



# RELATIONSHIP ROAD:

*They Killed  
the Prophets*

**March 16, 2025**

**2nd Sunday in Lent**

**United Methodist Church of the Dunes**

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## We Gather

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Threshold Moment

Introit

*"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*

Moore  
Chancel Choir  
Dawn Scott, Soloist

\*Call to Worship

Leader: God is our light and our salvation: whom shall we fear?

People: **God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,  
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

Leader: Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love.

People: **O God, do not turn from us our hide your face from us!  
Be our guide and our light instead!**

Leader: One thing we ask of God:

People: **That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life  
and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.**

Leader: Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving,  
for God is among and within us!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## We Praise God

Hymn #417

*"O For a Heart to Praise My God"*

Children's Time

Pastor Lou

Worship Song

*"Surrender"*

James

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, 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 and reactions are driven by our emotions, not by our trust in you. We look to the rich, 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. Touch us with your forgiving grace. Heal the blindness of our hearts, so we might recognize You, the One who has come in Jesus Christ to gather us up and lead us into your Kingdom. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*"On Faith Alone"*

arr. Fettke  
Chancel Choir

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, our shelter and hope, as we walk Lenten road, may we reflect the love that sustains us, and may we lift one another up in times of need and vulnerability. Use these offerings to bring comfort to the weary and hope to the brokenhearted. Strengthen Your light in us so that we may shine Your love into world. May we reflect Your compassion in all we do. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

### **We Share the Word**

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 27

Hymn #2007

*"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

A Reading from the New Testament

Philippians 3:17-4:1

A Reading from the Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Sermon

*"Relationship Road: They Killed the Prophets"*

Pastor Lou

### **We Respond to the Word**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator in heaven, holy is Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.**

\*Final Hymn #348

*"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling"*

(vs 1, 2, & 4)

### **We are Sent Forth**

\*Benediction

\*Chimes

\*Parting Music

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**O For a Heart to Praise My God**  
**Hymn #417**

O for a heart to praise my God,  
a heart from sin set free,  
a heart that always feels thy blood  
so freely shed for me.

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,  
my great Redeemer's throne,  
where only Christ is heard to speak,  
where Jesus reigns alone.

A humble, lowly, contrite heart,  
believing, true, and clean,  
which neither life nor death can part  
from Christ who dwells within.

A heart in every thought renewed  
and full of love divine,  
perfect and right and pure and good,  
a copy, Lord, of thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;  
come quickly from above;  
write thy new name upon my heart,  
thy new, best name of Love.

## **Surrender**

I'm giving You my heart  
And all that is within  
I lay it all down  
For the sake of You my King  
I'm giving You my dreams  
I'm laying down my rights  
I'm giving up my pride  
For the promise of new life

And I surrender  
All to You all to You  
And I surrender  
All to You all to You

I'm singing You this song  
I'm waiting at the cross  
And all the world holds dear  
I count it all as loss  
For the sake of knowing You  
The glory of Your name  
To know the lasting joy  
Even sharing in Your pain

## **Doxology for Lent**

Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

## Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek:

to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! <sup>8</sup> “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek.

<sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

<sup>10</sup> If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up. <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. <sup>12</sup> Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

<sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. <sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**  
**Hymn #2193**

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

**Philippians 3:17 – 4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>4:1</sup> 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.

## Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.”<sup>32</sup> He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.’<sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’<sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!<sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”





**Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling**

**Hymn # 348**

**(vs. 1, 2, & 4)**

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home;  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

## This Week's Calendar

### **SUNDAY            March 16, 2025**

- 9:30 AM    Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM    "Be Bold" Sunday School - Room 8
- 10:30 AM    Coffee Fellowship - Wiltse Center fellowship area
- 10:45 AM    Faith Linked – Ryder Lounge
- 10:45 AM    Bible in 52 weeks for men – Rooms 13/14 downstairs

### **MONDAY            March 17, 2025**

- 9:30 AM    Prayer Shawl Group – Panera Bread, Grand Haven
- 11:00 AM    Reading the Bible – Ryder Lounge
- 1:00 PM    Caregivers – Ryder Lounge
- 4:00 PM    Staff Parish Relations – Room 13/14
- 5:30 PM    Chair Yoga – Social Ha
- 6:00 PM    Dunesmen – Wiltse Center

### **TUESDAY            March 18, 2025**

- 8:30 AM    ROMEOS – Russ' Restaurant
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM    Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM    Pastor Lou's Office Hours
- 10:00 AM    Altar'd Book Study – Room 2
- 11:00 AM- 3:00 PM    Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 6:00 PM    Ruth Circle – Room 2
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM    Intro to Acrylics – Social Hall
- 6:30 PM    Quilt Guild Board – Room 4
- 7:00 PM    Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

### **WEDNESDAY            March 19, 2025**

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM    Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 9:30 AM    Organ Lesson - Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM    Heart of Christianity Bible Study –
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM    Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 5:15 PM    Wednesday Night Supper – Wiltse Center
- 5:45 PM    Meeting Jesus – Ryder Lounge
- 6:00 PM    Knit & Crochet – Conference Room
- 6:00 PM    Guitars - Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM    Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

### **THURSDAY            March 20, 2025**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM    Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 10:30 AM    Community Choir – Choir Room
- 11:00-3:00 PM    Private lessons – Wiltse Center
- 11:30 AM    Chair Yoga – Social Hall
- 3:00 – 7:00 PM    Piano Lessons – Sanctuary
- 6:00 – 9:00PM    DeColores Planning – Room 2

### **FRIDAY                March 21, 2025 – Office Closed**

### **SATURDAY            March 22, 2025**

- 9:30 – 11:00 AM    Preschool Play Group – Wiltse Center

Church of the Dunes  
Information, Events, and Activities

*Events and activities are open to all.*

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP – MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1:00 PM**

Caregivers Support Group meetings are open to all caring for a loved one with a long-term illness or diagnosis. It is a time for sharing information, tips, ideas, and connections with others experiencing the caregiving journey. Meetings are held in the Ryder Lounge (main floor).

**DUNESMEN MEAL AND SPECIAL GUEST– MONDAY, MARCH 17, 6:00 PM**

All are invited for a meal, fellowship, and presentation by a Catholic Monk at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17 in the Wiltse Center fellowship area (main floor). Monastic Monk Joseph Timothy will be speaking on what it means to be a traditional Catholic Monk and what you can learn from one. Please let the meal hosts, Dave Parsons and Larry Cole, know if you will be attending. For assistance in making the connection, contact the church office.

**ROMEOs BREAKFAST – TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 8:30 AM, RUSS' RESTAURANT**

All men, retired or not, are invited to join ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) for breakfast at Russ' Restaurant in Grand Haven on the third Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. This is an informal get-together for good food, conversation, and fellowship.

**CELEBRATION CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 7:30 PM**

If you would like to join the Celebration Choir which sings on the fifth Sunday, on March 30, please come to rehearsals on Wednesday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 26. Rehearsals take place in the choir loft from 7:30 – 8:15 p.m. All singers of any ability, eighth grade and up, are welcome!

**FOURTH MONDAY READING GROUP – MARCH 24, 1:30 PM, PANERA BREAD**

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at Panera Bread in Grand Haven at 1:30 p.m. March's book is "Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers" by Jesse Q. Sutanto. All are welcome to participate by getting a copy of the book, reading it, and joining the discussion.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP – SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 3:00 PM**

This month, the Sunday Afternoon Book Group will be discussing "The Small and the Mighty" by Sharon McMahon. Participants should obtain their own copy of the book and read it prior to the group meeting on Sunday, March 30 at 3:00 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge (main floor).

**COME TO THE CROSS: NEW ART EXHIBIT IN RYDER LOUNGE**

For the season of Lent, the exhibit in the Ryder Lounge (main floor) is titled "Come to the Cross". A variety of collected crosses are on display, as well as quilts and paintings by members of the Church of the Dunes. Outside of the Lounge, enjoy copper sculptures and a painted banner also created by our Church of the Dunes community.

**RECURRING SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES – SUNDAYS, 10:45 AM**

Did you know there are weekly Sunday school groups for adults at Church of the Dunes? These groups offer opportunities for continuous fellowship and learning. At 10:45 a.m. every Sunday, join "The Bible in 52 Weeks" group in Room 13/14 (lower level) or Faith Linked in the Ryder Lounge (main floor).

## 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.

## Sundays at Church of the Dunes

### **Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary**

For a link to the recorded livestream, visit [www.umcdunes.org/worship](http://www.umcdunes.org/worship).

### **Nursery - available during 9:30 a.m. worship**

It is located a short distance down the hall from the worship space.

### **Sunday School for Children - Hosanna classroom (Room 8), lower level**

The pastor will dismiss students to Sunday School from worship after the Children's Time.

### **Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. - Wiltse Center fellowship area**

Please stop by for fresh coffee and delicious refreshments.

## Notes from the Church Office

### **Church Office Hours**

Monday -Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. or by appointment.

**The bulletin deadline** is noon on Tuesdays, and earlier on holiday weeks. Bulletin space is limited and often fills up well before the deadline. Early submissions are recommended.

**Church of the Dunes would like to stay connected with you** and to be supportive of you and your loved ones. If your contact information has changed, please let the church office know. 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. Let us know, as well, if you have experienced a death in your family.

## Praises and Prayers

**To my church family**, thank you very much for the cards you sent for my birthday. I appreciated every one of them. *Marilyn Ulrich*

### **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

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| March 17 | Bert Haskins, Bob Jensen, Shirley Staehlin |
| March 18 | John Zevalkink                             |
| March 20 | Jackie Laughlin                            |
| March 21 | George Prieditis, Rodney Zellman           |
| March 22 | Dave Parsons                               |
| March 23 | Ann Lumbert                                |

## Giving

| <u>Date/Week Of</u> | <u>Offerings Received</u> | <u>Weekly Average Year-to-Date</u> | <u>Weekly Budgeted</u> | <u>Percent of Budget</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| March 9             | \$4,720                   | \$9,159                            | \$8,830                | 102.9                    |

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/>.

## Attendance

| <u>Date</u> | <u>In-Person</u> | <u>Online</u> | <u>x 1.5</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 3-09        | 147              | 51            | 76.5         | 223.5        |

*Since one view may include more than one person viewing together, the Michigan Conference of the UMC recommends multiplying the number of views by 1.5 to estimate total online attendance.*

### **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

**Liturgist:** Robert Mann  
**Pastor:** Lou Grettenberger  
**Music:** Chancel Choir, Dawn Scott, Marna Jeffery  
**Technology:** Blair Miller, ArSarNi Grettenberger  
**Greeters:** Guy & Char Brown  
**Ushers:** Sam Easterly, Neal Miller, Betty & Rob Roberts  
**Coffee Hour:** Pam & Dale Zurakowski

### **Next Week – March 23**

**Liturgist:** Don Woodward  
**Pastor:** Lou Grettenberger  
**Music:** Guitars, Marna Jeffery  
**Technology:** Blair Miller, Trevor Larkins  
**Greeters:** Volunteer Needed  
**Welcome Center:** Volunteer Needed  
**Ushers:** Sam Easterly, Dale Zurakowski, Betty & Rob Roberts, Eric Weber  
**Coffee Hour:** Doug & Susan Thorpe

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 at 231-883-9806.