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**This week's Immediate Prayer List**

People of Ukraine  
Jontel Lidman  
Louis Wolven

A complete prayer list is available at the Welcome Center.

Today's liturgist is Pam Greb.

We are the people of the United Methodist Church of Ludington.

We believe in the God who created and continues to create.

We want to root ourselves in Jesus.

We rely on the Holy Spirit.

We seek to grow in faithfulness to the Gospel.

We believe our church is part of this community. Ludington has our heart.

We open our doors and ourselves to everyone --

When we say "Come as you are" we mean it.

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Music Director: **Rebecca Sopha**  
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*Our Mission: Reveal the Grace of God by welcoming and serving  
all in Christ!*



**March 20, 2022**

**Third Sunday in Lent**



*Prelude*                      **“Just as I Am”**                      arr., Tim Bode  
Handbell Choir

*If you have a prayer concern that you would like the pastor to lift up during the prayer time today, please fill out a yellow prayer card from the pew or from the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Someone will take the prayer cards up to her at prayer time.*

***Welcome and Announcements***

Join Pastor Hillary for a Lent Bible study at 5 pm today in the library. She looks forward to diving deeper into the stories that carry us through Lent and into Easter.

***Opening Prayer***

***Opening Song***    **“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**  
Hymnal #121

***Call to Worship***

Leader: The season of Lent can be barren and lonely,

**Congregation: but God goes with us  
through the wild wilderness.**

Leader: Our lives are lived  
in seasons of transitions and transformations.

**Congregation: Lent is a time to ponder  
God's providence and persistence.**

Leader: Together, we seek fruitfulness,  
for it has been promised to us;

**Congregation: the barrenness of Lent  
will give way to the fruitfulness of Easter.**

Leader: In this season of penitence and pondering,  
let us gather before God.

**Congregation: We come, as a family,  
to wait for the Lord with strength and courage.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

***Anthem***                      **“Be Still, My Soul”**                      Jean Sibelius  
arr., Lorie Line & Kevin McChesney  
Performed by Handbell Choir  
Becky Sopha, Piano

***Children’s Time***

***Song***                      **“This Is Where Children Belong”**                      James Ritchie

***Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer***

**(As Pastor ends Pastoral Prayer, congregation joins pastor in  
the Lord’s Prayer, Hymnal #895).**

***Solo***                      **“Himmel pa jord” (“Heaven on Earth”)**  
Soloist: Maren Martensen, singing in Norwegian

***Scripture***                      John 6:1-14                      Pew Bibles p. 1297

***Sermon***                      “This Is God’s Food”                      Pastor Hillary

***Closing Song***    **“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”**    Hymnal #438

***Benediction***

***Postlude***                      **“Grand Chorus”**                      Cesar Franck

## Announcements

The **Ladies' Lunch Date** for this month will be Monday, March 21 at 11:30 am at Stix.

When Ludington Schools are closed because of weather, the church building is closed, and meetings or events scheduled for that day are cancelled. (As much as we'd like to think that snow days are over until next winter, this is Michigan).

**Camp Sunday** will be April 3. But you can check out the different United Methodist camp sessions and locations ahead of time at [umcamping.org](http://umcamping.org)! Our church provides scholarships for children and youth attending United Methodist camps!

The **United Methodist Women Executive Board** meeting originally scheduled for last Monday has been rescheduled to noon on Monday, March 28: right before the **General Meeting at 1 pm**.

**Next Sunday is UMCOR Sunday.** UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief, is the disaster relief arm of The United Methodist Church. It's not a committee! When you give to UMCOR for a specific disaster, 100% of your donation goes for disaster relief. Your UMCOR Sunday offering underwrites UMCOR's administrative costs so that all designated gifts will go to the project you specify. You can give through United Methodist Church of Ludington — be sure to note "UMCOR Sunday" in your check memo or your online donation.

Of course, UMCOR is providing direct humanitarian assistance to people in Ukraine and those Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. If you want to donate specifically for UMCOR's work in Ukraine, please indicate "Ukraine" in your check memo or online donation.

**Thank you** to all of the volunteers and donors in our March 4 blood drive. The Red Cross reported that we exceeded their 27/29 goal, with 31 presenting donors who provided 32 units. There were 4 Power Reds, which is equivalent to 8 units. It's said that one unit of blood can provide for 3 patients. That means the blood drive brought in enough blood to service 96 patients!

## This week at church

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| Today           | Worship 10 am<br>Clarinet Ensemble Practice 3-5 pm, Choir Room<br>Oasis Rehearsal 4-5 pm<br>Legacy 5-6 pm<br>Pastor Hillary's Lent Bible study 5 pm, Library |
| Mon., Mar. 21   | Women's AA 10 am, 4th-5th Grade Room<br>Ladies' Lunch Date 11:30 am, at Stix<br>Cub Den 5:30 pm, 4th-5th Grade Room  |
| Tues., Mar. 22  | Intercessory Prayer 10 am by Zoom*<br>Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm   |
| Wed., Mar. 23   | Rug Ladies 9:30-11:30 am, Rug Room<br>Women's AA 10 am, 4th-5th Grade Room<br>Books & Beyond 1:00 pm by Zoom<br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 pm                 |
| Thurs., Mar. 24 | Men's Emmaus 4th Day 7:30 am<br>Women's Bible Study 10 am by Zoom*<br>Garden Club 12:30-4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall   |
| Fri., March 25  | Women's AA 10 am, 4th-5th Grade Room   |

\*Contact Lynne Gohn at 843-4746 for the Zoom link.