



FIRST UMC OF WEST DUNDEE

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

Welcome!

Rise in body or in spirit where designated by * Please join in speaking the words in bold.

Sunday, March 3, 2025

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! Our God is a mighty king, lover of justice.

Let us exalt the name of the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool.

Ancient leaders, priests and prophets cried out to God and he spoke to them.

He spoke to them in a pillar of cloud and gave them his laws. Therefore, we exalt his holy name!

from Psalm 99

*HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you call us to draw near but we fail to hear your voice.

We seek forgiveness for those times we sleepwalk through life, ignoring your word of truth and sheltering ourselves from the cries of the needy among us. Forgive us when we avoid coming into your presence; when we make excuses and neglect the work you call us to do. Hear our please, O God and raise us up to newness of life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We worship a forgiving God, whose mercy is never ending, whose heart abounds in steadfast love. Because of the love of Christ, nothing can separate us from the love of God.

*SHARING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

In His Time

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PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LESSON

LUKE 9:28-36

RESPONSE

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"The Air at Higher Altitudes"

Pastor Rick Carlson

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God ye creatures here below

Alleluiah! Alleluiah!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit!

Alleluiah! Alleluiah! Alleluiah!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ. Your spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

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

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for a time of sharing in the Fireside Room.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters	Tom Miller, Sherry Miller, and Sonja Hunter
Liturgist	Mike Buhrmann
Media	Dane Granholm, Laura Suskin
Pastor	Pastor Rick Carlson

For pastoral care, please contact Pastor Rick at 630-564-0413

United Women in Faith (UWF) membership

Our United Women in Faith would like to extend an invitation to all women of FUMC to become a member of the UWF. Our next meeting is Sunday, March 9th, at 8:30 a.m. in the FUMC Fireside Room. We are planning to have monthly meetings on either Sunday mornings or Saturdays. Membership is open to all women; you do not need to be a member to attend our meetings or events. Please contact Jennifer Schaffer at schaffek@sbcglobal.net or 847-287-7185 if you are interested in more information about the UWF or would like to attend our next meeting.

Teen girl mission group

The United Women in Faith would like to organize a group of teen girls to work on local service/mission projects in our community. Teens do not need to be members of the FUMC or attend regularly. Any teen girl would be welcome to join this service group. Please contact Jennifer Schaffer at schaffek@sbcglobal.net or 847-287-7185 if you are interested or know of a teen girl that may be interested in this opportunity.

Game Day

Every other Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room
In March, we will meet on March 5 and March 19
Come and relive the fun! Long-time members may remember the great times we had playing card games, board games, and dominoes. Let's bring those good memories back! Join us for Game Day on Wednesday afternoons in the Fireside Room. There will be snacks and plenty of fun—everyone is welcome!

Special Music

Do you or someone you know have a musical talent to share? We're coordinating music for our worship services and would love for you to be a part of it! Please reach out to Marcia or call/text 331-276-7979.

Adult Education Forum

You're invited to join our weekly Adult Education Forum, where we explore meaningful questions about our faith, values, and beliefs. This is a welcoming space for open dialogue, reflection, and deeper understanding of how our faith shapes our lives. We meet in the library from 8:45 to 9:45 on Sunday mornings prior to worship.

Ash Wednesday will be held in the sanctuary at West Dundee at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 5.

The service includes readings, hymns and the imposition of ashes. All are encouraged to start a Lenten period of meditation and contemplation with this time of personal reflection.