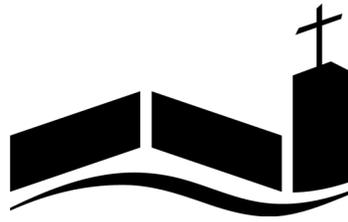


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So All May Know Joy

**March 1, 2020**



**Today's Sermon:**

**Jesus in the Gospel of Mark:  
The Beginning of the Good News**  
Each of the four Gospels has a unique beginning and a unique take on just what the "Good News" is. Mark wastes no time in identifying Jesus with the prophetic ministry of John the Baptist and the endorsement of God's Holy Spirit. Mark's beginning sets the context for understanding all the dramatic miracles and teachings that follow.

**We're glad you're here!**

**Questions?** Ask anyone with a red nametag for information about our church.

**Welcome Flyers** for new worshipers are found on the entryway wall.

**Please fill out** the "Thanks for Being Here" card in the pew rack. Time will be given to write any prayer requests and/or comments on your worship experience on the back of the card, then place it in the offering plate.

**A staffed nursery** is available in the education wing for children 5 & under.

**Children's activity bags** for worship are available on the rack in the entryway. There are also "scribble sheets" for kids on the wall!

**Copies of the sermon manuscript** are available before the service from any usher, and can also be found posted on our church website.

**Words will be projected for all songs.** Some songs are also found in the red hymnal, black hymnal or gray songbook found in your pew and page numbers are listed accordingly in your bulletin.

**Coffee** is served between the worship services each week in the Fellowship Hall from 9:20-10:20.

**Devotional resources** are available on the wall rack in the entryway.

**Hearing assist devices** are available, please ask

**8:15 am • Joyful Praise Worship**

**Coffee Fellowship & Education • 9:20-10:20 am**

**10:30 am • Celebration Worship**



# Joyful Praise Worship • 8:15 am



## Gathering Music

## Welcome & Announcements

## Invocation & Sharing Christ's Joy

## Call to Worship

### Song

*Days of Elijah*  
words projected

### Gospel Reading

*Prepare the Way!*  
Mark 1:1-8 NIV

### Song

*Heal Our Land*  
words projected

### The Early Word

*Megaphone Man*

### Gospel Reading

*Believe the Good News*  
Mark 1:9-15 NIV

### Message

*The Beginning of the Good News*

### Time of Reflection

Spend this time in meditation or to write a comment or prayer on your response card

### Invitation to Holy Communion

## 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

## Faith Stepping Stone Blessing

*Fifth Graders*

## Music during Communion

*Come, as You Are*  
*'First Love*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Song of Sending Forth

*We Believe*  
words projected

## Blessing

## Music for Departure

# Celebration Worship • 10:30 am



## Gathering Music

Brenda Lenz

## Welcome & Announcements

## Prelude

*Make Straight the Way*

by Marienne Kreitlow  
based on Mark 1:1-3

## Invocation & Sharing Christ's Joy

## Call to Worship

## Opening Hymn

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

#57 red hymnal vss 1-4

## An Affirmation of Faith

*adapted from The World Methodist Social  
Affirmation*

words projected

## Gloria Patri

#70 red hymnal

## Gospel Reading

*Prepare the Way!*

Mark 1:1-8 NIV

## The Early Word

*Megaphone Man*

## Gospel Reading

*Believe the Good News*

Mark 1:9-15 NIV

## Message

*The Beginning of the Good News*

## Time of Reflection

Spend this time in meditation or to write a comment or prayer on your response card

## Invitation to Holy Communion & Words of Institution

## Prayer of Confession

## Great Thanksgiving Hymn of Preparation

*Let Us Be Bread*

#2260 black hymnal

## 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.

## Faith Stepping Stone Blessing

*Fifth Graders*

## Music during Communion

*I Want Jesus To Walk With Me*

Afro-American spiritual

*I Come With Joy*

by Brian Wren

based on Cor. 10:16-17

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Hymn Sending Forth

*Precious Name*

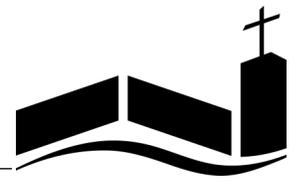
#536 vss 1-3 red hymnal

## Blessing

## Postlude

*Radiant Suns*

by Marienne Kreitlow



## Happening Today

**Holy Communion** will be received during worship today. In The United Methodist Church, all are welcome at the table, as we understand Communion to be the gift of Jesus Christ to anyone of any age who desires a closer relationship with Him. Please wear a nametag today so that all may be known by name at the Lord's Table. Ushers will direct the congregation forward down the center aisle. Bring your offerings and attendance cards with you when you come forward and place in the baskets.

### **Fifth Grade Faith Stepping Stone**

Yesterday our fifth graders learned about communion and baked the bread that we will serve in worship this morning. They will also help serve communion to you, and we will offer a blessing over them. As part of their Faith Stepping Stone, fifth graders also receive a \$100 gift toward UM church camp registration, in addition to the half already paid by the church.

**Sunday School Classes** run from 9:20-10:20 am for children ages 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Classrooms are marked in the ed wing hallways.

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet in the youth room.

### **Gospel of Mark Study Starts Today**

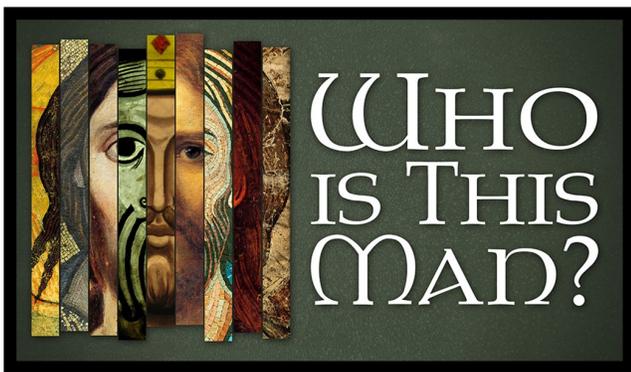
The Gospel of Mark video-based study will be offered Sunday mornings starting today between worship services from 9:20-10:20 in Classroom 105A & B . (This class is the same as the Wednesday evening sessions.) Study book available, but not required.

### **Discussion on Christianity Today**

Today between services Craig Lilja convenes the second of our monthly informal conversations to explore what it means to follow Jesus. Here's your chance to ask basic questions about the how and why of Christianity, church, or the Bible. This will be a mutual exploration of our faith together, not a formal teaching of traditional church doctrine. The intention is to gather the **first Sunday monthly** through May. Join in any first Sunday that works for you, starting today at 9:20 am!

**Jesus Rocks Rehearses today** from 10:20–11:00 am.

## Coming Up



### **Gospel of Mark Focus This Lent**

This year in Lent we'll discover more about who Jesus is through his ministry and teachings as told in the Gospel of Mark. However you choose to experience Lent, we have an optional study book on The Gospel of Mark available for \$14 as a companion or independent study. Here

are the many ways you may participate:

#### **Sundays Explore "Who is This Man?"**

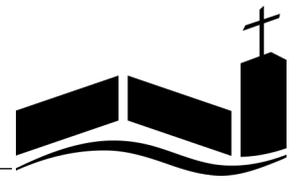
Our Sunday worship during Lent will focus on the stories of Jesus and his ministry, including his many different roles as carpenter, teacher, healer, friend and savior to help answer the question "Who is this Man?"

#### **Wednesday Evening Lent Series**

Wednesday evening Lent sessions will be a Gospel of Mark video series with large and small group discussion options now through April 1. Sessions at 6:30 pm, preceded by dinner (freewill) at 6:00 pm.

#### **Sunday Morning Class March 1-April 5**

If Wednesday evenings don't work for you, the same Gospel of Mark video-based study will be offered Sunday mornings between worship



services from 9:20-10:20. Study book available, but not required.

### **Terebinth Refuge Donations**

The Terebinth Refuge donations drive wraps up today. Thank you for your generosity in supported this wonderful shelter supporting formerly trafficked women and their children!

### **Thursday Game Day This Week**

Warm up your spirit and enjoy relaxed fellowship at our Game Day this **Thursday, March 5 from 1:00-4:00 pm**. Coffee is provided, bring a snack to share if you like. A variety of games are enjoyed.

### **“Discover BUMC” Next Sunday**

If you are a newcomer and have questions, consider attending the “Discover BUMC” gathering next **Sunday, March 8** between worship services, hosted by our Guest Connections team. You can get acquainted with others and ask questions about the Methodist church or this congregation. Just find the designated table in the fellowship hall at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

### **The MN FoodShare March Campaign**

March is FoodShare Month! Donations of food and personal care items can be left in the red wagon by the church office. Monetary donations are encouraged, as the food shelf can purchase a significant amount of food for less dollars than an individual can. Make checks out to BUMC, with “food shelf” designated in the memo line. Grocery bags, flyers, and envelopes are available at the front door of the church. Consider filling a grocery bag! The most needed items: canned fruit, canned tuna/chicken, pancake mix/syrup, flour, cereal, ketchup, saltines, sugar, pasta, personal care items, and household items.



### **Sign Up for Women's Retreat in April**

The BUMC Women's Retreat *Caring for Creation and for Ourselves* is April 24-26 at Camp Koinonia in South Haven.

# Women in Action

Registration forms are now available on the bulletin board! We have room for 30 BUMC women, family and friends. Sign up now to save your spot! It's going to be a great time!

### **Women in Action Monthly Mission**

Our new Women in Action ministry meets on **Sunday, March 15 from 9:20 - 10:20**. The mission focus this month is to assemble variety packs of pre-packaged snack items for the food shelf to give parents to send with their kids to school, as for many families, that can be a really big expense! Sign up on the bulletin board donation sheet to bring a box or two of snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks, crackers etc.) Better yet, come help fill the bags!! All welcome, young, old, newcomers and long-timers!



### **Consider Camping This Summer!**

Have you checked out the many wonderful UM camping opportunities, for kids, families or adults? Remember, the church pays half of all youth registrations to a UM camp! Brochures aren't in yet, but you can go online to <https://minnesotaumc.org/get-involved/camping-retreats/> to register. Then complete our BUMC camping form and return it to church so we can pay the other half. First-time adult campers at UM camps also qualify for half registration coverage.

### **Blankets for Beds**

Donate new or gently used blankets/linens by placing them in the “Blankets” box outside of the church office or if you need them picked up, call Dianne McLain 763-682-2260.

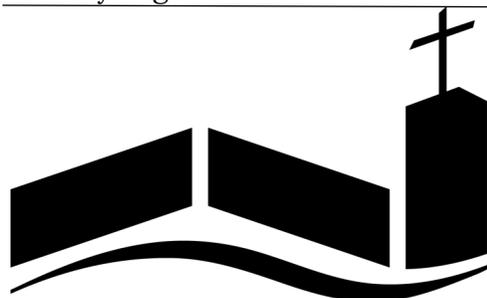
## Next Sunday March 8

### Who is This, That Even the Wind and Sea Obey Him?

It doesn't take long for people to start asking questions about this Jesus who is stirring people up wherever he goes with inexplicable displays of power. Some put their faith in Jesus, others chose to doubt him. Are we looking for something spectacular to convince us that Jesus is the Son of God, or can we find our faith in the "ordinary miracles" of life?

### Prayer Matters

- Pray for Dennis Bowe on his journey with aggressive thyroid cancer, that the treatments will extend his time with family.
- Please pray for the Liljas' nephew Grant and niece Karalee as they are both experiencing serious health issues right now.
- Please pray for Ed Rudenberg's brother, John, who is in hospice.
- Kris Carlson's mom Betty is experiencing heart issues, so pray for answers and good treatment.
- The Dibbens' brother-in-law Tony begins radiation on a tumor.



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## Serving Today

Musicians: Joyful Praise Team (8:15); Brenda Lenz, Mariëne Kreitlow (10:30)  
Tech: Joe Schroeder, Jeremy Carlson (8:15); Jerry Ford (10:30)  
Scripture Readers: Don Wermager(8:15)Allison Sturm (10:30)  
Ushers: Laurence & Darla Frink (8:15) Ivan Erickson & Lester Hamann (10:30)  
Coffee Servers: Martyn & Alison Dibben

## This Week in Ministry

### Monday, March 2

9:00 pm Commodity Distribution  
6:00 pm Praise & Coffee @ Perkins

### Tuesday, March 3

7:00 pm Property Team Meeting

### Wednesday, March 4

6:00 pm Lenten Meal- UEC  
6:30 pm Gospel of Mark Lenten Session  
6:30 pm Confirmation—Focus; Senior High Youth  
7:30 pm Praise Team & Handbell Rehearsals

### Thursday, March 5

1:00 pm Thursday Gathering  
7:00 pm Disciple Fast Track Bible Study

### Saturday, March 7

7:30 am Worship Design Team Meeting

### Sunday, March 8

Baptism, Daylight Saving Begins  
8:15 am Joyful Praise Worship  
9:20 am Fellowship & Education  
9:20 am Discover BUMC & Coffee Talk  
10:25 am Jesus Rocks Rehearsal  
10:30 am Traditional Celebration Worship

## Church Leadership & Staff

Pastor:	<b>Rev. Bill Reinhart</b>	PastorBill@
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Staff Parish Team:	<b>Gail Hurley</b>	
Property Team:	<b>Jeremy Carlson</b>	
Finance Team:	<b>Martyn Dibben</b>	
Treasurer:	<b>Dexter Lehman</b>	
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