

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 22

11:30 am Search Committee Update- Sanctuary
 11:30 am Coffee HI
 6:00 pm Confirmation I

Tuesday, March 23

10:00am- Noon Coffee with Pastor Katie @ The Bean

Wednesday, March 24

5:30 pm LAF
 6:00 pm Confirmation II
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 29

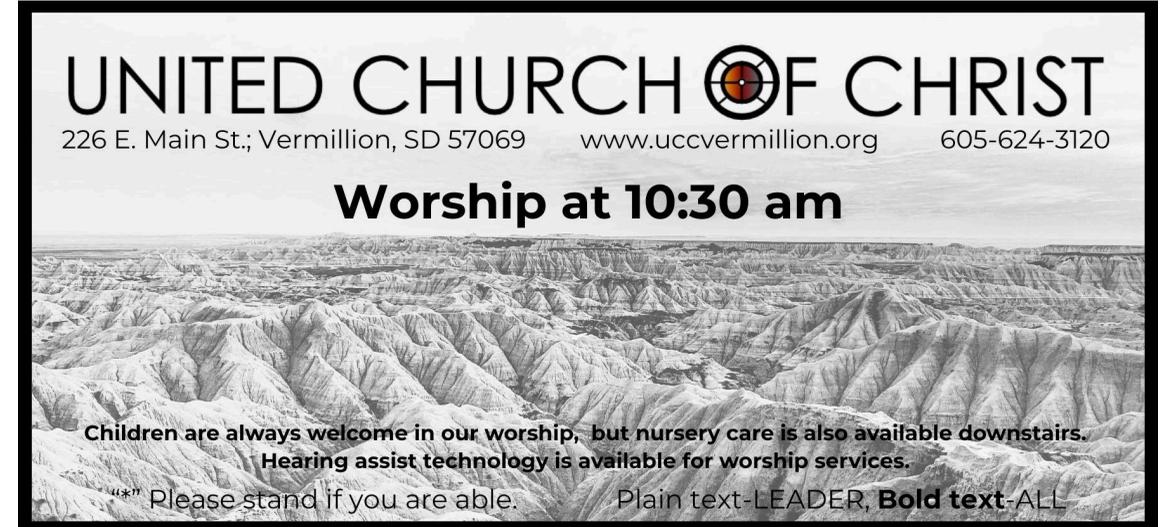
9:00 am Adult Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship- LAF Sunday
 11:30 am Coffee HI
 6:00 pm Confirmation I

Worship Leaders and Church Staff

Rev. Katie Miller - Sr. Minister	Rev. Elaine Miller - Minister of Visitation
Benjamin Barth - Organist	Kari Jensen - Christian Ed Director
Gretchen Burbach - Choral Director	Taylor Ebsen - Church Administrator
Anthony Burbach - Bell Director/ Piano	Sarah Gregg - Church Financial Officer
Paul Ebsen - Media Director	Kathy Hasenbank, Linda Moe - Custodians

2025-2026 Interns

Madison Maschmann- Choir, Alto
 Maleah Wright - Choir, Soprano
 Sam VanGerpen - Choir, Tenor
 Charlee Huska - LAF, Nursery
 Tommy Gress - Organ
 Lucas Thomas- Media Intern



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PRELUDE "Vesper Voluntaires, no 3" Edward Elgar

WELCOME

Friendship Pads
 Announcements
 Joys and Concerns

Please also complete a "Prayer Card" and put it in the collection plate.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Introit "Give Me a Clean Heart" 188
Give me a clean heart so I may serve you. God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you. For I'm not worthy of all these blessings. Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God.
From the broken ground of our lives, we call out.
 We wait for the Holy One more than watchmen wait for the morning.
We wait for mercy, for justice, for new life.
 In the Holy One there is steadfast love.

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In God there is great power to redeem.

So come, people of God.

Let us worship the One who brings life from broken ground.

*HYMN “This is a Day of New Beginnings” 417

*INVOCATION

God of the deep places, you meet us where the ground of our lives has been broken open. Gather us now. Quiet our minds and plant the seeds of mercy and justice in our hearts. May our worship be honest and our lives ready for transformation. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 130

MUSIC TO INSPIRE “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” Raney
Cello: Lennea Olson

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:13-17

MEDITATION “What We Owe”

HYMN OF MEDITATION “Amazing Grace” 547

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Lord’s Prayer

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

As we share our gifts today, we participate in the work of building a community where care, justice, and hope can grow. Let us give with generous hearts.

OFFERTORY MUSIC “Elevations, no 2” Jacques Nicolas Lemmens

**Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, Receive these gifts and bless them. Use them to nurture justice, to strengthen compassion, and to bring new life from broken ground. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “In the Bulb There is a Flower” 433

*BENEDICTION

Go into the world as people who know that life grows from broken ground. May you seek justice, practice mercy, and remember that what we owe one another is love. Amen.

POSTLUDE “Sortie, no1” Jacques Nicolas Lemmens

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ACOLYTE:

USHERS:

COFFEE HI:

DEACON OF THE DAY:

NURSERY:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION II PANCAKE FEED: MARCH 29

Please join us after worship on Sunday, March 29 for a pancake feed hosted by the Confirmation II class. A freewill offering will be accepted. Come enjoy breakfast and support our confirmands!

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE: MARCH 22

Following *today's service*, the Search Committee will provide a brief update on the beginning stages of the pastoral search in the sanctuary. We will then remain *available for anyone* who would like to stay and share questions or thoughts regarding the search and call of our next pastor. There is no obligation to attend, but we sincerely welcome and value your input during this important season in the life of our church.

TAIZE REIMAGINED

Join us for meditative song, silence and readings in the manner of Taize. This month we are holding our gathering at UCC. Starting time is **8:30 pm, Wednesday, March 25, 2026** and will be slightly more than a half hour long.

USD CHAMBER SINGERS "AMERICANA" CONCERT

The USD Chamber Singers will present their tour concert "Americana" at **7:30 pm on Saturday, March 28** at the UCC in Vermillion. The program features music in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of America. You will hear traditional choral music, as well as several American folk songs, spirituals, and pop music classics. There is no cost to attend, but a freewill donation will be collected. Contact David Holdhusen (david.holdhusen@usd.edu) for information.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Pledge Income through February:
Actual \$30,652; Budget \$21,335
YTD Pledge Shortfall: \$9,317



If you would like to donate to the Vermillion United Church of Christ, Congregational using PayPal, please scan this QR code with your phone.

EASTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

VERMILLION MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES

You're invited to Lenten Prayer Services and Lunch
Prayer Service 12:00 pm Lunch 12:30 pm.

- Friday, March 27- St. Agnes Catholic Church
- Friday, April 3- First Baptist Church

LENT PROJECT: GAS CARD COLLECTION

During this Lenten season, our church is collecting gas gift cards to help members of our community who need assistance getting to jobs, job interviews, medical appointments, and other essential commitments. We recommend Bob's Sinclair gas gift cards, but cash, checks, or PayPal donations are also welcome. Please note "Gas Cards" in the memo line so we can direct your donation appropriately. Donations will be collected now through Easter, April

5. Gas cards or donations may be dropped off at the church office or placed in the offering plate during Sunday worship. Thank you for helping us support our neighbors with this meaningful Lenten project

sunrise, and worship together in this special outdoor service. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and invite a friend!

EASTER VIGIL SIGN-UP

Starting on Good Friday at 8 pm, we invite you to participate in our Easter Vigil, a sacred time of reflection and prayer. **Sign-ups for hour-long blocks are available at the front of the sanctuary. Vigil hours will run from 8 PM to midnight on Friday and resume from 6 AM to midnight on Saturday.** This vigil, made possible through the dedication of our church family, is a powerful expression of our faith as we await the hope of resurrection. Whether you are a “Vigiler” or “Watcher,” this is **your personal time with God**, and you are encouraged to use it in a way that is meaningful to you. May this time of waiting and watching be a blessing as we prepare our hearts for Easter morning. Please reach out to the church office or Pastor Katie with any questions.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT CLAY COUNTY PARK

Join us for our annual Sunrise Service at Clay County Park at 6:15 am Easter morning, as we gather to celebrate the joy and hope of Easter morning. All are welcome to come early, enjoy the beauty of the