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# THE DISCIPLE



March 2023 Edition

## **A WORD FROM THE PASTOR**

Greetings Church! Over the last month, as we've gone through the "I See You" series, we have been reminded of our call, as followers of Jesus Christ, to hear the voice of the oppressed and marginalized. We heard the story of Bartimaeus in which Jesus reminded us that while not everyone has a voice that the powerful are necessarily willing to hear, we all have value and inherent worth, regardless of our differences and what others may think of us.

We read about Zelophehad, and were reminded that speaking up on behalf of the people who were the least, the last and the lost is an act of courage, but it's also an act of faith. In that story, we saw that God extended the table wider to include those at the margins: women. Throughout his ministry on earth, Jesus took the love of God outward to the people excluded by society. That included the women and it included all of the people that society said were just not worthy.

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We read from Deuteronomy and were reminded that the Bible is very clear: as children made in God’s image, we are to treat the foreigner / immigrant with empathy, compassion, justice, and inclusion. We were reminded that inclusion and empathy is a major theme throughout the Bible starting in Genesis 1 and continuing through Revelation. Time and again throughout scripture God blesses those who treat the stranger with kindness, and curses those who do not.

It is easy to get comfortable with our own experiences of God and our own way of worshiping. And it’s also easy to get into a comfort zone by knowing God in a narrow way that we have known our whole lives. But this only gives us a limited view of who God is. Let us be a church that loves with open arms, ministers with open eyes, and invites with unbiased open doors. Help us to celebrate all of humanity, to seek to understand and learn. See ya on Sunday!  
 Pastor Bruce

## The State Of Our Finances

Stewardship Feb 2023		
Actual Giving Feb 2023	Actual Need To Meet Commitments Feb 2023	+/-
\$3010.00	\$4678.45	<b>\$1,670.45</b>
Actual Giving YTD 2023	Actual Need To Meet Commitments YTD 2023	+/-
\$6022.00	\$8394.21	<b>\$2,372.21</b>

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## **Daily Scripture Readings March 2023**

Sunday March. 5th – Romans 8:26-27

Monday March. 6th – Psalm 103

Tuesday March. 7th – Matthew 6:7-13

Wednesday March. 8th – Psalm 150

Thursday March. 9th – Matthew 26:36-46

Friday March. 10th – James 5:13-18

Saturday March. 11th – Mark 9:14-27

Sunday March. 12th – Psalm 1:1-3

Monday March. 13th – Hebrews 4:11-13

Tuesday March 14th – Colossians 3:1-17

Wednesday March. 15th – Luke 10:38-42

Thursday March. 16th – James 1:19-25

Friday March. 17th – Acts 17:1-12

Saturday March. 18th – Proverbs 24:30-34

Sunday March. 19th – Matthew 6:16-18

Monday March. 20th – Isaiah 58:1-7

Tuesday March. 21st – Daniel 10:1-14

Wednesday March. 22nd – Nehemiah 1:4-11

Thursday March. 23rd – Esther 4:12-17

Friday March. 24th – Acts 13:1-3

Saturday March. 25th – Joel 2:12-17

Sunday March. 26th – 1 John 1:5-9

Monday March. 27th – Psalm 51:1-4

Tuesday March. 28th – Matthew 5:21-24

Wednesday March 29th– – Mark 1:1-5

Thursday March 30th– James 5:13-16

Friday March 31st– Proverbs 28:13

Saturday April 1st– Hosea 14:1-7

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## Deacon Schedule March 2023

March 5th Jed Lones

March 12th Trinity United Presbyterian Church

March 19th Tom Bowerman-Jett

March 26th- Mary Rayl/Jessica Osborn

April 2nd- Palm/Passion Sunday Jed Lones

## Elders Schedule March 2023

March 5<sup>th</sup> Pat Fisher

March 12<sup>th</sup> Eileen Latham

March 19<sup>th</sup> Mary Dickinson

March 26th-Cary Modd

April 2nd- Palm/Passion Sunday Mary Dickinson

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Although no two people experience grief in the exact same way, by attending a support group you may find that other people have experiences, feelings, and struggles that are similar to your own. When you feel totally alone and misunderstood by the world, the support group community can provide you with a haven of understanding. Starting April 20th at First Christian Church 340 N. Main Kenton, Ohio 43326 at 6p-8P, we will begin our 13-week journey together. If you would like more information or to register, please visit:

<https://www.griefshare.org/groups/164316/registrations/new>

### **Coming Soon**

**Sunday**, March 12th There will be a joint service held at Trinity United Presbyterian (301 W. Columbus St.) at 10:30 AM

**The week of March 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>** Hardin County S.O.U.P will begin serving their monthly meals from the church. If you are interested in helping serve meals, contact the church office.

### **Lent Worship Schedule**

Thursday April 6th- Maundy Thursday Soup Service at 6 PM

Friday April 7th- Good Friday Service at Noon.

Easter Sunday April 9th- All Church Brunch potluck, 9:30 am, and then Worship at 10:30.

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