

4th Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2022

PRELUDE/GATHERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
A TIME OF CENTERING
How Deep the Father's Love for Us/Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
CALL TO WORSHIP
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 893
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
OPENING PRAYER
*HYMN OF PRAISE, 286 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 887 Affirmation from Romans
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. 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 kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen
*HYMN, 287 *O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done*
WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES
*DOXOLOGY, 95 **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
OLD TESTAMENT READING
PSALTER, 766
EPISTLE READING
*GOSPEL READING
*GLORIA PATRI, 70
ANTHEM
SERMON
*HYMN OF INVITATION, 2086
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him and say that we love him. Lord, we want to see Jesus. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.
*SENDING FORTH
*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY
*POSTLUDE
How Deep the Father's Love ...reprise
Arranged by Carol Tornquist

Jerrie Sue Massengale
Buddy Butler
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Joshua 5:9-12 Linda Day
Psalm 32
II Corinthians 5:16-21 Dura Montgomery
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Take My Yoke Upon You Choir
"Trash and Treasure" Buddy Butler

*Congregation standing, as able

Today we receive the **UMCOR Sunday offering**. Your gift is what allows UMCOR to continue its compassionate response to human suffering—moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. The UMCOR Sunday offering pays for all the administrative costs so all other Advance contributions go totally to the designated cause.



GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. Please pass the word along to those who may benefit from this program. GriefShare is held on Saturdays 3-5 p.m. through May 21. Call Lonney McDonald at 706-455-8249 for more information.

The new air conditioning unit for Legacy Hall has arrived. If you would like to make a contribution to help pay the \$3,000.00 cost please mark it "AC Fund." \$1,475.00 has been received to date.

United Methodists wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The charity in Romania where Ruth Womack volunteers, **Hope for the Children International**, is taking in refugees from Ukraine and are in need of donations to buy supplies - food, water, medicines, clothing, diapers, etc. If you can help, please send donations to Keith Gray (missionary's brother) who wires the contributions directly to HCI. His address is P.O. Box 163, Gary, Texas, 75643.

If you would be willing to read scripture on Sunday, please put your name and contact information on the Liturgist Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex. Participants will be called in advance with the readings.



The UMW's Plant Swap will be held on Saturday, April 2, at 10:00 a.m. Master Gardener Charlotte Dickinson will talk about spring wildflowers called Spring Ephemerals. All women and friends are invited to come and join us. Please bring your plants to swap; or come join us and take plants home with you. We still have pecans to sell (medium and small pieces). Price reduced to only \$8.00 a bag.



Wednesday, April 13, 6 p.m.—Our Sanctuary Choir leads in musical worship with Russell Mauldin's, "In the Presence of Jehovah," a cantata proclaiming the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A potluck dinner will follow in Legacy Hall. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share with others as we celebrate the joy of the Easter season.

Church Leadership

Pastor Gilbert "Buddy" Butler
Choir Director Ben Sexton
Accompanist Jerrie Sue Massengale
Secretary Heidi Rule
Custodian Christine Dowlin

Sunday Servants

Ushers Shirley Russell Bill Simonds
 Ron Singleton
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane

Our Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: *Sheppie Dunn, Lonney McDonald, Jack Dunn, Jr., Donna Sexton, Ed Massengale, Barb Bender, Hannah Geren

Homebound/Assisted Living: Emily Yaxley, ^Warrene Alexander

Others in our prayers: *Janis Martin (in hospital with pneumonia), *Ruth Womack (awaiting results of bladder cancer surgery), Clea Brown (heart surgery), the people of Ukraine, Ricky and Dennis (nephews of Retha Crain), Tom Reed, Bud Chastain (Covid complications), Judy Jones (friend of Cathy Turner), Gabriel Montgomery, twin great-nephews of Lisa Loudermilk, Jeff Bunch (uncle of April Butler), Michelle Nerney (multiple myeloma—friend of Ann Rymer), Richard Meyers (surgery complications—brother of Elaine Minor), Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, armed forces members

*new to concerns +Hospital ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Concerns, please call the church office.

Birthdays

29 Elijah Knight

If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office.

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4—6 p.m. Meals are "to go" only. There is no charge for meals but donations are accepted and appreciated. 139 meals were served on Monday. If you would like to help, please contact Sheppie Dunn or Evelyn Stemann. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.



Choir Rehearsal held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. All are welcome!



Today	Wednesday	Saturday
10:00 am Sunday School	7:00 pm Choir Practice	3:00 pm GriefShare
11:00 am Worship		
Monday	Thursday	
4:00 pm Community Meal "To Go"	6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall)	

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