

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today 11:00-Snack and Chat in the church parlor.  
Mar 12 9:00- Hand2Hand Packing  
1:00- Enneagram Journey (small group)  
Mar 19 1:00- Enneagram Journey (small group)  
1:00- Supper House representatives meeting  
4:00- Leadership Team



## GIVING

There are multiple ways to give- in person, mail, online-  
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phone's camera and click the link VANCO ©

**Hand2Hand will pack book bags at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 12 to celebrate March is Reading Month. Scholastic Books donated books to our kids, plus a few extras for the teachers to have in their classrooms. Muskegon Area District Library (MADL) donated book bags, stickers and other fun things. Temple added reading buddies - stuffed animals - for our young readers. Please join us!**

## TEMPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Scrip For Sale in the Parlor Today!**

## TEMPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Women's History Month

Sunday, March 9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent

Each person is a beloved child of God. Temple United Methodist Church welcomes, affirms and invites everyone into the full life and ministry of our congregation regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history. Join us as we gather as one community, grow our faith, give our diverse gifts, and go into the world to advance the Reign of God.

*We are BLESSED to have you here with us today!*

## INFORMAL TIME OF SINGING

9:30 am

All are invited to join as we sing through and teach this Sunday's service music.

**“+” is an invitation to stand in body or in spirit, as each is able.**

## PRELUDE

*Love Lifted Me*

arr. Stan Pethal

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Ashes have been smeared, and sins have been confessed...

**All: We follow our faithful Lord.**

One: These times, they are troubling. This journey, it is hard...

**All: We follow our faithful Lord.**

One: It is God who sustains, not the temptations of this world...

**All: We follow our faithful Lord.**

One: In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm...

**All: We follow our faithful Lord.**

One: Come, let us worship the One whom we serve...

**All: We follow our faithful Lord.**

### + OPENING HYMN

UMH 269 *RED HYMNAL*

***Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days***

**+ UNISON PRAYER**

**Spirit above all spirits, revealed to us in the faithfulness of Jesus and in the testimony of our ancestors in the faith, keep us from the temptations that block our worship and silence our witness. Inspire us to share both sustenance and meaning, to worship with pure motives, to serve without need for recognition or reward, that your name may be glorified and your will be done among us and through us. Amen.**

**+ PASSING THE PEACE** *Welcome* W&S 3152 refrain only *GREEN HYMNAL*  
*Please return to your pew when the music begins.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of our weary years, lift us up and guide us forward, when we are tired beyond words. Pour your grace into our souls, when we give in to temptation and stray where we were never meant to go. Shepherding God, guide us back to you and show us the path home. In hope and gratitude, we pray**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

All who call on God's name are saved.  
We can rest assured in this promise. Amen and amen.

**EPISTLE READING**

Romans 10: 8b-13 *NRSV*

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 4: 1-13 *NRSV*

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

The Battle Within

Pastor Jeff

**+ HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*In Christ Alone*

W&S 3105 *GREEN HYMNAL*

**TIME OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND GIVING**

*You are invited to speak the first names of those in your heart.*

**Silent Prayer and Meditation**

Job 33:4

The spirit of God has made us, and the breath of the Almighty gives us life.

*After a time of silence, music will begin, at this time you are invited to bring your prayers to the altar and to light a candle as an outward expression of your prayer intention. If you are unable to stand or kneel, we invite you to ask another sitting near you to light a candle for you.*

**Giving-** *During this time of prayer you are also welcome to bring your gifts to the boxes at the ends of the prayer rails.*

**Prayer Response**

*In Christ Alone*

W&S 3105 vs1 *GREEN HYMNAL*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**+ SENDING FORTH HYMN**

TFWS 2105 *BLACK HYMNAL*

*Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*

**+ BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*God Sends Us Forth*

arr. Mark Hayes

**Thank you to today's worship leaders!**

Liturgist- Marsha Black

Song Leader- Gunnar Carlson

Projection & Visuals- Steve Neubauer/Carol Taylor/ John Morse

Altar Design- Worship Team

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