

GATHERING, PRELUDE, What Wondrous Love Is This 292
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Today UMCOR SUNDAY (aka One Great Hour of Sharing)

***What NEW thing would you like to see
the church try to do in the coming months?***

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (Marion) 160

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *from Advent, year c* FotW
God our salvation, there is wisdom, peace, and joy
for those who keep your Word.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, lead us in your truth
and teach us to do your will;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: **Joshua 5:9-12**
*The Israelites no longer had manna;
they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.*

2 Corinthians 5:16-21
God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
A parable of a man with two sons.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE PCUSA
Almighty and merciful God, we have erred
and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which
we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Forgive those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name.
{silent prayers}

PO (alt)
Psalm 32 says: "Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered."
Believe in the good news of the gospel and rejoice!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven;
Thanks be to God! Amen**

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SERMON

HYMN: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 121

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSIONS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BRINGING OUR GIFTS

In Christ we are invited and inspired to lives of grateful generosity.
Let us praise the giver of all good gifts through our offering today.

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PRAYER

Discipleship Ministries

**Gracious God, our refuge and restorer, we long
to feel your embrace
and live in the light of your grace.**

**As we observe this holy time of Lent, may our offerings
reflect hearts that are turning back to you.**

**Clear the clogs in our lives that separate us
from you and one another and
help us see the rainbow of your promise
even in our struggles.**

**Bless these gifts and our lives so that
we may share your steadfast love with the world.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen**

HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **384**

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING *based on Romans 12* *via PCUSA*

Go out into the world in peace;
have courage; hold onto what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people;

**We go out to love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

POSTLUDE Living for Jesus **2149**

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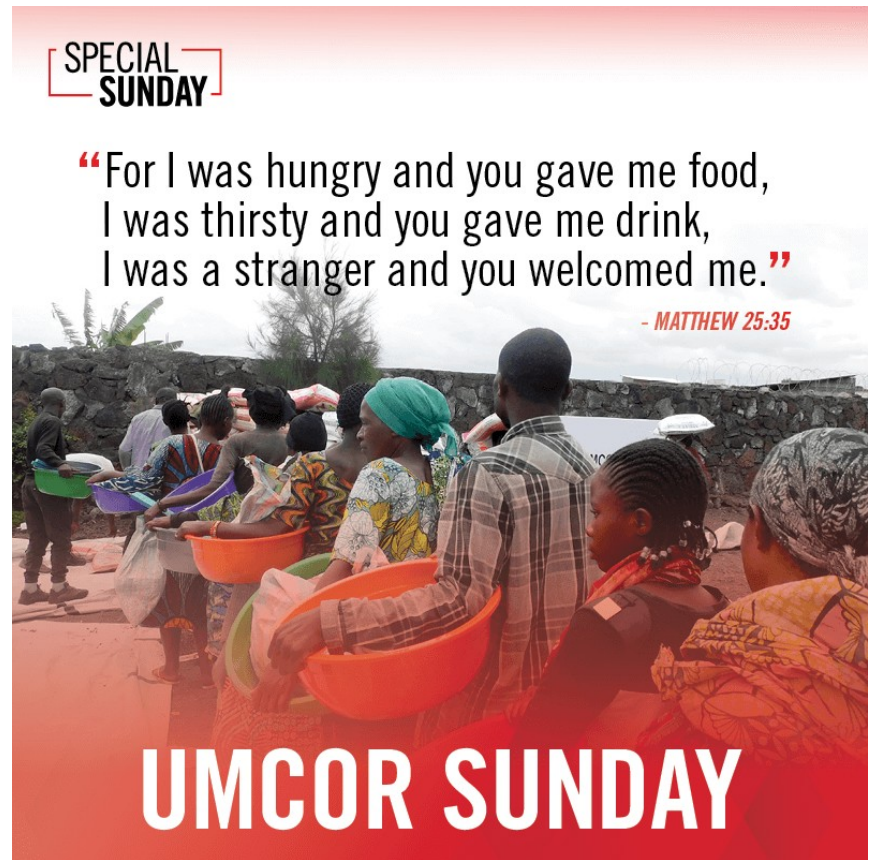
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This week the author is Ellen Williams Hensle

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SPECIAL SUNDAY

“For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

- MATTHEW 25:35

UMCOR SUNDAY

March 30, 2025 **11:00 am**
Clarksburg United Methodist Church

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

Year C – Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 30, 2025

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Scriptures

Joshua 5:9–12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Questions for Reflection:

In what ways am I like the Prodigal Son?

In what ways am I like the elder son?

Morning Prayer: *2 Cor. 5:16*

Loving God, in all I do this day,

use me as a sign of your reconciling love.

Let me not view anyone from a human point of view,

but let me see all whom I will encounter

with the eyes of Christ,

through whom I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer: *Luke 15:11b–24*

Merciful God, if like the Prodigal Son

I have strayed from you this day,

call me back to your loving embrace.

If like the elder son, I have harbored resentment

for the grace you give to others,

reprove me.

Help me claim in thought and deed the inheritance of the saints

who share with Jesus compassion and forgiveness

to all who lose their way. Amen.

UMCOR SUNDAY

UMCOR Sunday seeks to increase awareness and support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Gifts given on UMCOR Sunday play a vital role in enhancing the church's global humanitarian response because these funds cover UMCOR's administrative costs. This support ensures that 100% of donations given to UMCOR throughout the year can be directed toward on-the-ground relief and recovery efforts, allowing UMCOR to effectively respond to crises and provide assistance where it's needed most.

By investing in UMCOR's operations, we empower the church to mobilize resources quickly and efficiently, making a meaningful impact in communities affected by disaster and hardship around the world.

This ministry is achieved exclusively through your generosity. Last year, your generosity delivered almost 2 million dollars in support of UMCOR's work to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing through these ministries:

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Giving through your local church

Donating on line at donate.gcfa.org/umcor

Sending a check in the mail to:

General Commission on Finance and Administration

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Please include UMCOR Sunday
in the note section of your check.

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