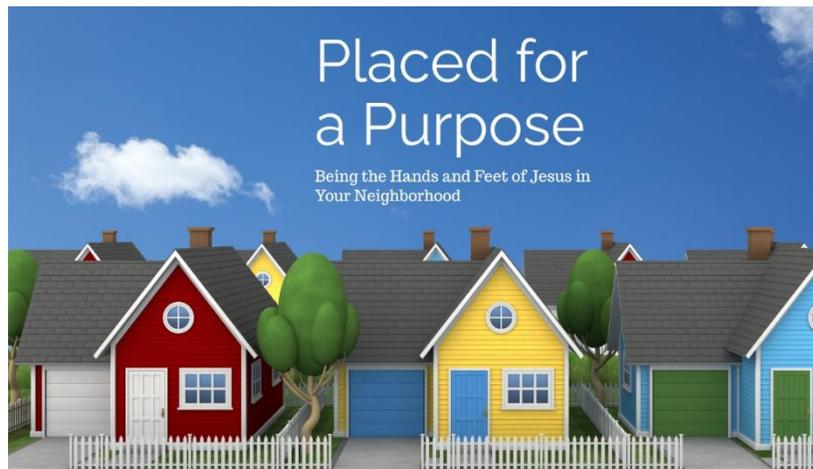


Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. God will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it's not possible to see God's kingdom." Nicodemus asked, "How is it possible for an adult to be born? It's impossible to enter the mother's womb for a second time and be born, isn't it?" Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom. Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. Don't be surprised that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' God's Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. It's the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said, "How are these things possible?" "Jesus answered, "You are a teacher of Israel and you don't know these things? I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don't receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. God didn't send Jesus into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.



Sunday March 1, 2026 9:00 am – Second Sunday of Lent

**Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

SONG OF BEGINNING

I want Jesus to Walk With Me

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to worship hoping to encounter Christ.

People: We come with burdens and questions that only Christ can answer.

Leader: We come looking and hoping for acceptance and healing.

People: Where will our help come from?

Leader: Our help will come from the Lord who created the heavens and the earth.

All: May our hearts rejoice in God's love and may our lives be healed and strengthened to serve our neighbors.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121

*HYMN *Lift High the Cross, vs. 1-2*

No. 159

Red Hymnal

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Jasper Lucus Bullwinkell Kuhman

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN

Children Pre-K through fifth grade may go to Children's Church. Pre-K through 2nd grade go to the Nursery and 3rd through 5th grade go to classroom E-8.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Sing to the Lord Hosanna

Lenten Theme

***Place for a Purpose: Being the Hands & Feet of Jesus
in Your Neighborhood***

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-17

SERMON

Born Again for the Sake of the World

*HYMN

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee,
vs. 1-3*

No. 452

Red Hymnal

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be served at the front of the sanctuary. Once the meal has been blessed, you will be invited to come forward by the ushers. You may hold your hand out and a piece of bread will be given to you and you may take a cup from the tray. You may eat and drink as you receive. Gluten-free bread is available from the server at the center.

As you return to your seat by the side aisles, if you would like anointing with oil, you may come to the organ-side of the sanctuary where the pastor will be standing. Anointing with oil is a way of opening yourself to God's presence for a particular place in your life or on behalf of someone else. The oil will be placed on your forehead in the sign of the cross and a prayer shared with you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Doxology

No. 95 Red Hymnal

*CLOSING BLESSING

*SUNG RESPONSE

*Lord, Whose Love Through
Humble Service, vs. 4*

No. 581

Red Hymnal

POSTLUDE

During the Lenten season, we will use the more traditional Doxology in worship that removes the 'Alleluias' as a way of recognizing the more solemn season of Lent. Also, our Prayer of Confession will be later in the service. As we take an inward look at ourselves during Lent, may this order of worship allow us to experience more of worship and open ourselves more fully to God before making our confessions.

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor

Dayna Woods, Reader

Daniel Taylor, Dir. of Family Ministry, Children's Time

Chancel Choir, Music; Stephanie Klein, Director;

Marilyn Silvester, Piano

Sue Lundeen, Organist

INVITATIONS TO ACTION

Lent Collection

We are collecting New Socks and Gloves to donate at various places, in our community. All sizes and colors are needed. There is a display in the Narthex where you can bring your donations through Easter on April 5th!

Easter Egg Hunt Donations

We are hoping to stuff 10,000 eggs for our community

Easter egg hunt this year. Please consider making a donation of candy or small trinkets that we can use. A collection area for donations is set up in Fellowship Hall.

Sun Prairie Memory Cafe

Memory Cafe is a meeting place for anyone experiencing the beginning changes in memory and their caregivers. It can be a way to connect with others who are facing the same issues. The intent is for both the person and their family or friends to come together in a relaxed and social environment to connect with others. Our church will begin hosting a Memory Cafe for both church members and the greater Sun Prairie community on March 10th at 9:30 am. We will gather on the second Tuesday of each month and would love for you to join us. If you have any questions, would like to volunteer, or need more information, please reach out to the Director of Community Engagement, Amanda Hinthorn.

Lent Splash

Join us for intergenerational activities on Sunday mornings during Lent in the Chapel at 10:15am. This is designed for everyone of any age--Families with children, youth, and adults. This morning we will make a banner inviting and welcoming our neighbors to our Community Easter Egg Hunt in April. Next week, March 8, our focus will be "Stop Bystanding and Be Upstanding". We will have discussions on Bullying and Being a Good Neighbor.

Dinners with Daniel

On Wednesdays throughout Lent, we will have dinner together in Fellowship Hall at 6pm. The meal time will focus on dialogue and growing in our connection together as a church family and getting to know our Director of Family Ministry Daniel Taylor. Dinners are provided by the church and a \$5 per person offering is appreciated. If you have questions let Daniel know. (familymin@sunprairieumc.org)