

LENT: IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

TODAY:
In the Shadow of the Cross: the Wilderness

SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH:
In the Shadow of the Cross: King Herod

SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD:
In the Shadow of the Cross: the Fig Tree

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH:
In the Shadow of the Cross: the Prodigal Son

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH:
In the Shadow of the Cross: the Anointing

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH:
In the Shadow of the Cross:
the Parade of Palms/the Passion

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH:
In the Shadow of the Cross: Death

SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH
EASTER SUNDAY:
In the Light of the Empty Tomb

IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

Peace United Church of Christ Elkader, Iowa

PRELUDE: "The Glory of These Forty Days"

Erhalt Uns, Herr—Setting Lynn Arthur Koch

**ANNOUNCEMENTS. CONCERNS, PASS THE PEACE
IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

A READING

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

L: Accept our confessions of our sins, O God. for the wrongs we have done, for the injustice that we have committed, for the unkind ways we have treated your creation, for the lack of generosity and acceptance of others.

P: We confess our sins, the ones we know and the ones we do not know and ask that you accept our repentance.

L: Thank you for restoring us, forgiving us, gracious God, for your mercy is great.

THE INVITATION

L: You are invited to come forward for the imposition of ashes. "From dust you came, to dust you shall return."

IMPOSITION OF ASHES: please come forward if you desire to do so. After the imposition of ashes, the Chancel Choir will come forward.

SONG:

"What Does the Lord Require?"

Chancel Choir

Music by Jim Strathdee

*IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS:
THE WILDERNESS*

WORD AND SONG CALL US TO THE WILDERNESS:

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 Pastor Paula

Song: "Lord Jesus, Who Through 40 Days" #209

THE MESSAGE IN THE WILDERNESS:

"In the Shadow of the Talking Stones" Pastor Paula

A SONG THAT FEEDS THE SOUL IN THE WILDERNESS:

"Be Not Dismayed" (God Will Take Care of You" #460

OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IN THE WILDERNESS:

(from Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16)

L: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." You who have made the Most High your dwelling place will have no evil befall you.

P: For the Most High will command his angels to guard us so that we will not dash our foot against a stone or be harmed by anything.

L: For the Most High says, "Those who love me, I will deliver. I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. With long life, I will satisfy them and show them my salvation."

P: For your love, your protection in the wilderness, on the mountain, in the valley of life, we give thanks, O Most High.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 and ever. AMEN.

OFFERING INVITATION IN WORD:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Kristina Bente

L: The offering will be taken at this time.

OFFERTORY: "He Hideth My Soul"

Williams James Kirkpatrick Words" Fanny Jane Crosby

***THE DOXOLOGY: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above you heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.**

***BENEDICTION:**

(written by Roddy Hamilton, (posted on "Listening to the Stones") Pastor Paula

***SENDING FORTH SONG:**

"O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free"

#209

***POSTLUDE:** "He Hideth My Soul"

William James Kirkpatrick Words: Fanny Jane Crosby

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Worship Leaders

Today-March 9th

Worship: Pastor Paula
Reader: Kristina Bente
Fellowship: Kristina Bente
Organist: Laura Moser
Ushers: Deb D., Diane F.
**Opening/
Closing** Carl, Laura Moser

Next Sunday, March 16th

Pastor Paula
Laura Moser
Mary H. Betty M. Jane W
Laura Moser
Florence Gifford
Gary Kuehl

PRAYER LIST: Bob, Cheryl, Greg Anderson, Gus Augustson, Eli Belser, Betty Buchholz, Jonah Burns and Burns family, Deb Dennler, Karen Glesne, Linda Glesne, Penny Jacobson, Karla, Ruth Grau, Marilyn Nielsen, Ruth Olson, Lucena Phelps, Elaine Radloff, Sharon Reichert, Alice Reimer, Payton Renschler, Father James

United Church of Christ Disaster Relief for the CA. wildfires: United Church of Christ Box 71957
Cleveland, OH. 44194 Make check to United Church of Christ: put CA. Wildfires 2025 on line item

NEXT WEEK: Lenten Series "In the Shadow of the Cross" continues with King Herod.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9 a.m.-noon-----Monday, Wednesday. Thursday

8 a.m.-10:45 a.m.—Tuesday

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

TODAY: during fellowship, those who are interested in an adult Lenten study, meet at a separate table in Herbster Hall

Monday: 3 p.m. Stephen's Minister mtg. with guest
Speaker from St. Croix Hospice
5:30 p.m. Council mtg.

Tuesday: Clergy Text Study at 11 a.m.

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m.. Bell Choir practice
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

Thursday: Bulletin deadline—8 a.m.

Friday: Pastor's Day Off

Saturday: Worship Prep

THOSE WHO OPEN/CLOSE THE CHURCH— When closing the church, turn on the elevator, move the platform up or down a few inches and turn the elevator off. PLEASE remember to turn off all the lights especially in the narthex!

Sunday afternoons in March, the Cub Scouts will be working on their Pinewood Derby project in Herbster Hall.

Graveside Service for Jenny Olson will be held on Saturday, April 26th at 10:30 a.m. in Eastside Cemetery. A luncheon will be held afterwards at Johnson's Restaurant.