



everything  
[in] between  
righteousness & mercy

**COMMUNITY**  
- UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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Community United Methodist Church is building a community of people who love God and neighbor through a focus on Intergenerational Community Service and Overall Health and Wellbeing

Fifth Sunday in Lent Holy Communion

April 6, 2025

Children and families are invited to the Grace Space at the front of the church for an enhanced worship experience.

\*Indicates to stand as you are able.

Words in bold invite a community response.

Listening devices and large print hymnals are available. An usher will happily assist you.

## Gathering Music

## Welcome and Greeting

### \*Call to Worship

We come to worship because we long for mercy.

**We long for community. We long for God.**

We come to worship because we need a good word.

**We need connection. We need moral reminders.**

We come to worship because we are in between:

**Hope and grief, faith and doubt, joy and longing, curiosity and conviction.**

So we come to worship and God meets us here.

**Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle.**

**Amen.**

**\*Congregational Song** *Song of Hope (Canto de Esperanza)* Argentine folk melody

## Call to Confession:

Friends, our faith calls us to live with both mercy and righteousness.

Somewhere along the way, however, we have forgotten that truth. Somewhere along the way, we began arguing about who deserves mercy and whether or not they had acted with enough righteousness to receive it. Fortunately, God does not act that way. No matter what mistakes we have made or wrong turns we've taken, God consistently meets us with mercy and invites us to try again. So let us lean into that good news, and go to God in prayer.

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, when we fail to be righteous, show us mercy. When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right. Again and again, bring us closer to you. Again and again, show us the way. Amen.**

## Words of Assurance and Forgiveness

Family of faith, hear and believe this good news: When we fail to be righteous, God is merciful.

**When we fail to be merciful, God invites us to try again.**

Again and again, God moves closer to us.

**Again and again, God show us the way.**

**Thanks be to God for this unending love. Amen.**

"Mark Schultz and the youth director he worked with visited former students who were now in college. They used this song to remind them that God loves them no matter their age or where they may be."

## Special Music

*Remember Me*

Mark Schultz

Community Praise Team

Remember me in a Bible cracked and faded by the years.

Remember me in a sanctuary filled with silent prayer.

Age to age and heart to heart, bound by grace and peace.

Child of wonder, Child of God, I've remembered you.

Remember me.

Remember me when the color of a sunset fills the sky.

Remember me when you pray and tears of joy fall from your eyes.

Age to age and heart to heart, bound by grace and peace.

Child of wonder, Child of God, I've remembered you.

Remember me.

Remember me when the children leave their Sunday school with smiles.

Remember me when they're old enough to teach, old enough to preach,

Old enough to leave.

Age to age and heart to heart, bound by grace and peace.

Child of wonder, Child of God, I've remembered you.

Remember me.

## Prayer for Illumination

**Loving God, week after week we return to this space, because we long to see you. Like Zacchaeus who climbed a tree to get a peek at you as you walked by, we come to this sanctuary hoping to get a peek of your goodness, your joy, your light. So speak to us through these ancient words. Let us get a peek of the love that lingers here. Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

When have you felt unfairly judged by others? Has there ever been a time you learned that you unfairly judged someone else?

## Scripture

*Luke 19: 1-10*

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Message

**Everything {in} Between Righteousness & Mercy**

**\*Congregational Song** *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

TFWS #2002

## Prayers of the People

## Prayer Response

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

TFWS #2200

Great is your faithfulness, O God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.  
You lead us by still waters into mercy; and nothing can keep us apart.

So remember your people, remember your children. Remember your promise, O God.

Your grace is enough, your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

Great is your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong.  
You lead us in the song of your salvation; and all your people sing along.

So remember your people, remember your children. Remember your promise, O God.

Your grace is enough, your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

Your grace is enough, heaven reaching down to us. Your grace is enough for me.

God, I sing your grace is enough, I'm covered in your love. Your grace is enough for me, for me.

### Celebration 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.**

...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.**

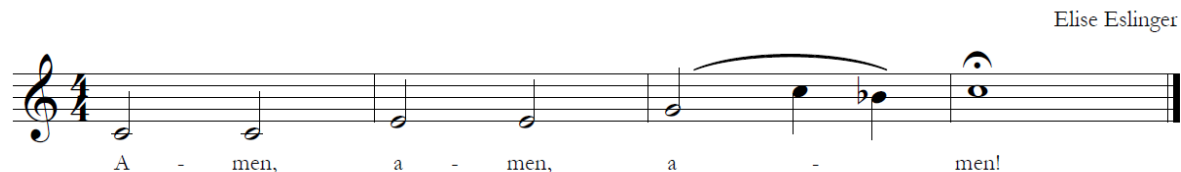
...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

### Congregation



...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

### Congregation



Elise Eslinger

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Ministry Moment

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

**\*Offering Response** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

UMH #292, v. 3

### \*Prayer of Dedication

We know, O God, that Jesus chose to see the best in others and we believe that acts of mercy and compassion have ripple effects in our lives. So, like Christ, we believe in offering mercy, inviting people to dinner, telling stories of love, and choosing to see the best in others. Bless these gifts, and our acts of giving, that compassion and mercy may spread throughout our world. Amen.

**\*Congregational Song** *The Summons*

TFWS #2130, v. 1-3, 5

### \*Our Charge and Blessing:

As you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle.

**We trust that the world is bigger than two sides.**

May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes.

**We go to move through this world with open hearts, curious minds, and the confidence that we do not go alone.**

Go, knowing that God is with you on the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between. **Amen.**

**\*Blessing Response:** *Be the Change*

Marc Kaplan & Colin Britt



Be the change \_\_\_\_\_ you want to see in the world, be the change \_\_\_\_\_ you want to



see in the world, be the change \_\_\_\_\_ you want to see in the world, and change will come to you. —

**\*Postlude** *Your Grace Is Enough*

*Matt Maher*

In a world that loves to cast blame and point fingers, Jesus loved by other rules. Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to be used in ways that spread Christ's love instead of the world's judgement.

You are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments at The Connection!

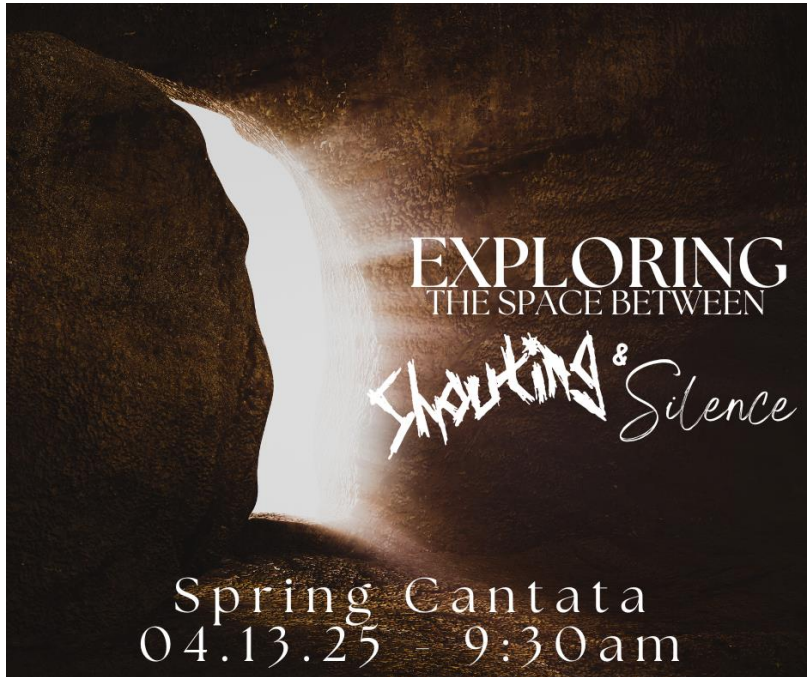


# HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Community United Methodist Church is building a community of people who love God and neighbor through a focus on Intergenerational Community Service and Overall Health and Wellbeing

SUN 13 APR	PALM SUNDAY 9:30AM CANTATA
THUR 17 APR	MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00PM HOLY COMMUNION
FRI 18 APR	GOOD FRIDAY 12:00PM
SUN 20 APR	EASTER SUNDAY 9:30AM



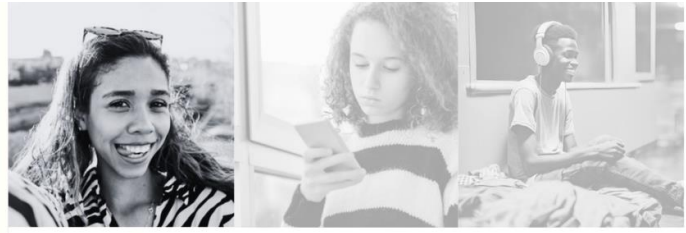
Spring Cantata  
04.13.25 - 9:30am

CUMCEG  
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Invites  
you

On Palm Sunday (April 13th), the CUMC Festival Choir will present a special music service exploring the space between shouting and silence. And, as we enter Holy Week, we will work

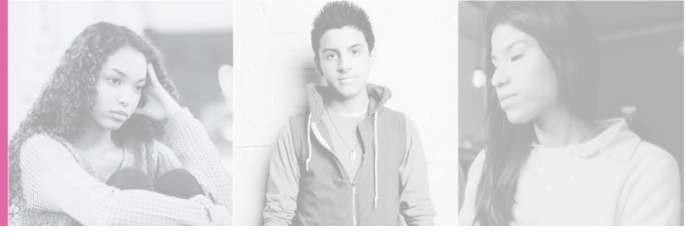
to bring all of ourselves—our praise, our reverence, our grief, and everything in between—to the work of holy remembrance and action. What will we shout? What will we silence?

Mission Partner



# KEEP HOPE ALIVE

Walker's Point Youth & Family Center



## Meet Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Mission Partner Walker's Point – Youth & Family Center!

### Our Mission

Our mission is to provide safety to the young people of Milwaukee through free and confidential counseling and case management, temporary shelter for youth, and housing for young adults. We provide youth in crisis with an inclusive and stable space where they are empowered to create a safe and healthy life.

### Our vision

We envision a Milwaukee free from youth and young adult homelessness and trafficking. We dream of a thriving community that has been designed for and created by our youth. Our role in that vision is to end the stigma around mental health needs and prioritize our youth through access to relevant services and resources regardless of their ability to pay. Our role is to help our young people thrive.



"FOR LOVE AND GRACE-RESISTING OPPRESSION AND HATE"

Opening our Doors to ALL God's Children

See Kathy Hartke, hop online or call the church office to register for this exciting watch party! Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church has asked Community UMC to join them for a watch party!



# Saturday May 3rd

[www.cumceg.org/wellbeing](http://www.cumceg.org/wellbeing)



Be Prepared! Join on May 3rd for Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR & AED certified training!!

Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED training course equips students to recognize and care for cardiac emergencies involving adults children and infants.

The Class Fee is \$125.00 for the public

The Class is being offered free to Community UMC Members

Participants will be required to complete a 2 ½ hour online training prior to the skills class held at CUMC. There will be two skills classes on Saturday May 3- one from 10:00 am to noon and the second from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Each class can accommodate 12 participants for a total of 24 people.

Register by Calling the Church Office at 262-782-4060.

COMMUNITY WELLBEING PRESENTS

## SOUND BATHS

WITH TONY STURINO



A sound bath is a meditative experience where participants are "bathed" in resonant sounds, often produced by instruments like gongs, singing bowls, and chimes, to promote relaxation and a sense of well-being.

**FRIDAY - April 11<sup>th</sup> - 2pm**

**Saturday - April 26<sup>th</sup> - 2pm**

**Friday - May 9<sup>th</sup> - 1pm**

**Saturday - May 31<sup>st</sup> - 1pm**

**Community UMC**

**14700 Watertown Plank Rd**

**Elm Grove, WI 53122**

**262-782-4060**

\$20.00 per session

Register by Calling 262-782-4060

**Bring:** Blankets, Yoga Mats, Eye Masks, Comphy Clothing, Pillows, and an open mind

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

[www.cumceg.org/wellbeing](http://www.cumceg.org/wellbeing)

## Greeting Card Ministry

Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> We will meet in the Disciple Room from 6:30- 8:00 p.m.

Making cards to bring Spring Cheer!



Greeting  
Card  
Ministry



**Thursday, May 8 from 5 to 7 pm!**

The Intergenerational Team is continuing our support for our Mission Partners! We will once again be hosting a Games & Pizza Night for Life Navigators. We are inviting CUMC members and their families to play bingo and board games with our guests, and to share a pizza meal.

**Ways that you can participate:**

- 1) Attend the event
  - 2) Donate new, small gifts for prizes (Most of our guests will be adults.) Prize suggestions include: Cards, notebooks, lotions, coloring books, etc.
  - 3) Donate baked goods.
  - 4) Make a donation toward the purchase of the pizza (Donations can be made during service, mailed in or online at [www.cumceg.org](http://www.cumceg.org))
- Contact Susan Krechel for more information. [skrechel1@gmail.com](mailto:skrechel1@gmail.com)



**NEW PROJECT!! Port Pillows!**

Thursday, April 10 at 10:00am  
Disciple Room

We will be embarking on a new project. Kathy's House (the nonprofit hospital guest house in Wauwatosa) has let us know of a need for port pillows. Small port pillows attach to a seat belt to provide a cushion between a port and the seat belts, making car rides more comfortable for patients. They are quick and easy to make and can use up small pieces of fabric. Bring a sewing machine to make one or just a scissors (or rotary cutter) to put together kits to send home.



**Zentangle Ministry**  
**You Are God's Masterpiece**

**Wednesday, April 23**  
**10:00 – 11:30 am**  
**Disciple Room (In-person only)**

**Zentangle Ministry**  
**“You Are God’s Masterpiece” (Eph. 2:10)**

In-person only (no Zoom)  
Wednesday, April 23  
10:00 – 11:30 am  
Class will be recorded  
RSVP to Kim Turmel  
[kimturmelczt@gmail.com](mailto:kimturmelczt@gmail.com)  
Kim Turmel is a Certified Zentangle® Teacher



# CHAIR YOGA

Every Tuesday

EVERY TUESDAY - 2:30PM

45 MINUTE CLASS - \$10/SESSION

REGISTER: 262-782-4060 - LED BY: CERTIFIED YOGA INSTRUCTOR KIM WELLS

## Weekly Happenings

### Sunday – April 6<sup>th</sup>

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- The Connection – 10:45am – Revelation Room
- Cycle of Grace Bible Study – 10:45am – Fellowship Hall

### Monday – April 7<sup>th</sup> (Pastor Kris' Sabbath)

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Education Wing & Revelation Room
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music – 4:30pm – 7:15pm – Choir Room
- Greeting Card Ministry – 6:30pm – Disciple Room
- Crosstown Harmony – 8:00pm – Revelation Room
- AA Women's Group – 8:00pm – Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday – April 8<sup>th</sup>

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Education Wing & Revelation Room
- Music Cantata Set Up – 9:00am - Sanctuary
- Stephen Minister Training – 9:00am – Disciple Room
- Program Staff Meeting – 1:30pm – Office Conference Room
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Wellbeing Room
- NAMI Family to Family Series – 6:00pm – Disciple Room

### Wednesday – April 9<sup>th</sup>

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Education Wing & Revelation Room
- Ikebana – 9:00am – Disciple Room
- Clarion Bells Rehearsal – 6:15pm – Harmony Room
- Festival Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm – Sanctuary
- Mother's Day Out Staff Meeting – 6:30pm – Revelation Room

### Thursday – April 10<sup>th</sup>

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Education Wing & Revelation Room
- Sew Together Sewing Group – 10:00am – Disciple Room
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

### Saturday – April 12<sup>th</sup>

- Special Music Service Dress Rehearsal – 9:30am – Sanctuary

Looking Ahead – Palm Sunday – 13<sup>th</sup>

**Quarterly Mission Partner:  
Walker's Point Youth & Family Center**



### April Needs

**HYGIENE ITEMS:** toilet paper, bar soap, tooth paste, and individually wrapped tooth brushes

**MEALS:** canned chicken and canned tuna

**BREAKFAST ITEMS:** cereal, instant oatmeal, pancake mix, and granola

**MISC. ITEMS:** cooking oil

### SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tom Twinem; Dean Johnson;  
Christian Fuller; Katy Wilson;  
Don Down; Sheryl Cavan;  
Jeff Turmel, Tom Connor

### CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kris Androsky  
Chriss Stump – Office Manager  
Danielle Bridges – Director of Music  
Tyler Walters – Praise Team Director  
Susan Krechel – Organist  
Randy Bryant – Organist

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