

Sunday March 19, 2023 ~ WELCOME EVERYONE!~ Lent 2023

In the base camp of our church community, near and far, we continue our Lenten journey as we wrestle with the parable of the bridesmaids. We will keep the gift of Sabbath, learn sacred stories, sing, pray, reflect, refuel, and revive our sense of reverence!

PRELUDE Dr. Marcus Simmons

WELCOME/CENTERING FOR WORSHIP (Breathing Ball)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Written by Nancy Townley, Ministry Matters)

ONE: Are you ready to worship?

ALL: We believe that we are.

ONE: Put away all those cares and worries that keep you from hearing God’s word.

ALL: The cares and worries of the world have been put aside that we may be truly ready.

ONE: The Lord comes to you this day.

ALL: Thanks be to God for God’s abiding presence and promise. AMEN.

MORNING HYMN *Blessed Assurance* UMH 369

CHILDREN’S TIME *This Little Light of Mine/Jesus Loves Me*

OFFERING/ANTHEM *Keep Your Lamps* PPUMC Choir

DOXOLOGY *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 25:1-13 (NLT)* See Insert
The Word of God, For the People of God (All: Thanks be to God)

RESPONSE HYMN *“I Want To Be Ready ”* UMH 722

REFLECTION Pastor Isiah Dennis

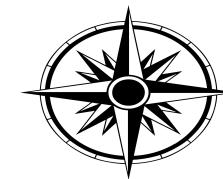
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Invitation and Quiet Time
Pastoral Prayer and Common Prayer
*Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy names. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us and *lead us not* into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen [or: *let us not be led*]*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN *“Open My Eyes, That I May See ”* UMH 454

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL Dr. Marcus Simmons



Compass Passage (CP) the Week

“Send out your light and your truth; let them guide me. Let them lead me to your holy mountain, to the place where you live. There I will go to the altar of God, to God—the source of all my joy. I will praise you with my harp, O God, my God!” -Psalm 43:3-4 (NLT)

<p><u>This Little Light of Mine</u> <i>This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)</i></p>	<p><u>Jesus Loves Me</u> <i>Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so Little ones to him belong, and the rest can tag along Yes Jesus loves me Yes Jesus loves you Yes, Jesus loves us all The Bible tells us so</i></p>
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Matthew 25:1-13 (NLT)

“Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 The five who were foolish didn’t take enough olive oil for their lamps, 4 but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil.

5 When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 “At midnight they were roused by the shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!’ 7 “All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. 8 Then the five foolish ones asked the others, ‘Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’ 9 “But the others replied, ‘We don’t have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.’ 10 “But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked.

11 Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, ‘Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!’ 12 “But he called back, ‘Believe me, I don’t know you!’ 13 “So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return.

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Easter Egg Party (Volunteers Needed)

Our Annual Easter Egg Party will happen this year on Saturday, April 8th from 9:30am – 10:30am. It’s the best Easter Egg Hunt in town!

We need volunteers to: Help on the day with egg dying, game playing, crafts, microwaving peeps and more; Bring a dozen hard boiled eggs for dying; Assemble Easter gift bags for the children.

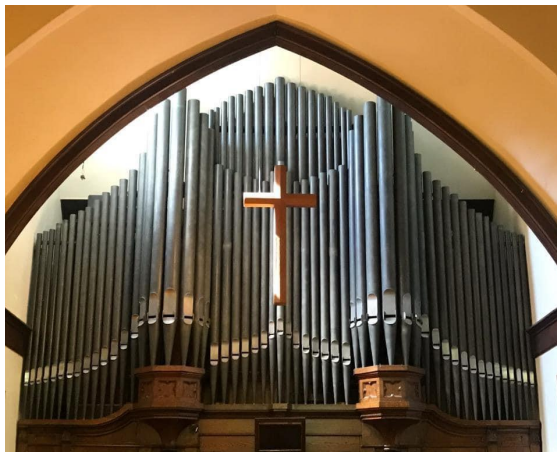
Contact Rebekah Richards to volunteer via email r-richardspiano@gmail.com or by phone, 651 468-7058.

Spread the word to parents and children!

This Week at Prospect Park UMC

<p><u>Monday March 20th</u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday March 21st</u> 7pm: Prospect Park Community Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday March 22nd</u> 12:30pm: Midweek Prayer (Zoom)</p>
<p><u>Thursday March 23rd</u> 6:30pm: Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><u>Friday March 24th</u></p>	<p><u>Saturday March 25th</u></p>
<p><u>Sunday March 26th</u> 9am: Choir Rehearsal 9:30am: Coffee and Conversation via Zoom 10am: Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom) After Worship: All Church Meeting</p>		

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Please do not hesitate to connect with us!
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Third Sunday in Lent



Sunday March 19, 2023 ~ 10am Worship

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Marcus Simmons (Minister of Music), PPUMC Choir

WORSHIP TEAM (rotating duties):

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