Burrell	Ed & Cheryl Eckert	Mary Lindahl
Michael Magana	Marguerite Schuetter	Will Kalvelage	Tom Myers

To add or remove names from the prayer list, please fill out a prayer request card in the foyer or email [elmhurstucc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elmhurstucc@sbcglobal.net). Please note, names will be listed for two weeks unless otherwise requested. Thank you!

### **FIRST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Let’s Paint the Parlor “Green”**

To reduce waste over coffee hour in the parlor, please consider bringing your own reusable mug with your name on it to hang on a hook in the parlor kitchen. Use for your Sunday coffee, then rinse and replace on the hook for the next week. Or you can bring a travel mug to take home each week.



We’ll continue to have the Styrofoam cups available for visitors or those who haven’t yet brought in their own mugs. But instead of tossing those in the trash, we’ve found a place where we can recycle them. So please empty your cup, rinse out any residue and then place it in the special container provided, or leave your cup on the counter so someone else can rinse it.

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT CUPS FILLED WITH LIQUID IN THE CONTAINER.**



## **Bakers Needed....Bakers Needed... For Our Annual Easter Bake Sale**

The success of our bake sale truly depends on the bakers of our church family preparing favorite recipes and donating baked goods on Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 12, 2020. A sign-up sheet is available on the hospitality table in the foyer.

Please consider helping our Puerto Rico work delegation meet their financial goal by donating your baked goods. For more details, please reach out to Amarelis Morales at amerlism@gmail.com or 630-440-0638. Please help us make this year's annual bake sale a success. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Green Team Meeting Next Sunday**

The Green Team will be meeting next Sunday, March 22nd after the service. Everyone is welcome. Please join us as we talk about our Seedlings Sale, our Earth Day Service (4/26), the Green Garden Fair (5/9) and how to further our efforts to make our church more sustainable. We usually meet in a corner of the parlor after the crowds have thinned down. Just look for one of our team members: Don Haraf, Jennifer Hennen, Shirley Meyers, Chris Murray, Gail Ogdon, Karen Pachyn, Claire Richter, Bob Tracy. They will point you in the right direction.



### **Palm Sunday Children's Parade & Easter Cantata Sunday, April 5, 2020**

Soon we will be entering Holy Week and it would not be the same without your children's participation in our Palm Sunday parade. Please mark your family calendars and have your children present on Sunday, April 5 for our Children's Palm Sunday Parade. Your children will pass out palms and triumphantly enter our sanctuary in the name of our Lord. The parade starts at 10:00 am so please have your children at the church at 9:45 am so we can go over details and get them the palms. Martha Mendoza

**The Music Ministry will be performing an Easter Cantata on Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020 during our worship service.** Just as our Christmas Cantata told the story of Jesus' birth in song and narration, so too will our Easter Cantata tell the powerful story of the Passion of Jesus in his final days with us. This musical Sunday will have a dedicated Music Ministry Offering. Your special donation will help continue to support the music ministry as we continue to develop and grow our worship experiences each and every Sunday.

## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH**

Sunday: *Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.*  
Monday: *No activities scheduled.*  
Tuesday: *No activities scheduled.*  
Wednesday: *Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.*  
Thursday: *Art Party for Puerto Rico, 7:00 p.m.*  
Friday: *No activities scheduled.*  
Saturday: *No activities scheduled.*

## **FIRST CHURCH STAFF**

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**CHURCH**



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secure and goes directly to our church. More information is available online at <https://get.tithe.ly>

***John 4:5-42 New International Version (NIV)***

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers.

They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”