

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.

If you are visiting, we welcome you and ask that you leave information so that we might be in contact with you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude - Praise Band "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Choral Introit "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Come gather together here in the presence of Christ, who is our Friend and Healer.

People: We have entered here, and in our worship together, we yearn for hope and comfort.

Leader: Let us reach to the heart of Jesus, who is our life.

People: We encounter our Lord, who makes us whole.

Leader: Here we are welcomed and loved and cherished.

All: Here we are the people of God. Let us rejoice and praise God!

§ Opening Hymn #173 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Reading Exodus 24:12-18

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn (FWS) #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Children's Message

Hymn (FWS) #2026 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Parents: 1st-5th grades may go to the youth center with Ms. Joy & Mr. Bailey;

younger than 2nd grade may go to the nursery with Ms. Ryanne.

§ Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 17:1-9

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Anthem - Chancel Choir "Keep Your Lamps"

Sermon "Extreme Faith" Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory - Praise Band

"Shine On Us"

§ Doxology #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Please remain standing as you are able.

The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The communion bread served is gluten-free so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.

Communion Music - Praise Band "I Stand Amazed"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth (FWS) #2103 "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

§ Benediction

The good news of God's love is not just a message for the mountaintop. It is a glorious charge and a holy calling. As we leave this house of worship, may we be transfigured ourselves, radiant, refreshed for God's mission. Let us depart with fervent hope and renewed energy. Let our lives be witnesses to the gospel; let God's Spirit emanate from each of us!

Organ Postlude "Toccata" ~ Biggs

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

We thank Rev. Miriam Castro-Rodriguez for assisting with communion today.

We thank Sam Campbell, drums, for sharing his musical gifts with us today.

Next Sunday, March 9th, we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. There will be an insert next week to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

"The Painting Table" starts Tuesday, March 11-stay tuned!



We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in worshiping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed.

Calling all 5th - 12th graders! ! Today we will do "Leaning into Lent" from 11:30 - 2:00; lunch will be served, no cost. Next Sunday, March 9, we will go on a Mystery Field Trip from 1:30-4:30 for only \$6 + snacks (optional).

Parents: If you are interested in summer camps, come to an informational meeting Sunday, March 9, 11:30 a.m., in the Youth Lounge.

Fat Tuesday ~ Help support our youth mission trips by attending the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 4, 5:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. For a free-will donation enjoy pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, and more. Please consider donating pancake mix, eggs, milk, juice and/or money if you are unable to attend.

Attend Ash Wednesday Services at Noon or 5:30 p.m. in our Chapel on March 5 and receive ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration from the year prior and are a symbol of our penance and contrition, which is why believers are told "Remember, you are dust, and unto dust you shall return" when we receive the ashes.

NO Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - March 5

Turn clocks 1 hour ahead before you go to bed Saturday, March 8!

Christian Education Team will meet Sunday, March 9, at noon, in Room 209.

Study "God's Gift of Life" with us during Lent. Books are available in the office for only \$6. You may study it on your own or on Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. in the Dining Room beginning March 12.

Don't forget the first-ever St. Patrick's Day Youth Ministry Fundraiser! Please fill out the order form, found in your bulletin, and return in the offering plate or to the church office by Thursday, March 13, for your traditional (and non-traditional) tasty treats. Thank you for your continued support!

Only 12 time slots left! Thank you everyone for participating in our new directory! So many people have changed addresses, we have new members, and our youth are changing daily (it seems like!), so it's important that as many as possible participate. We WANT to know who you are!! See Georgalee at the card table in the Narthex to sign up. You do NOT have to be a member!

The Rockford Area Christian Ministries is bringing the production of "A Mighty Fortress is Our Basement" by the Basement Church Ladies to our area. This hit musical/comedy will be presented on April 8, 2014, 7:00 pm, at the Belvidere Community Center. Tickets are on sale already, and when they are gone that's it; so decide NOW if you are interested. Cost is \$22.50 per person. Call Jan Marlow or stop at the Scrip table in the Narthex A.S.A.P. Checks may be made out to the Rockford Area Christian Ministries.

