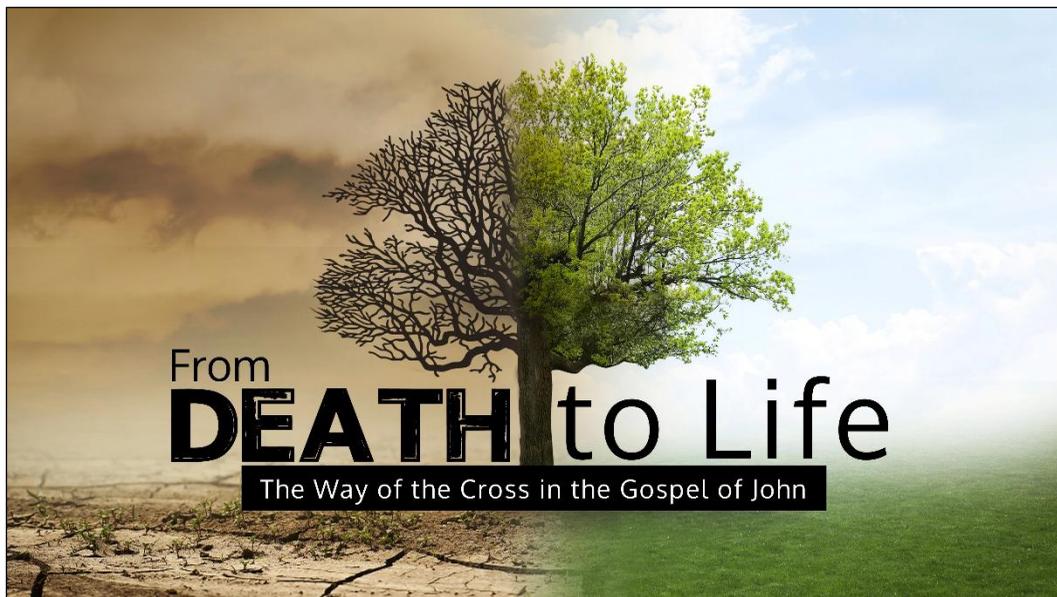




Winchester UMC

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent



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WINCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*A Lighthouse of Hope: Reaching, Sharing, Teaching,
Caring: United to Reflect God's Love to All!*

Gathering

Prelude & Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome & Connection

Centering Words

By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says, "I abide in him," ought to walk just as he walked. -1 John 2:5-6

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Lord of light, you call us out of shadows and into your truth.

As we gather in this time of worship, open our hearts to your presence.

Shine your light on our lives, that we may see you more clearly and follow you more faithfully. Give us courage to live our faith in the open, and shape us to walk in the way of Christ. Amen.

* Praise Video *"Build My Life"* (Pat Barrett)

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

Merciful God, you call us to live in the light of Christ, yet we confess that we often hide in the shadows. Like Peter, we sometimes deny you—in our words, in our silence, and in our actions. We choose comfort over courage, and approval over faithfulness. Forgive us, we pray. Bring what is hidden into your healing light.

Free us from fear, restore us by your grace, and lead us to live openly as followers of Jesus. In silence, we confess the ways we have turned aside from your call...

*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace of Christ

In Our Prayers

Terry Aossey, Michael Cody, Jade, Grandma Marta, Jackie Barber, Eric Gregory, Lanise Kirk, Jack Kunz, Braylee Littig, Megan Long Little, Rosemary Peterson, Michael Ryan, Samara White, Friends in Area Nursing Centers, Friends who are Homebound, Those in the Military: Blake Clayton, Chris Dukett, Haley Westermayer, Kale Pollard, Christian Wells, and All who are Looking for Work.

Worship Online

Our Sunday worship services can be viewed online:

- Website: winchesterilumc.org/multimedia
- YouTube: youtube.com/@winchesterillinoisunitedme213
- Facebook: facebook.com/winchesterumc

Online Giving



“If you’d like to make an offering electronically, you’re welcome to use the QR code provided. Regardless of how you choose to participate today, we’re grateful for your presence in worship.”