







## March 12, 2023 9:30 Worship

## "Journey from Victim to Victor" Rev. Matthew Smith

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### Warren United Methodist Church

**Second Sunday in Lent** 

#### Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

L: In our richness, we have believed that we are the ones who have all the answers to life's problems.

P: But when those who have little. offer all they have; we are put to shame.

L: In our power, we believe that might is right.

P: But when those who are powerless offer love and mercy; we are put to shame.

#### [pause]

L: Joy fills our lives, when we center our lives on Jesus Christ.

P: Hope fills our hearts, when we focus on our Savior.

L: Comfort fills our spirits, when we believe in the Lord.

P: Peace fills our souls. when we seek to do God's Work.

L: Come, let us celebrate and praise our Lord. P: AMEN.

Standing on the Promises \*Hymn #374

#### **Children's Time**

#### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer** Lord's Prayer

Hymn #474 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings** \*Doxology #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in gratitude. rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves. May we live with generous hearts and with open hands. Amen.

**Old Testament:** Daniel 3: 19-25 Luke 24: 1-12

Sermon "Journey from Victim to Victor" Pastor Matt **\*Hymn** #472 Near to the Heart of God

\*Benediction \*Postlude #664 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing<sup>\*</sup>

**Birthdavs & Anniversaries** Birthdays: Ben Chumbler (Mar 6), Gavin Kaiser (Mar 6), Karen Graves (Mar 9) Anniversaries:

### **UPCOMING MINISTRY**

**Easter is in 5 Sundays! Maundy Thursday Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt (Sat)** 

Last Weeks Attendance: 35 Last Weeks Offering: \$1148.00 Avg. Offering Needed: \$ 900.00

### **PASTOR'S CORNER**



I saw a meme on Facebook this week that said basically, "Parenting is constantly reminding yourself that you would walk through fire for

these brats." While I'm not going to say whether I found any truth in this, there is a near universal truth that...yes...parents would do anything for their children. This means sacrificing money, time, career, health, ambition...and, yes, would sacrifice ourselves to protect them from bullets or would walk into a burning building to safe them.

My question today is...would we do the same for God?

Todays scripture from Daniel tells the story of those who would be willing to be thrown in a fire than denounce their faith in God. This is after a period of 70 years being exiled from their home, seemingly abandoned by God.

Our children are the future, the song says, but God is God. God is eternity. Would you walk through fire for Him?



Cereal, crackers, peas, pancake mix, cake mix, laundry soap, liquid hand soap, shampoo

Church Calendar

**Today (3/12):** Worship (9:30) Tuesday (3/14): PM in Office 9:30-3 Thursday (3/16): PM in Office 9:30-5, Soup and Bible Study 6pm St Paul's Sunday (3/19): Worship (9:30)

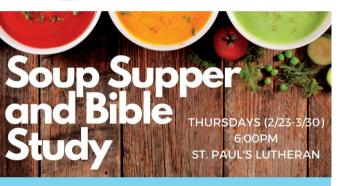


# EASTER LILY SALE

Help Decorate the Sanctuary for Easter by Purchasing an Easter Lily in Honor or Memory of Someone



**Orders Due** March 30th



## **SAVE THE DATE**

## June 10th 6k for Water



Darla Cobb and family, Wayne Wubbena, Denis Toay, Brynn Fry,, Brandon Hartzell, Chuck Sidor, Lynn Workinger, Roger Broshous; Candy Blair Schellinger; our people in the nursing homes, all those who are suffering with certain sicknesses; service men, women, and their families; police, firefighters, and EMTs, doctors, and nurses.

Please leave a message with Susan Stone at (815) 297-2028 with additions or changes to the prayer list.