YAHWEH: GOD OF GRAND HAVEN

March 13, 2022
2nd Sunday in Lent

Jeff Verry, M.Div., Guest Speaker

United Methodist Church of the Dunes
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We Gather

Gathering Music & Chimes

Welcome/Ministry Moments

Introit “Praise the Lord” Cameroon Traditional Chancel Choir

We Praise God

Invitation to Worship

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
People: To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God’s temple.
Leader: “Come,” my heart says, “seek the Lord’s face!”
People: Your face, Lord, do I seek.
Leader: O Lord God of our salvation, we worship and adore you.
People: We will sing your praises for ever and ever. Amen!

*Hymn #139 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
(vs. 1, 2, 4, & 5)

Children’s Time

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Refuge of our hearts, we must speak of how we have not made you the center of our lives. We look for shelter in the false security of the world, not in your promises. Our fears are driven by our emotions and decisions, not by our trust in you.

We look to the powerful, the beautiful, the athletic to be our role models, instead of the One who comes in your name.

Have mercy on us, our Light and our Hope, and touch us with your forgiving grace. Fill our hearts with your presence, so we might recognize the One who has come to gather us up and lead us into your Kingdom, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God does not give us up to the temptations and ways of the world, but shelters us with love, with hope, with grace. We are forgiven people. Our songs of joy are lifted to the One who forgives us and saves us. Thanks be to God. Amen.
A Reading from the Psalms  

Psalm 27 (CEB)  

Reflection on Offering  

Offertory  
“We Sing Glory to God”  

Drennan  
Chancel Choir  

Prayer of Dedication  

Generous God, as we travel this Lenten journey, allow us to walk beside Jesus as he makes his journey into Jerusalem. As we offer our gifts this morning, may it be our way of saying we won’t turn away from the problems and conflicts of this world; but like Jesus, we will walk toward them. All we take for the journey is the compassion, mercy, and sacrifice that he carried—moving toward what waited in the Holy City. We journey in Christ’s steps and pray in Christ’s holy name. Amen.

We Share the Word  

A Reading from the New Testament  

Philippians 3:17-4:1  

A Reading from the Gospel  


Sermon  
“Yahweh: The God of Grand Haven”  

Jeff Verry  

Pastoral Prayer  

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.

We Respond to the Word  

*Hymn #526  
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”  

We are Sent Forth  

*Benediction  

*Chimes & Parting Music  

*Stand as you are able
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Hymn #139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true god he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee; fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.
Psalm 27 (CEB)

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Should I fear anyone?  
The Lord is a fortress protecting my life. Should I be frightened of anything?  
2 When evildoers come at me trying to eat me up— it’s they, my foes and my enemies, who stumble and fall!  
3 If an army camps against me, my heart won’t be afraid. If war comes up against me, I will continue to trust in this:  
4 I have asked one thing from the Lord— it’s all I seek: to live in the Lord’s house all the days of my life, seeing the Lord’s beauty and constantly adoring his temple.  
5 Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling during troubling times; he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent; he will set me up high, safe on a rock.  
6 Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me, and I will offer sacrifices in God’s tent— sacrifices with shouts of joy! I will sing and praise the Lord.  
7 Lord, listen to my voice when I cry out—have mercy on me and answer me!  
8 Come, my heart says, seek God’s face. Lord, I do seek your face!  
9 Please don’t hide it from me! Don’t push your servant aside angrily—you have been my help! God who saves me, don’t neglect me! Don’t leave me all alone!  
10 Even if my father and mother left me all alone, the Lord would take me in.  
11 Lord, teach me your way; because of my opponents, lead me on a good path.  
12 Don’t give me over to the desires of my enemies, because false witnesses and violent accusers have taken their stand against me.  
13 But I have sure faith that I will experience the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living!  
14 Hope in the Lord! Be strong! Let your heart take courage! Hope in the Lord!
Phillipians 3:17 – 4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.


At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.” He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’"
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Hymn #526

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.
This Week's Calendar

**SUNDAY**  **March 13, 2022**
- 8:30 AM  Online Worship
- 9:30 AM  Worship – Wiltse Center
- 9:45 AM  Grow Kids & Students – Nursery
- 10:45 AM Lenten Study – Back of Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM  Faith Linked Discussion – Ryder Lounge

**MONDAY**  **March 14, 2022**
- 9:00 AM  Walking Time – Hallway & Wiltse Center
- 10:00 AM  Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
- 5:30 PM  Chair Yoga – Social Hall
- 6:00 PM  Quilt Guild – Social Hall
- 7:00 PM  Bells of Glory – Wiltse Center

**TUESDAY**  **March 15, 2022**
- 8:30 AM  ROMEOs – Russ’ Restaurant
- 9:00 AM  Walking Time – Hallway & Wiltse Center
- 10:00 AM  Lenten Study – Ryder Lounge
- 11:00 AM  Staff – Choir Room

**WEDNESDAY**  **March 16, 2022**
- 6:00 PM  Martial Arts – Lower Level
- 6:30 PM  Lenten Study - ZOOM
- 7:30 PM  Chancel Choir – Wiltse Center

**THURSDAY**  **March 17, 2022**
- 9:00 AM  Walking Time – Hallway & Wiltse Center
- 11:00 AM  Chair Yoga – Social Hall

**FRIDAY**  **March 18, 2022**
- Pastor Lou’s Day Off
- Office Closed

**SATURDAY**  **March 19, 2022**
- 8:00 AM  Midwest District UMW Spring Fling – Wiltse Center
- 10:30 AM  Martial Arts – Lower Level
Welcome

Thank you for worshiping with Church of the Dunes today! We’re so glad you are here. If you have questions or need assistance, please ask an usher, the pastor, or stop at the Welcome Center. We hope to see you again soon.

News, Activities, and Events

At this time, masks are optional for worship and activities at the church. Worship is scheduled to return to the Sanctuary on March 20. Coffee fellowship is scheduled to resume then, as well.

On March 13, we again welcome special guest preacher Jeff Verry, M. Div.

CALLING HELPING HANDS – MARCH 14 & 15
With the chancel renovation nearly complete, it’s time to clean the Sanctuary and choir loft so it is ready for worship! Volunteers are needed, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on March 14 & 15, for dusting, vacuuming, and general cleaning tasks. If possible, please bring rags, vacuums, etc. with you.

ROMEOS BREAKFAST - MARCH 15
ROMEos (Retired Old Men Eating Out) meet for breakfast at Russ’ Restaurant in Grand Haven on the third Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. - March 15. All men are welcome.

PIANO FUNDRAISING GOAL – MARCH 15
Church of the Dunes is raising funds for a new baby grand piano, with hopes to reach the $8800 goal by March 15. Make check to Church of the Dunes; note “piano” on the memo line.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) SPRING FLING – MARCH 19
This year’s Midwest District UMW event is hosted at Church of the Dunes. The keynote speaker will provide a firsthand account of a Civil Rights Bus Tour experience. Men are welcome to attend the keynote. Registration is $15 and due March 13. Registration forms are on the UMW bulletin board.

CONSECRATION OF UPDATED CHANCEL SPACE - MARCH 20
In-person worship is scheduled to return to the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 20. Plans are in the works for a consecration of the new chancel space to take place during that worship service.

LENTEN OFFERING
Lenten Offering letters have been mailed to church members and should be arriving soon (if not received already). A portion of this year’s Lenten Offering will be designated for the United Methodist Committee on Relief’s (UMCOR) emergency relief efforts for Ukraine. The letter provides details.

Upcoming Book Discussion Groups

SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – MARCH 27
4:00 p.m., Ryder Lounge, Jill Miller, facilitator. “Just Mercy,” by Bryan Stevenson. To participate, please provide your own book, read as much of it as possible, and attend the discussion.

MONDAY READING GROUP – MARCH 28
2:00 p.m., on Zoom, Gayle Cox, facilitator. “The Silent Patient” by Alex Michaelides. To participate, please provide your own book and contact the group facilitator for information. For assistance, contact the church office.
Sunday Mornings at Church of the Dunes

Worship

8:30 a.m. Online Worship
On the church’s YouTube channel, or visit www.umcdunes.org/worship for a link.

9:30 a.m. In-person Worship – temporarily moved to Wiltse Center fellowship area
If you prefer to listen to in-person worship from the church parking lot, tune the car radio to 99.7 FM.

Sunday School: Grow Kids – meeting in the south section of the Nursery
GROW is for grades K – 12, and takes place during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Pastor Lou will dismiss students for GROW Sunday School after the Children’s Time portion of the worship service.

Faith Linked Discussion Group for Adults – Ryder Lounge
Sundays at 10:45 a.m., Bron and Barry Kram, facilitators
This discussion explores current events and other issues from a faith perspective. The resource used is “Wired Word.” For assistance connecting with the facilitators, contact the church office.

Lenten Study “He Chose the Nails” by Max Lucado – Cry Room
Sundays immediately following worship, John and Gwen Bartels, facilitators
This study explores the days surrounding Jesus’ crucifixion and how much God loves and cares for us. Attend each week, or as your schedule allows. All adults are welcome.

Giving and Attendance

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To give by mail, please send offering to United Methodist Church of the Dunes, 717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, MI 49417. To give online, visit https://umcdunes.org/give/.

Online worship: As of March 8, the March 6 online worship service had 62 views. One view may include more than one person viewing the service together.

In-person worship: Attendance at March 6 in-person worship was 90.

Piano Fundraiser

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To make a donation for a baby grand piano for the Sanctuary, make a check payable to Church of the Dunes and write “piano” on the memo line. Let us know if your donation is in honor of a loved one.
All are Welcome

The United Methodist Church of the Dunes aspires to love as Jesus loved. We open our hearts, minds, and doors to all. This congregation invites persons of all races, sexual orientations and gender identities, ages, abilities, and socio-economic status to participate fully in all aspects of the Christian life.

Praises and Prayers

CHILI “VALENTINE HUGS” UPDATE AND THANK YOU
Ruth Circle’s Valentine Hugs Chili Fundraiser was a wonderful success! Through donations and orders, 25 meals were delivered to happy faces around the Tri-Cities area. Net proceeds were $470, and combined with additional available Ruth Circle mission funds, $500 was donated to Love In Action’s Backpack Blessings program. Thank you for your generosity!

THANK YOU everyone for your prayers, cards and flowers following my surgery. Your kindness lifted my spirit. I am healing because of your thoughtfulness. Karen Kochanowski

PLEASE JOIN WITH OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR Dulac Community Center, Dulac, LA; and Clarissa Evangelista, Missionary

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

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Please Note

OFFICE HOURS AND PUBLICATION DEADLINES: The Church Office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or by appointment. The bulletin insert deadline is Tuesdays at noon. The Dunes Digest newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month.

PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE if you or a family member is hospitalized, going to be having surgery, or is homebound and would like a visit. Please let us know if you have experienced a death in your family. We would like to be supportive, and we appreciate your help. Thank you.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS
When Grand Haven Area Public Schools are closed because of inclement winter weather, or related issues like road conditions, Church of the Dunes is closed and activities are cancelled. If there would be a need to cancel Sunday worship due to winter weather or road conditions, closing information will be submitted to WOOD TV where closings are broadcast and published on the station’s website at www.woodtv.com.
SERVICE PARTICIPANTS
Lou Grettenberger – Pastor
Jeff Verry – Guest Preacher
Megan Horist – Director of Worship Arts
Marna Jeffery – Organist & Accompanist
Paige Horist – Worship Media Tech
Chancel Choir - Music
Robert Mann – Liturgist

Church of the Dunes is a family of faith which seeks to:
• grow in God’s grace and love
• challenge and equip all members to be faithful disciples
• share the Good News
• demonstrate and reflect the love of God

Church office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Lou directly on his cellphone.
For assistance, contact the church office at 616-842-7980.