



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

March 3, 2013
8:30 & 10:00 am

Today's Scripture Passage

Luke 13:1-9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'"

"'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Jamie Hanna Williams • Stephen C. Williams

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2013



Greeting & Announcements (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)
We welcome you to our service today.
May God's blessing of peace and grace be with you.

Prelude "Récit de Nazard" L. Clerambault

*** Call to Worship** Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God. I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.

For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

*** Hymn** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 381

A Prayer of Confession for Lent

Silent Prayer

O merciful Father, in compassion for your sinful children you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world. Grant us grace to feel and to lament our share of the evil that made it necessary for him to suffer and to die for our salvation. Help us by self-denial, prayer, and meditation to prepare our hearts for deeper penitence and a better life. And give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance won by Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Children's Message (8:30) Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

First Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
(8:30) Jon Elsea (10:00) Miro Marcikic

Anthem "Many Colors Paint the Rainbow" Hopp
Adult Choir

Word of Witness Mr. William Wilson

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

*** Please consider completing a "Joys and Concerns" card and placing it in the box at the back of the sanctuary. The Pastors and Prayer Team will use the cards to guide weekly prayer. Thank you!*

**** Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn "O Jesus I Have Promised" No. 396

Second Scripture Reading Luke 13:1-9

Sermon "The Hard Sayings of Jesus" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory "Basse de Cromorne" L. Clerambault

* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94

* Prayer of Dedication

Thanksgiving and Communion UM Hymnal, page 15

All who are seeking the grace of God are welcome
to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

The Communion Rail is also open for prayer. If you would like to take some time
to pray after receiving communion, you are welcome to do so.

* **Closing Hymn** "He Touched Me" No. 367

* **Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude "Caprice" L. Clerambault



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL! We are delighted to have you sharing with us in worship today. If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer to pick up a Visitor Packet and meet our Welcoming Ministries Coordinator, Joyce Bedell (joycebedell@sbcglobal.net), for more information about our church family. All are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, cookies and community sharing from 9:30—10:30 AM, between the services. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Many thanks to the following people for helping
with our services this morning:*

Sound Tech: Brian Georgeson

Greeters: (8:30) Judy Awe (10:00) Bill and Kelley Wilson

Acolytes: (8:30) Grace Clausen (10:00) Jonathan Palmieri

March Ushers: (8:30) Pat Conn, Steve Emminger, Jack Hansen,
Larry Leon, Larry Pflederer, Tom Plohr

(10:00) Charles Hetzel, Jesse Michmerhuizen, Steve Neil, John Oberrieder, Ted Zeng

(9:30) Please join us for coffee and refreshments served in Fellowship Hall
and hosted by the Lydia Book Group.

News & Notes

30-HOUR FAMINE A GREAT SUCCESS! 39 youth and young adults participated in the weekend event. We raised just over \$5,000 for World Vision! (Enough to keep 28 children fed for 6 months!) We packed nearly 4,320 bags at Feed My Starving Children (enough for nearly 26,000 meals). Thank YOU immensely for all your support and prayers! Much love, The Youth.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins next Sunday, March 10. Remember to set your clocks ahead Saturday night!

PRAYER LABYRINTH—During the season of Lent, the Prayer Labyrinth is available each **Wednesday**, from **8:00 AM to 8:00 PM**, in the East Room. In the midst of our busy world, come away to this quiet place for prayer, reflection and meditation.

SOUP AND CHILI COOK-OFF CANCELLED: Please note that the Soup and Chili Cook-Off originally scheduled for today has been cancelled. Thank you for your understanding.

DONATIONS NEEDED by Wednesday, March 6!! Lindsey Junk is blessed to be serving in Haiti this March. She'll be at an orphanage outside Port-Au-Prince for two weeks. This orphanage houses over 80 children and is in critical need of supplies to care for them. If you are interested in providing items, lists of needed supplies are available in the Haiti bin in the office or contact Lindsey Junk at ljunk314@gmail.com or 260-316-8328. Thank you for your help!!

ALTAR FLOWERS AND WORSHIP GREETERS: We are live on our website (www.umcl.org) for online sign-ups to donate altar flowers or to be Sunday worship greeters. Questions? Contact Joannie Foley at foleyszoo@aol.com.

PRIME TIME will meet tomorrow, **March 4, at 12:00 PM** for lunch (\$5). We are having a Scavenger Hunt! Search around your house and bring along common items from the 70's and 80's. Points will be given for each item. The TABLE with the most points WINS!!

HALF THE SKY BOOK TALK—Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide. Every year, at least two million girls disappear because of gender discrimination. What is happening to these women and what can we do to help them? Join UMW on **Saturday, March 9, 10:00—11:30 AM** in the East Room for an informational gathering as we explore stories of women in communities that have turned tragedy into opportunity. Light refreshments will be served. Friends are welcome! Questions? Contact Joannie Foley at 847-918-0189 or foleyszoo@aol.com.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY is **March 10**. It's time for the "wearing of the green" (or brown or blue) to church so that we can recognize all of you who are, or have been, a part of the Girl Scout program. If you can't wear your uniform, please wear your pin. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Beth March at 847-367-5175 or BethCMarch@aol.com

PRISCILLA CIRCLE—Please join the women of Priscilla Circle at their meeting on **Tuesday, March 19, at 9:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall, as we welcome our program speaker, Chaplain Lindsey Halpern-Givens. She began her ministry at Winchester House last fall and has introduced the residents to two of her favorite companions, Frieda and Lorelei. Find out what a difference they make in daily life at Winchester! Contact Shirley Mason at 847-362-0523 with any questions.

RUTH CIRCLE meets **Wednesday, March 20**, at the home of Beth March (15660 Timber Lane, Libertyville, 847-367-5175). Dessert is served at **7:00 PM**, followed by a presentation from a representative of a Lake County faith-based ministry, FIT Moms. This organization offers an evening meal, fellowship, life skills training and Bible study to young women in their program. Come join us as we learn more about this group.

OUR EASTER PARTY is planned for **Saturday, March 23, at 10:00 AM**. Children, birth through 5th grade, and their families, are invited to join in the fun. We will have fun games, great stories, imaginative crafts, and the exciting EGG HUNT! Lunch in Fellowship Hall will follow immediately. To register your family for this event, go online at www.umcl.org or sign up in the office. Adults and youth interested in volunteering for this event can sign up online or contact DeeAnn Clausen at deeann-clausen@sbcglobal.net.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE: God is always protecting us, even when we don't realize we need it.

PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY SCHOOL—Just as in Biblical times, children take a leading role in UMCL's services commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On **Palm Sunday, March 24**, all children meet in the East Room before worship. Each child receives a palm branch before lining up to process into the Sanctuary at the beginning of the service. Sunday School kids will sing at the beginning of this service. After the Children's Message, older children are encouraged to rejoin their parents for this special worship service and younger children can be dismissed to room 206 for a special Children's Church time. On **Easter Sunday, March 31**, children will start in worship with their families. After the Children's Message, older children are encouraged to rejoin their parents for this special worship service. Younger children can be dismissed to room 206 for a special Children's Church time.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES are forming! The next session of New Member's Classes will begin with Coffee and Dessert on **Friday, April 12, at 7:00 PM**; followed by four Sunday School classes at **10:00 AM on April 14, 21, 28 and May 5**; Coffee with sponsors on **Saturday, May 18, at 10:00 AM**; and New Member Sunday on **May 19**. Please contact Joyce Bedell if you would like more information or are interested in being a part of our church family! (joycebedell@sbcglobal.net or 847-362-2112)

SAVE THE DATES! Spring Rummage Sale will be held May 10-11; Vacation Bible School is planned for July 15-19.

HOME TOUCH is a monthly publication offering devotions, scripture readings and activity pages (Sudoku, crossword puzzles, word games, etc.). This is perfect for the homebound person who likes a daily devotional with scripture and activities to sharpen the mind! Copies of the March issue will be available by MEMOS in the foyer and church office. Feel free to take one for a loved one or friend. If you know someone who would enjoy receiving Home Touch on a monthly basis, please call Jan Grigsby at 847-362-8473.

2013 MISSOURI MISSION TRIP—Volunteers are still needed in Missouri two years after the catastrophic tornado struck Joplin. Volunteers of every skill level are needed to help rebuild lives and homes. This year's trip is planned for **April 14—20**, and we hope you will be a part of this experience. The cost is **\$200/person**, and three scholarships are available. We need your commitment and check, including medical release forms, by **March 31**. Questions? Contact Jeff Welch at jpwelch5@gmail.com or 847-372-6835.

PADS NEEDS—Volunteers continue to be needed to work the overnight shifts (Saturday evening—Sunday morning, 11:00 PM—3:00 AM, 3:00 AM—6:30 AM, and clean-up 5:30—7:15 AM)! Contact Cathy O'Brien at 847-367-8062 or look for the volunteer sign-up book in Fellowship Hall after our 8:30 service and in the foyer after our 10:00 and 11:15 services.

BOWLING FOR KIDS' BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER: Saturday, March 16, 1:30 PM. Stop by the UMCL office to pick up a registration form to register your group by March 7. Breakfast Club is powered by Word of Life and supporters. Questions? Contact Jim Stewart, Jim Zimmerman or call 847-549-3040 or email wol.breakfast_club@yahoo.com.

GREEN LIVING FAIR is presented by Lake County Green Congregations on **March 16, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM**, at the Libertyville Civic Center. Come to enjoy educational activities and to recycle: electronics (no TV's), children's books, bicycles (working or not), packing foam, eye glasses, hearing aids, ink cartridges, plastic bags, and tape dispensers. Plan ahead to bring these items to be recycled! Thank you, the Earth.

SECOND MILE GIVING FOR MARCH will support **1) Aprendiendo Jugando**, which is a local (Hawthorn School, Vernon Hills) after school program, mostly for Hispanic children. It was designed to provide help with school work for children in grades 1-5. Contact Ruth Brockman for further information (847-362-7115). **2) Pan-African Rural Health & Social Services.** This agency works in Sierra Leone to provide clean water, education and reduce hunger for its 50000 residents of the Fallay Wujah section. They are working toward purchase of a tractor to help in all their needs for wells and farming. Go to [#3021290](http://www.umcmmission.org/advance) for more information.

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 3, 2013

Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
(Nursery care is available at all services for ages 0-2 years)
8:30 AM—Children's Worship Time
(ages 3 yrs-Kindergarten)
9:30 AM—Coffee Time
9:30 AM—Cherub Choir
10:00 AM—Traditional Worship Service
10:00 AM—Sunday School for all ages
11:15 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
4:00 PM—Joyful Noise Choir
4:00 PM—Confirmation
6:30 PM—Collision
7:00 PM—Cub Scout Committee

Monday, March 4, 2013

12:00 PM—Prime Time
7:00 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:00 PM—Women's Spiritual Growth
1:30 PM—Disciple 3 Bible Study
7:00 PM—Lake County Green Congregations
7:00 PM—Children's Ministry
7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

8:00 AM-8:00 PM—Prayer Labyrinth (East Room)
9:00 AM—MEMOS
9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:30 PM—BSA District Committee

Thursday, March 7, 2013

11:30 AM—Faith Study
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:30 PM—Disciple 1 Bible Study
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, March 8, 2013

6:30 PM—Young Life Capernaum

Saturday, March 9, 2013

7:30 AM—Men's Saturday Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
10:00 AM—Half the Sky Book Talk
4:00 PM—PADS Setup
6:00 PM—PADS

Sunday, March 10, 2013

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Girl Scout Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Begins

8:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
(Nursery care is available at all services for ages 0-2 years)
8:30 AM—Children's Worship Time
(ages 3 yrs-Kindergarten)
9:30 AM—Coffee Time
9:30 AM—Cherub Choir
10:00 AM—Traditional Worship Service
10:00 AM—Sunday School for all ages
11:15 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
4:00 PM—Joyful Noise Choir
4:00 PM—Confirmation
7:30 PM—Youth Orchestra

Monday, March 11, 2013

10:00 AM—Toddler Play Group
1:00 PM—BookTalkers
7:00 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:00 PM—Women's Spiritual Growth
1:30 PM—Disciple 3 Bible Study
7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads
7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

8:00 AM-8:00 PM—Prayer Labyrinth (East Room)
9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
5:30 PM—All-Stars for Jesus
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—SYNERGY
7:30 PM—Dream Initiative Leaders
7:30 PM—Board of Trustees

Thursday, March 14, 2013

9:00 AM—Faith Circle
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Facilities Task Force
7:30 PM—Disciple 1 Bible Study
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, March 15, 2013

7:00 PM—Cub Scouts #72

Saturday, March 16, 2013

7:30 AM—Men's Saturday Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
9:30 AM—Annual Conference (special session)
4:00 PM—PADS Setup & PADS

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