

# Celebration of Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 26, 2023  
9:30 a.m.

Lent begins with the imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday. Lent is the season of 40 days, not counting Sundays, before Easter. It comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencen," which means "spring." The season is in preparation for the celebration of Easter. Historically, it was the time of preparation for the baptism of Christian converts. It is a season for all Christians to engage in self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial; and reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

## Gathering

**Chiming of Steeple Bell**  
**Lighting of Christ Candle**

**Prelude** "The Faithful"  
arranged by James Southbridge

## Welcome, Dedication of Presence & Ministry Opportunities

### \*Call to Worship - Psalm 130

Liturgist: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice!

**People: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

L: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

**P: with the Lord is plenteous redemption. Alleluia.**

**Anthem** Adult Choir  
[Children's Message]

\*UMH No. 407 "Close to Thee" CLOSE TO THEE

**Prayer** Offered in Unison

**O God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Personal Prayer** Offered in Silence

We pray for the people of the State of Rhode Island, the Ocean State, joined in our union on May 29, 1790. Also, for the people living in Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia.

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. DaeHwa Park

Joys and concerns may be shared prior to Pastoral Prayer.

## \*Offering of Our Time, Talents, and Treasures

**Offertory** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"  
arranged by Jim Reeves

\*Doxology - UMH No. 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

\*Gospel Lesson "Matthew 5:38-48" NIV  
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<sup>38</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' <sup>39</sup> But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. <sup>40</sup> And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. <sup>41</sup> If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. <sup>42</sup> Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. <sup>43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup> But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Witness to the Word** Rev. DaeHwa Park

"Be Perfect, therefore, as Your Heavenly Father Is Perfect

Part 5. Love Your Enemies – The True Act of Forgiveness

## Response to the Word – Invitation of Holy Week Service

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.

Zoom Link: 566-965-650; Passcode: 900361

"Invitation to The Stations of the Cross during Holy Week"

At Good Shepherd UMC on April 7, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

## Acknowledgements & Faith Sharing

Welcome all, young and elderly disciples, especially visitors.

\*UMH No. 453 "More Love to Thee, O Christ" M.L.T.T.O.C.

\*Benediction Rev. DaeHwa Park

**Postlude** "Rejoice, the Lord is King"  
arranged by Dick Torrans

**UMH:** United Methodist Hymnal;

\*Congregation may stand as able

## ☒ Sermon Outline

### "Be Perfect, therefore, as Your Heavenly Father Is Perfect"

Part 5. Love Your Enemies – The True Act of Forgiveness

Matthew 5:38-48

1. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ an evil person.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ your enemies and \_\_\_\_\_ for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

3. Be perfect, therefore, as your \_\_\_\_\_ Father is perfect.

Keys: 1. resist; 2. Love .. pray; 3. heavenly

### **Make Companions in Christ!**

Jesus ... called 12 disciples ... ["two-by-two"] (Matthew 10:1-5).

- Pray for your CIC
- Encounter your CIC
- Define God's Call with your CIC
- Celebrate and commission CIC for the Kingdom of God!



Have you ever read the entire Bible all the way through? If you set aside just twenty or thirty minutes a day, you can do just that in one year. Follow this reading plan, you will read part of the Old and New Testaments each day. Begin today and discover the riches of God's Holy Word!

### March 2023

Date	Morning	Lunchtime	Evening
26	☐ Numbers 33	☐ Psalm 79	☐ John 21-Acts 1
27	☐ Numbers 34	☐ Psalm 80	☐ Acts 2
28	☐ Numbers 35	☐ Psalm 81	☐ Acts 3
Mar. 1	☐ Numbers 36	☐ Psalm 82	☐ Acts 4
2	☐ Deuteronomy 1	☐ Psalm 83	☐ Acts 5
3	☐ Deuteronomy 2	☐ Psalm 84	☐ Acts 6
4	☐ Deuteronomy 3	☐ Psalm 85	☐ Acts 7
5	☐ Deuteronomy 4	☐ Psalm 86	☐ Acts 8
6	☐ Deuteronomy 5	☐ Psalm 87	☐ Acts 9
7	☐ Deuteronomy 6	☐ Psalm 88	☐ Acts 10
8	☐ Deuteronomy 7	☐ Psalm 89	☐ Acts 11
9	☐ Deuteronomy 8	☐ Psalm 90	☐ Acts 12
10	☐ Deuteronomy 9	☐ Psalm 91	☐ Acts 13
11	☐ Deuteronomy 10	☐ Psalm 92	☐ Acts 14
12	☐ Deuteronomy 11	☐ Psalm 93	☐ Acts 15
13	☐ Deuteronomy 12	☐ Psalm 94	☐ Acts 16
14	☐ Deuteronomy 13	☐ Psalm 95	☐ Acts 17
15	☐ Deuteronomy 14	☐ Psalm 96	☐ Acts 18
16	☐ Deuteronomy 15	☐ Psalm 97	☐ Acts 19
17	☐ Deuteronomy 16	☐ Psalm 98	☐ Acts 20
18	☐ Deuteronomy 17	☐ Psalm 99	☐ Acts 21
19	☐ Deuteronomy 18	☐ Psalm 100	☐ Acts 22
20	☐ Deuteronomy 19	☐ Psalm 101	☐ Acts 23
21	☐ Deuteronomy 20	☐ Psalm 102	☐ Acts 24
22	☐ Deuteronomy 21	☐ Psalm 103	☐ Acts 25
23	☐ Deuteronomy 22	☐ Psalm 104	☐ Acts 26
24	☐ Deuteronomy 23	☐ Psalm 105	☐ Acts 27
25	☐ Deuteronomy 24	☐ Psalm 106	☐ Acts 28
26	☐ Deuteronomy 25	☐ Psalm 107	☐ 1 Corinthians 1
27	☐ Deuteronomy 26	☐ Psalm 108	☐ 1 Corinthians 2
28	☐ Deuteronomy 27	☐ Psalm 110	☐ 1 Corinthians 3
29	☐ Deuteronomy 28	☐ Psalm 111	☐ 1 Corinthians 4
30	☐ Deuteronomy 29	☐ Psalm 112	☐ 1 Corinthians 5
31	☐ Deuteronomy 30	☐ Psalm 113	☐ 1 Corinthians 6
Apr. 1	☐ Deuteronomy 31	☐ Psalm 114	☐ 1 Corinthians 7
Apr. 2	☐ Deuteronomy 32	☐ Psalm 115	☐ 1 Corinthians 8

#### Reminder of Bulletin Announcement:

Any announcement for the bulletin, please send them into the office by Tuesday at noon. Thanks!

For a private meeting or pastoral counseling, please call 301-725-7630 for a zoom arrangement with pastor or call Pastor Park at (202) 277-8553.

### This Week at Savage

FH – fellowship hall, F&MC – faith and ministry center

#### Sunday, March 26, Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30a Worship Sanctuary/zoom  
 10:30a Fellowship FH  
 2-6p MD Hope Presbyterian church S/FH/classrooms  
 6p NA planning meeting F&MC  
 7p Youth Hangout zoom  
 8p Story-telling with Children zoom

#### Monday, March 27

8:30a Staff meeting zoom  
 6:15p Lenten Potluck and movie study FH

#### Tuesday, March 28

7p Scouts BSA FH  
 7:15p Scouts BSA Girls F&MC2

#### Wednesday, March 29

12p High Noon Prayer zoom  
 7p NA meeting FH  
 7:30p Disciple: Under the Tree of Life zoom

#### Thursday, March 30

6:15p Bell Choir choir room  
 7:15p Adult Choir choir room  
 7:30p Becoming Disciples thru Bible Study zoom

#### Sunday, April 2, Palm/Passion Sunday

9:30a Worship Sanctuary/zoom  
 10:30a Fellowship and potluck FH  
 2-6p MD Hope Presbyterian church S/FH/classrooms  
 7p Youth Hangout zoom  
 7:30p NA hybrid meeting zoom/FH

### Year of Generosity GOALS FOR 2023

3M's-More members, more money, more mission!

### Mission: Make people blessed with the Gospel of Jesus

Our Journey: Praise God, experience God, serve God and share God!

#### The United Methodist Church of Savage



QR Code for Evangelism



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*Matthew 5:45b & 48*

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Our church bell, made in 1838, rang daily at the Savage Cotton Mill to begin and end the workday. Now the bell calls us to worship!

### **You Are Welcome - Just as You Are!**

All are welcome at Savage. You truly matter to us because you matter to God. We understand ourselves as Christians in worship, study, service and witnessing; and affirming each person's unique gifts and talents, we invite you into a loving relationship with God. If you want to know more about Savage United Methodist Church or about Christianity, please indicate so in the registration pad as it is placed in the pew. If there is information that you feel would help us better serve you, please indicate this. We honor and celebrate your decision to be here!

### **Worship, Fellowship & Study at Savage**

All gatherings are offered thru Zoom or Facebook Live Stream  
(For Facebook users, please request friends at Facebook.com/DaeHwa.Park)

#### **Celebration of Worship (Sunday Worship) at 9:30 a.m.**

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 857-2252-9072; **Password:** 655638

#### **Youth Hang-Out, Sunday Evenings at 7 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 966-0116-5851; **Passcode:** 914966

#### **Story-Telling with Children, Sunday evenings at 8 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 964-1021-2427; **Passcode:** 541602

#### **Coffee with the Pastor - Monday, at 11 a.m.**

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 631-887-165; **Passcode:** 375637

#### **Journey thru the Bible, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. "New Name"**

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 947-5619-4251; **Passcode:** 024529

#### **High Noon Prayer, Wednesdays at 12 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 409-666-503; **Passcode:** 581382

#### **Under the Tree of Life on Wednesdays at 7:30p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 875-9323-0354; **Passcode:** 528483

#### **FAITH TALK (Meet the Pastor) on Thursdays, at 11 a.m.**

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 953-5226-0028; **Passcode:** 014740

#### **Becoming Disciples on Thursdays at 7:30p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 961-6061-5713; **Passcode:** 716470

### **Upcoming Events**

**Lenten Dinners, Mondays, 6:15pm, 27 (Easter Egg crew). Movie study, Before Amen, by Max Lucado. Thanks John & Sheri!**

**Palm Sunday Bell Performance and Potluck, April 2**

**Holy Thursday Tenebrae Service @ UMC Savage, April 6, 7p**

**Good Friday Service @ Good Shepherd UMC, April 7, 7:30pm**

**Easter Cantata, April 9**

**Church Council, April 11, 7pm, FMC3**

**Quilters, April 21, 22, 29, 9a-5p, FH**

Troop 424 is selling mulch again this year. Grab your order sheet in the narthex. Leave it in the secretary mail slot.

Today is the last day for Easter Egg orders!

**SHOP & SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER** - [www.RadaFundraising.com](http://www.RadaFundraising.com).

Please search for our group name: United Methodist Church of Savage.

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