



# Church of the Apostles UCC

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – March 30, 2025*  
*10 AM In-Person & Online Worship*

## Welcome!

“No matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!” More than words, we are all here because of God’s love, grace, and mercy. This is a community united by the honesty of our shared brokenness and the healing we receive through Christ.

**Get Connected:** Use a Welcome Card to share your presence and prayer requests with us. To get more connected, sign up online for the “Weekly Announcements” and “Crown Newsletter,” like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram, give us a call, or send an email. It is our joy to know you!

**Children:** There are toys and activity bags for children in the Children’s Corner for use as children are always welcome to remain in worship. Our Faith Formation class for children ages 3–2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be meeting in Rm 306 following the Children’s Time in worship. Our “Rooted” class for youth in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> meet in Rm 310 beginning at 9:55 am.

**Connection Cards:** We ask that all worshippers complete a “Connection Card” located in the pew rack near you. This allows us to know who was with us. They can also be used to give prayer requests or suggestions. These may be placed in the offering plates which will be passed following the sermon.

**First-Time Guests:** After worship, please visit our Welcome Center, where a congregation member will be available to answer your questions and provide a packet of information about our church. This is also where you'll receive a connection card to fill out, helping us stay connected with you!

**Offerings:** Any physical offerings you have brought can be placed in the offering plates which we will pass following the sermon. Electronic gifts may be given through the QR code on the bulletin or the one on a slip in the pew rack. Or Text 'COA' to 73256 with the amount you want to give.

**Restrooms:** Are available in the hallway to your left when you exit the sanctuary.

**Electronic Devices:** Remember to silence your device during worship. Wi-Fi is provided through "VisitorWifi." No password is needed.

**You are a blessing:** Let us know how we might better partner with you in this journey of faith and life. If you have thoughts, recommendations, or simply would like to join in prayer, we would love to hear from you!

## **Selected Scripture Readings**

Matthew 6: 7-15

## **Worship Leaders**

Minister – All Members  
Preacher – Rev. Kathryn Kuhn  
Reader – Donna Carr  
Ushers – Skeeter, Donna,  
& Allison Carr, Jim & Linda Eaton  
Greeter – Nancy Steger  
Hospitality Table –  
Director of Music – Lars Potteiger

Instrumentalist – Nathan Sheffer  
Drums – Nathan Moore  
Bass – Charli Schultz  
Vocals – Johanna & Jan Baker,  
and the Apostles Adult Choir  
Streaming – Jaben Jury  
Sound – Bill Stock  
Projection – Benja Stoltzfus

## **Flower & Bulletin Sponsorship**

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**Order of Worship**  
*“Curating a Life of Delight”*

**We Gather in Your Presence**  
**Welcome**

**Gathering Music:** *“Holy Spirit Rain Down”* – Russell Fragar

**Opening Our Eyes to Meaning**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you, I want to see you.  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you, I want to see you.  
To see you high and lifted up,  
shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love  
as we sing, Holy, holy, holy.

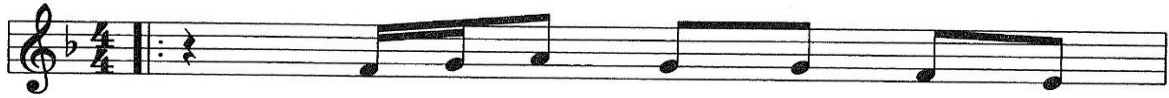
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**Prayer**

**All:** Unfailing Love, you desire for us to look squarely at our harmful actions, to make amends, and to do better. Guilt can guide us to where relational repairs need to be made, but shame -- a disconnection from our inherent belovedness -- is not what you ask. Guide us in creating the Beloved Community with your compassion.

*(Please rise in body and/or spirit.)*

## Song: "You Are My All in All"



1. You are my strength when I am  
2. Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my



weak. You are the treas-ure that I seek. You are my all in  
shame, ris - ing a - gain I bless your name, you are my all in

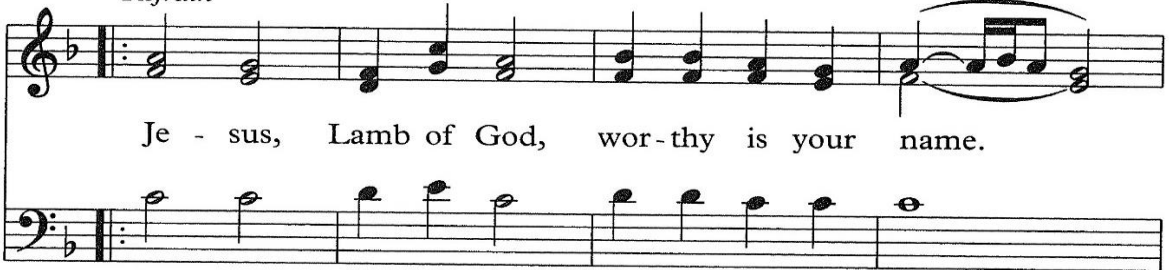


all. Seek-ing you as a pre-cious  
all. When I fall down you pick me

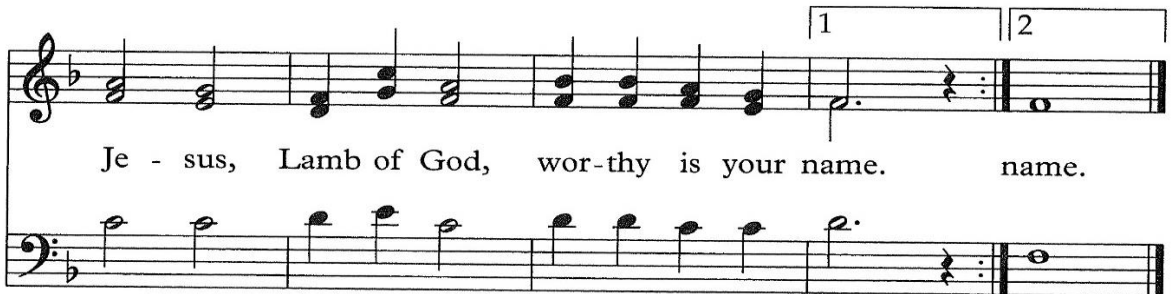


jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.  
up. When I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all.

### *Refrain*



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name.



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*(Please be seated)*

### Prayer of Confession

**All:** Awe-inspiring God, we come together this day because we need to be reminded to see through the lens of deeper meaning. Too often, we forget that we are made

to delight in the diversity and abundance of your gifts.  
 Open us to perceive anew.  
 Inspire us to receive our surroundings with awe.  
 Forgive us when we are complacent,  
 when we choose routine over opportunities for new experiences.  
 Be with us on this journey as we seek again to marvel at your works  
*(Time of reflection)*

**Song: "Loosen"**

*Chorus*

**Loosen, loosen, baby  
 You don't have to carry  
 The weight of the world in your muscles and bones  
 Let go, let go, let go**

*Bridge*

**Holy breath, and holy name  
 Will you ease, will you ease this pain**

Loos - en, loos - en, ba - by, You don't have to car - ry, The

5 Cm Bb Eb Fm  
 weight of the world in your mus-cles and bones, Let go, let go, let go.

9 Bridge Cm Bb Eb  
 Ho - ly breath, and ho - ly name

13 Cm Bb Eb Fm  
 Will you ease, will you ease this pain

Leader: The Holy delights in their creation, in our very existence.  
 God forgives us. Jesus embraces us. The Spirit enlivens us.  
 We are whole. With awe, we accept this belovedness.  
 And all God's people say, **"Amen."**

**We Listen for Your Word**

## Children's Time

**Contemporary Reading:** *"Awe: The New Science of Everyday Wonder and How It Can Transform Your Life"* by Dacher Keltner

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 6:7-15 (Pew Bible, NT p.)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Contemporary Words: "A Life of Delight"**

## We Respond to Your Word

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Special Music:** *"Room at the Welcome Table"* – arr. Curry

**Prayers of the Community & Lord's Prayer**

*(Believing in God's truth, we open ourselves as God's servants through prayer.)*

Hear our prayer, **Awesome God.**

**All: 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 as we forgive others. And let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Returning to the World

*(Please rise in body or in spirit.)*

**Song: "Standing in the Need of Prayer"** (Chalice #579)

The image shows the musical notation for the song "Standing in the Need of Prayer" (Chalice #579). It is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notation consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The lyrics are: "It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, stand-ing in the".

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Not my broth-er, not my sis-ter, but it's  
 Not the preach-er, not the teach-er, but it's  
 Not my fa-ther, not my moth-er, but it's  
 Not the strang-er, not my neigh-bor, but it's

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 me, O Lord, stand-ing in the need of prayer. *D. C.*

## Benediction

**All: God's love guides us to welcome and include people as they are, serve compassionately, and champion environmental care and social justice.**

## Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Sending Music:** *"Standing in the Need of Prayer"* – African-American Spiritual

*Go into all the world to love and serve those who are afraid or powerless following Jesus' example!*

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## Give Online Through Realm



*Or Text 'COA' to 73256 with the amount you want to give*

## Prayers of Joy and Concern

(as of printing on 3/26/2025)

Joys: Safe Travels Abroad for the Grandchildren of Dean & Suzie Witmer; The birth of Michael Joseph Zipko to Paul & Chay Zipko; The birth of Isabella Rose Cornielle to Breanne & Carlos Cornielle

Concerns: Duke Gabriel; Dennis Eyrich; Finn Conrad; Friends & Family of Kathryn (Kay) Thomas; Julie Berkow's Friend; Jean Cunningham; Robert Schulmeister; Friends & Family of Cindy Bischoff; Rev. Kuhn's Mother; Fredericka Smith; The Gaudio's Daughter, Gwen.

To add your prayers of joy and concern, email [office@apostlesucc.org](mailto:office@apostlesucc.org)  
or call 717-392-5718 ext 8200



## APOSTLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF TONIGHT** – Calling all youth in grades 4-12! Join us for our Youth Group Kickoff Party tonight, Sunday, March 30, from 6-8 PM in the Youth Center (1879 Apostles Way). After an awesome planning meeting, we're ready to kick things off with pizza, fun, and fellowship! No RSVP is required, but it helps us order enough pizza – email [office@apostlesucc.org](mailto:office@apostlesucc.org) if you're coming. Don't miss out on the start of a great year of learning, fun, and service!

**ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT** – Mark your calendars! Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is happening on Saturday, April 12th, from 10 AM - 12 PM behind Fellowship Hall. Children will enjoy age-grouped egg hunts for fair fun, free pictures with the Easter Bunny, and we'll provide bags—so no need to bring your own! This event is open to everyone in our community, so invite your friends and family. Register now using the QR code to the right—we can't wait to celebrate with you, rain or shine!



**EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS** – Honor a loved one this Easter by sponsoring a memorial flower to adorn our beautiful sanctuary on Easter morning. Memorials will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, and some flowers will be shared with members in nursing homes. The remaining flowers are available for the congregation to take after worship. Forms are available on the back of the bulletin or the welcome table in the Narthex. Please return completed forms with payment to the church office by April 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping us celebrate the joy of Easter.

**ANNUAL GARAGE SALE** – Our Annual Garage Sale is happening April 25th & 26th, and we need your help to make it a success! Proceeds support the Apostles Assistance Fund and the UCC Disaster Relief Fund for the California Wildfires. You can help by donating items (April 21st-24th), assisting with sorting and pricing, contributing food for sale, cashiering during the sale, or simply shopping and spreading the word! Every effort makes a difference both locally and beyond. To get involved, contact Cindy Williams (717-714-0716) for sorting, Doris Robb (717-203-5154) for cashiering, or sign up in the Narthex for food donations. Let's make this sale a success!

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER TICKETS ON SALE** – Join us on Saturday, May 17, 2025, as we celebrate 50 years of faith, fellowship, and community at Church of the Apostles! Doors open at 5:30 PM with a catered dinner at 6:00 PM at the Bachman Center. Enjoy a choice of turkey, beef, or stuffed shells, along with sides, dessert, and a special slideshow featuring guest speakers.

Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased on Realm until April 28th or in person on Sundays through April 13th (cash sales require exact change). Sponsoring a seat or table for someone in need is also available on Realm. If you need a sponsored ticket, contact Rev. Kuhn at [kathrynk@apostlesucc.org](mailto:kathrynk@apostlesucc.org) or (717) 392-5718 ext. 8201. Let's celebrate this milestone together—get your tickets now by scanning the QR code to the right!



## *Easter Memorial Flowers Order Form*

Attached is my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
for Easter decorations and flowers.

Presented by:

\_\_\_\_\_

'In Memory Of' or "In Honor of"  
(Circle One)

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Please Return this completed form to the office or  
place in the offering plates on Sunday