



The United Methodist Church
of Libertyville
April 6, 2014
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Today's Scripture Passage

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

First Light Service ~ 8:15 AM



Gathering Music "Interlude" J. C. Bach
Mary Kuhns, organ

Welcome & Greeting (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)
We welcome you to our service today and invite you to greet each other with words of grace and peace. May God's blessing be upon us all as we worship together in spirit and truth.

* **Opening Hymn** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384

* Call to Worship

Leader God of glory, you have turned your face earthward and opened your heart to your children,

People And so, O God, do we turn to you now.

Leader We turn to you for purpose and correction,

People For joy and peace,

Leader For a way out of hopeless situations,

People For justice,

Leader For forgiveness,

People For love.

Leader We turn to you, O God, for all these things offered through Jesus the Christ, who calls us out of death into new life. Amen.

* **Musical Prayer** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 420, verses 1 & 4

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading John 11:1-45

Sermon "A Grave Matter" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

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Invitation

Confession and Pardon

The Peace

Offering / Offertory "Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee" H. Markworth

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

* Prayer of Dedication

Taking the Bread and the Cup

Gluten free wafers are available in the center tray.

The Great Thanksgiving

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

* **Closing Hymn** "Hymn of Promise" No. 707

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Intermezzo" G. F. Handel



* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 AM



Greetings & Announcements (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)

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Prelude "Adagio" C. Franck
Jim Grace, organ

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Unison Prayer

God, your changes touch our lives with mystery and hope. We come to this place today, ready to see your power at work in and through us. Help us to be open to your Word and your lifegiving Spirit. Help us to answer your call in faith. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Psalm 130 Jill Natzke

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Anthem "Christus Paradox" A. Fedak
Adult Choir

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn of Preparation** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 420

Second Scripture Reading John 11:1-45

* 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!

Sermon "A Grave Matter" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

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Invitation

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The Peace

Offering / Offertory "Song of Peace" J. Langlais

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* Prayer of Dedication

Taking the Bread and the Cup

Gluten free wafers are available in the center tray.

The Great Thanksgiving

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

* **Closing Hymn** "Hymn of Promise" No. 707

* **Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude "A Joyous Organ Verse" E. Batiste



A Warm Welcome to All!

We are delighted to have all of you sharing with us in worship! 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, refreshments, and community sharing from 9:00-11:00 AM. We look forward to seeing you there. New member classes begin on May 17!



*The flowers in our sanctuary this morning are given
in appreciation for Mary Kuhns' service
as substitute organist
and in celebration of Bob and Jean Kowal's
42nd Wedding Anniversary.*

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

Sound Tech: Jesse Nixon

Acolytes: (9:30) Makena Salm, Sofia Sapp

April Ushers: (8:15) John Aten, Tim Henthorn, Larry Neal, Pete Palmi

(9:30) Dan Bollinger, David Holliman, Wendy Holliman,

David Natzke, Bill Vanni, Bill Wilson

Coffee Fellowship: (9:00—11:00) Please join us for coffee and refreshments served in Fellowship Hall and hosted by the Administrative Board.

Lent ~ The Elements ~ Earth
Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 AM



Countdown

Welcome & Announcements

We welcome you to our service today and invite you to greet each other with words of grace and peace. May God's blessing be upon us all as we worship together in spirit and truth.

* Song "All My Fountains" Tomlin

* Song "The Wonderful Cross" Tomlin

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Song "Above All" Tomlin

A Responsive Reading Psalm 130

Prayer

Scripture in Story John 11:1-45

Sermon "A Grave Matter" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Celebration of Holy Communion Gluten free wafers are available.
All who are seeking the grace of God are welcome to share
in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

* **Closing Song** "God of Wonders" Byrd

* **Benediction**



Service Notes

Children are welcome in worship. We enjoy having kids with us in worship but there is also a special program for them called *Kids Own Worship* that takes place following the Children's Message. For those who wish, nursery care is available for infants and toddlers during the service in Room 100.

The Offering we give is both an act of thanks and faith – a way to offer back to God some of the blessings we have received and a response of trust that God will take care of us as we rely upon him. You are invited to place your gifts in the Offering Plate on the back table as you leave.

Please fill in the registration sheet that is passed around so you will be kept informed about what's happening at the church. Remember to include your email address.

Worship Team: Julie Bakus, Woody Bedell, Jeff Brown, Jeff Davis,
Jeanette Frisbey, Tim Tonon, Jamie Twedell

Multimedia Coordinators: Mark & Janet Mason

UMCL News & Notes ~ April 6, 2014

GRAND OPENING OF REVITALIZED EDUCATION WING—You are invited to join us between services this morning to see the improvements that have been made to our Second Floor Sunday School wing! We are thankful to the donors and excellent workers who made these improvements possible: Ruth & David Arendsen, Mike & Joannie Foley, Steve & Beth March, Ruth Ross, Bill & Kelley Wilson, and the great workmen of DiVinci Painters. Thanks also to Amanda Seibert, Ben Hallett, Sarah Mitchell, Leigh Sapp, the Children's Ministry Committee, Trustees, and the many volunteers who worked so hard to make this happen!

SIGN UP THIS WEEK FOR THE EASTER PARTY—APRIL 19, 10:00 AM-NOON. Children birth through 5th grade, and their families, are invited to join in this Easter celebration which includes games, stories, crafts and an exciting EASTER EGG HUNT! Lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall. Families must register by **April 12th** by signing up online at www.umcl.org/cfm-easter or on the bulletin board in the narthex.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EASTER PARTY—Adults and youth interested in volunteering for the Easter Party can sign-up online at www.umcl.org/easter-party-registration or on the bulletin board. Questions? AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com

PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY SCHOOL—On **Palm Sunday, April 13**, all children are invited to meet in the East Room for a processional with palms into the sanctuary. Sunday School children will sing at the beginning of this service. On **Easter Sunday, April 20**, 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 will be dismissed for a special Sunday School hour.

LAST CALL FOR EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to place an order for Easter flowers which will be used to decorate the Sanctuary and East Room, please complete the form on our website (www.umcl.org/easter-flowers) or in today's bulletin and return it to the basket in the foyer or church office. Checks should be made payable to UMCL. **Orders and payment are due by Tuesday, April 8.**

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.

PRIME TIME meets tomorrow, **Monday, April 7**, at **Noon** for a **Potluck Lunch**. After lunch, Rev. David Seyller will be sharing his experiences as Winchester House Chaplain.

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR TOMORROW—"Preparing for Your Financial Future." Plan to attend this free seminar sponsored by the UMCL Endowment Committee **April 7 at 7:00 PM**. More information: www.umcl.org/estate-planning

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: Please join us for worship during Holy Week ~

- **PALM SUNDAY, April 13 ~ 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 AM.** Children's Processional with Palms, music by Sunday School Children, Heritage Bells, and Adult Choir at 9:30. Heritage Bells at 8:15. The Praise Band, palms, images and video at 11:00.
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 17 ~ 7:30 PM.** A service of Holy Communion with special music and prayer.
- **GOOD FRIDAY, April 18 ~ 7:30 PM.** The Adult Choir will present selections from the Faure "Requiem" and "The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross," a dramatic musical presentation by Robert Farlee.
- **EASTER SUNDAY, April 20 ~ 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 AM.** Brass ensemble, Organ, Adult Choir and Easter flowers at 8:15 & 9:30. The Praise Band, special music, images, video and Easter flowers at 11:00.

2014 ADULT MISSION TRIP to Missouri is planned for **April 27th—May 3rd**. Volunteers of every skill level are needed to rebuild homes and restore hope. The fee is \$250, and covers transportation, lodging, food, and supplies. **Sign up today!** Contact Jeff Welch (jpwelch5@gmail.com or 847-372-6835) or see www.umcl.org/adult-mission-trip

FAITH CIRCLE—Spring is FINALLY here! Join us for our next monthly meeting on **Thursday, April 10, 9:00—11:00 AM** in the East Room. Erin Cummisford from the Liberty Prairie Foundation will speak to us about organic and native gardening. Childcare is provided for this meeting. Details: Sheila Hillier at schillier@comcast.net.

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NEW MEMBER CLASSES are forming! The next session of New Member's Classes will begin with Brunch on **Saturday, May 17, at 10:00 AM**; followed by four Sunday School classes on **May 18 & 25, and June 1**; Coffee on **Sunday, June 8, 8:45—9:30 AM**, with New Members welcomed on **June 8 at 9:30 AM**. Please contact Joyce Bedell for more details if you are interested in joining at this time. Childcare will be available at Brunch. Joyce Bedell, joycebedell@sbcglobal.net or 847-362-2112

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday **April 16** at Feed My Starving Children to work the **6:00 PM** shift. Please call Mickey Donahue (847.367.4906) to reserve a spot. When our task is complete, we will cross the street and eat dinner (or have dessert!) at Culvers.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—We cannot fall beneath the arms of God. However low we fall, they are still underneath us. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren, Mary Spooner or the Pastors.

BLOOD DRIVE! The Outreach Committee is hosting a Blood Drive with Life Source on **Saturday, April 26th** from **8:00 AM—1:00 PM**. Donors: please sign up for an appointment in advance so that Life Source can get a head count for staffing and supply needs. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall OR contact Diana Natsch at dnatsch1@gmail.com. For more information regarding qualifications, see www.lifesource.org. Please consider participating, as your gift truly is a life saver!

UNITED METHODIST MEN will meet **Saturday, April 26 at 9:00 AM**. Cam Traut, Area Adult Support Team Leader of Lake County Young Life, will share more about a unique ministry in Lake County and how it reaches far beyond the walls of our church. Young Life Capernaum, hosted at UMCL, focuses on reaching out to teenagers and young adults with disabilities. **This meeting is open to everyone!**

RUMMAGE SALE SET-UP—**Sunday, May 4**, is the day for setting up for the Rummage Sale. Beginning at 12:30 PM, men, women and children are asked to join together to make a rummage sale arena. We move tables, set up sale racks, hang signs and more to help make the sale a success! No experience or special skills necessary. Just come!

THE RUMMAGE SALE is sponsored by United Methodist Women but anyone can help! We accept clothing, linens, books, audio and videotapes, DVDs, CDs, craft items, small electronics, toys, small appliances and infant items in Fellowship Hall. Large items, furniture, sports equipment, tools, bicycles, lawn equipment and the like will be accepted in the church garage. Please, no computer equipment, TVs, or encyclopedias. Below is the schedule of events.

Set-Up: Sunday afternoon, May 4, 12:30 PM until finished
Drop-off & Sort: Monday-Wednesday, May 5—7, 9 AM—8 PM.
Sort & Price Only: Thursday, May 8, 9 AM—2 PM. All items in Fellowship Hall are \$1. Items in the garage are priced by estimated value.
Sale Hours: Friday, May 9, 9 AM—7 PM; Saturday, May 10, 9 AM—Noon
Restoration Fellowship Hall, garage and parking lot are restored to normal by helpful volunteers on Saturday, May 10, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM.

Many helpers are needed Friday and Saturday morning because of the large crowds. You may also help by donating food for the volunteers Monday through Friday. Look for the sign-up poster in Fellowship Hall and Narthex. Details: Barbara Plohr (847-367-5556; BarbPlohr@Comcast.net) or Beth March (847-367-575, BethCMarch@AOL.com).

HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH PADS—Please consider serving with PADS at our church on Saturdays! Volunteers are desperately needed for **overnight shifts** (11 PM—3 AM or 3-6:30 AM) or **clean-up** (5:30-7:15 AM). Make a difference in someone's life this week! The PADS sign-up book is in Fellowship Hall during coffee time and in the foyer for our third service, or call Cathy O'Brien at 847-367-8062.

SECOND MILE GIVING FOR APRIL will include: **1) PADS Lake County** (Providing Advocacy, Dignity and Shelter) has been providing immediate, critical services and assistance to the homeless throughout all of Lake County for over 35 years. Additional funding is needed to provide many services to help those in need. More information: www.padslakecounty.org or 847-689-4357. **2) Zacharias Center** provides quality, comprehensive, client-centered services for victims of sexual assault and abuse in Lake County. Their services include a 24-hour hotline, advocacy services, and counseling. For more information: 847-244-1187, or see www.zcenter.org.

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 6, 2014

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
8:15 AM—First Light Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)
9:00 AM—Coffee Time
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir
9:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
9:30 AM—Sunday School for all ages
(Children begin in service and leave
after Children's Message)
10:30 AM—Coffee Time
10:40 AM—Children's Choir for grades 1-6
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in
service and leave after Children's Message)
4:00 PM—Confirmation
4:00 PM—Cub Scout #72 Committee

Monday, April 7, 2014

12:00 PM—Prime Time
7:00 PM—Estate Planning Seminar
7:00 PM—Mission Trip Orientation
7:00 PM—World's Religions Class
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:45 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study
7:00 PM—Staff Parish Relations Committee
7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group) @ Ben's

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

8:00 AM-8:00 PM—Prayer Labyrinth (East Room)
9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
9:45 AM—Faith Study
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
5:30 PM—All Stars
6:00 PM—Lake County United
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee

Thursday, April 10, 2014

9:00 AM—Faith Circle
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's
7:30 PM—Disciple 2 Bible Study
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, April 11, 2014

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum
7:00 PM—Cub Scouts #72

Saturday, April 12, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
4:30 PM—PADS Set up
6:30 PM—PADS

Sunday, April 13 2014

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
8:15 AM—First Light Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)
9:00 AM—Coffee Time
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir
9:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
9:30 AM—Sunday School for all ages
(Children begin in service and leave
after Children's Message)
10:30 AM—Coffee Time
10:40 AM—Children's Choir for grades 1-6
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in
service and leave after Children's Message)
12:00 PM—Children's Ministry Committee
4:00 PM—Confirmation

Monday, April 14, 2014

1:00 PM—BookTalkers
7:00 PM—Spiritual Disciplines Class
7:00 PM—Outreach Committee
7:00 PM—World's Religions Class
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:45 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study
7:00 PM—Troop #72 Committee
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group) @ Ben's

Wednesday, April 16 2014

8:00 AM-8:00 PM—Prayer Labyrinth (East Room)
9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
9:00 AM—MEMOS
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
9:45 AM—Faith Study
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
6:00 PM—Ruth Circle (off site)
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY

Thursday, April 17, 2014

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:30 PM—Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18, 2014

7:30 PM—Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 19, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
10:00 AM—Easter Party
4:30 PM—PADS Set up
6:30 PM—PADS

Sunday, April 20, 2014

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
8:15 AM—First Light Easter Celebration
9:00 AM—Coffee Time
9:30 AM—Traditional Easter Celebration
9:30 AM—Sunday School (begin in service)
11:00 AM—Contemporary Easter Celebration
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (begin in service)

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