

## *This Week*

### Today:

- Join us following worship for coffee and fellowship.
- Choir Practice after worship

### Monday, March 20:

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring!  
(Be sure to tell the weather!)

### Wednesday, March 22:

- 2:30: Early Release Classes
- 6-8 PM: Youth Group
- 6:30 PM: Trustees Meeting
- 7PM: Confirmation

### Thursday, March 23:

- 10AM: **NO** Bible Study  
(Note the change from the Newsletter)

### Sunday, March 26:

**Liturgist:** Doug Storbeck

**Ushers:** Jake & Sylvia Huber,  
Pat Richards, Debbie  
Murphy

**Greeters:** Dale & Jeannette  
Matheson

**Accompanist:** David Murray

**11AM:** *The Well* Preview Service

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**We are looking for volunteers** to provide nursery care during our services. We want to create a team so that people only have to volunteer once every month or so. High School kids are encouraged to help as well.

**Brittany is looking for extra hands for Sunday School.** We have a growing Sunday school and there is a need for more help. You would not have to do lesson prep just being available is enough.

**Van:** We have not had many riders for several months, but we could use some substitute drivers “just in case!” please let Al know if you are willing to get on the *Just in Case* list ☺

*Barb Hanson and Bruce Lawrence lost their aunt, Maxine Lawrence earlier in the month. Her funeral was Monday, March 13. Please be prayerful of the family.*

*The funeral for Norm Kohlmeyer will be Saturday, March 25 here at Hope at 11AM. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.*

*Today's KBEW Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Leslie Jose, Chuck Paschke and Joyce Jose in loving memory and with heartfelt gratitude for their mother, Eulah Paschke, whose birthday is March 20.*

*For more information and to see what else is happening at Hope visit us at [behopeumc.com](http://behopeumc.com) and our Facebook page.*

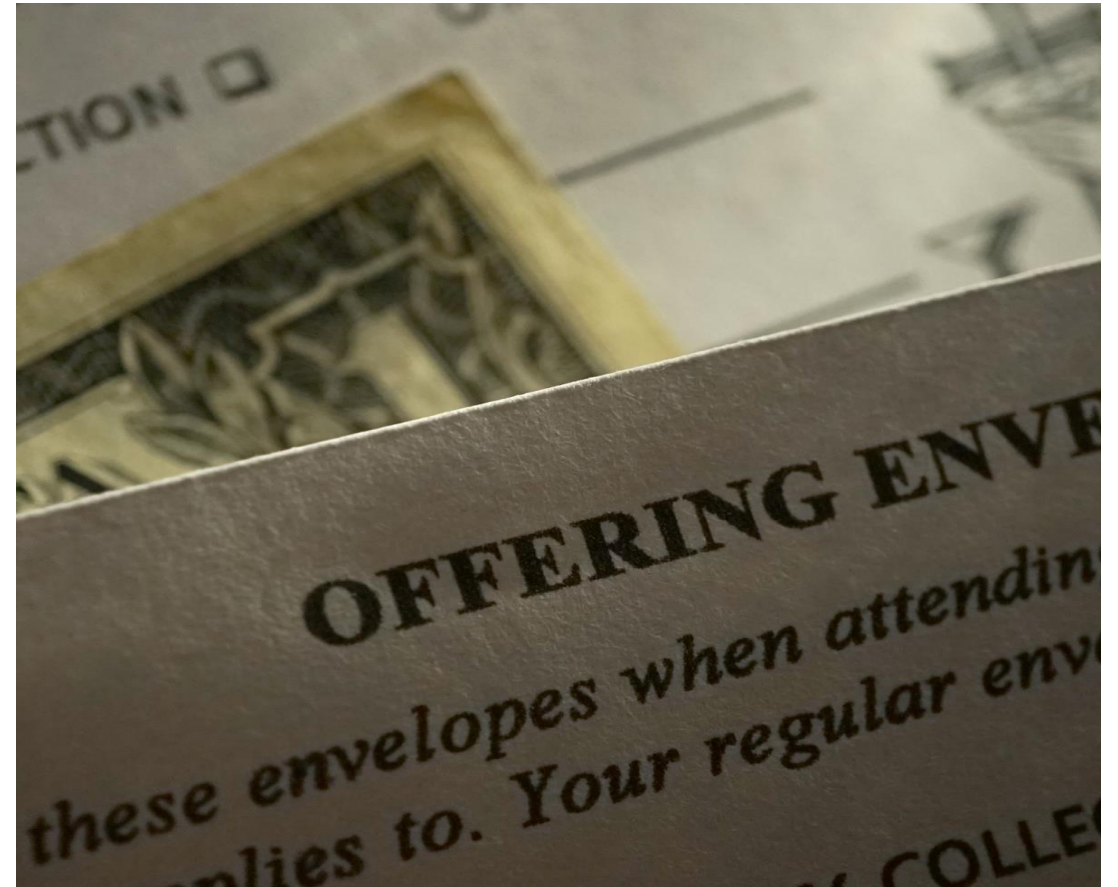
### *Today:*

**Liturgist:** Megan Hanson-Haase

**Greeters:** Dale & Jeannette Matheson

**Ushers:** Jake & Sylvia Huber, Pat Richards,  
Debbie Murphy

**Accompanist:** Gail Keck



Sunday March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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**You are invited to an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 26. Soup Supper follows. Hosted by the resurrected Young at Heart group.**

Worship Celebration March 19, 2023

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

One: Once you lived in darkness.

**All: Now the light of God has shone upon us.**

One: Find what is pleasing to God and follow God's ways.

**All: The acts of darkness are left behind as we journey to God's light.**

One: Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

**All: Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your light of salvation.**

**AMEN.**

**Special Music**

\*Hymn                    *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*                    UMH 62

**\*Unison Prayer**

**Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness, and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

\*Hymn                    *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*                    UMH 92

**Children's Message**

**Scripture Reading**

I denied myself nothing my eyes desired;

I refused my heart no pleasure.

My heart took delight in all my labor,  
and this was the reward for all my toil.

Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done  
and what I had toiled to achieve,

everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind;  
nothing was gained under the sun.

Then I turned my thoughts to consider wisdom,  
and also madness and folly.

What more can the king's successor do  
than what has already been done?

I saw that wisdom is better than folly,  
just as light is better than darkness.

The wise have eyes in their heads,  
while the fool walks in the darkness;

but I came to realize  
that the same fate overtakes them both.

Then I said to myself,  
"The fate of the fool will overtake me also.

What then do I gain by being wise?"

I said to myself,  
"This too is meaningless."

For the wise, like the fool, will not be long remembered;  
the days have already come when both have been forgotten.

Like the fool, the wise too must die

**Sermon                    "Leftovers for Dinner"**

**Rev. Lee Miller**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895\*

Doxology

\*Closing Hymn

*"Freely, Freely"*

UMH 389

\*Benediction