

3rd Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022

PRELUDE/GATHERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
A TIME OF CENTERING
CALL TO WORSHIP
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 892
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
OPENING PRAYER
*HYMN OF PRAISE, 298 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 886 The World Methodist Social Affirmation
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, 292 *What Wondrous Love Is This*
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 Isaiah 55:1-9 Lynn Turner
PSALTER, 788 Psalm 63
EPISTLE READING I Corinthians 10:1-13 Adam Turner
*GOSPEL READING Luke 13:1-9

*GLORIA PATRI, 70
ANTHEM *Lenten Meditation* Choir
SERMON "It's Later Than You Think" Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 2112 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*
Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself. Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; he had to walk it by himself. We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves.. Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves. You must go and stand your trial; you have to stand it by yourself. Oh, nobody else can stand it for you; you have to stand it by yourself.

*SENDING FORTH
*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY
*POSTLUDE *Lamb of God* Jerrie Sue Massengale

*Congregation standing, as able

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). We are reducing the price to \$8.00 a bag.



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." \$975.00 has been received to date.

The **Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. in Legacy Hall.

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 United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

We will receive the **UMCOR Sunday offering** on March 27. 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.

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.

Upper Rooms for March-April are available in the Narthex today.

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

Homebound/Assisted Living: Emily Yaxley, ^Warrene Alexander

Others in our prayers: *Clea Brown (having 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.

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. 142 meals were served on Monday. If you would like to help, please contact Sheppie Dunn or Evelyn Stemmann. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.



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

Calendar	Today	10:00 am Sunday School	Tuesday	6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	Thursday	6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall)
		11:00 am Worship	Wednesday	7:00 pm Choir Practice	Saturday	3:00 pm GriefShare
	Monday	4:00 pm Community Meal "To Go"				

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