

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!

Prayer...

Through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen!

[sung]

**Come to me, come to us, pilgrim or stranger,
looking for change, or challenge, or light.**

**We all are people whose calling is care,
bearers of mercy, nourished in prayer.**

Sending Hymn: “Let Us Offer to the Father” WS 2262

Benediction

Small Groups

Lenten Bible Study with a choice of day and time.

“The Lives We Actually Live”- the Lenten Study through blessings written by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie. Join on Wednesdays at 10am or Sundays at 9am, both in the After-school room. The book is \$15 or come just for discussion.

Sunday Study ~ 9am and Wednesday Study ~ 10am

Book Club- “The Color Purple” by Alice Walker.

We will meet March 12th at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall.

UMM- Every 2nd Saturday from 8am to 10am in the Fellowship Hall. See you on March 11th.

Cinema Night- Watch “The Band’s Visit” for Cinema Group. On March 18 at 5:30pm we will meet at Lenny & Karen Johnson’s house. Food for the night is a favorite appetizer or finger food. Contact Karen by text at 208-301-8183 to share what you plan to bring.

UMW of Faith- every other 3rd Saturday, 10-12 am. Fellowship and mission. Our next meeting is March 18th. Contact Sue Pearson, Secretary.

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Prayer Chain: Contact office to share a prayer request.

Stevensville United Methodist Church March 5, 2023



**“The High Way”
Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9**

Pastor Sarah Merchant

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn: Come to the Table of Grace WS 3168

Time for Children

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9

Sermon: “The High Way”

Reflection for the Pilgrim

Communion

Invitation and Prayers

[sung]

**Come to me, come to us, you who are burdened.
Come to the Word, and come to the meal,
Come without question or pressure or price:
Come, be embraced by the body of Christ.**

Leader:

*Will you open yourselves to the grace of Jesus Christ that is
always and already available here at this table? If so, say,
“Open us to your grace, Lord.”*

“Open us to your grace, Lord.”

*Will you open yourselves once again to the call of Jesus
Christ? If so, say, “Open us to your call, Lord.”*

“Open us to your call, Lord.”

*Will you open yourselves to the possibility of transformation
through Jesus Christ? If so, say,
“Transform us, O Lord.”*

“Transform us, O Lord.”

[sung]

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looking for change, or challenge, or light.
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Prayers of the People

God of all people, we lift up these beloved...

[sung]

**Come to me, come to us, broken or building,
come with your children, you choices, your chains.
All are invited to friendship and rest,
to share in our struggle, our call, and our quest.**

Prayers of Confession

In silence, let us lift up our prayers of confession...

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to
God! Amen!**

[sung]

**Come to me, come to us, you who are burdened.
Come to the Word, and come to the meal,
Come without question or pressure or price:
Come, be embraced by the body of Christ. (Repeat)**

Pass The Peace of Christ

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praising God...

*And so, with your people on earth and all the company of
heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in

Remembering the acts of Jesus Christ...

*And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union
with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of
faith.*