

**5th Sunday in Lent
April 3, 2022**

PRELUDE/GATHERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
A TIME OF CENTERING
CALL TO WORSHIP

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OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 295

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 881

The Apostles' Creed

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, 289

Ah, Holy Jesus

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.**

ANTHEM

At the Cross

Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Joy Turner

PSALTER, 847

Psalms 126

Ben Sexton

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Garry Day

*GOSPEL READING

John 12: 1-8

*GLORIA PATRI, 70

SERMON

"A Mixed Message"

Dura Montgomery

*HYMN OF INVITATION

God Will Make a Way

God will make a way, where there seems to be no way, He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me. He will be my guide, hold me closely to his side. With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way, He will make a way. (repeat)

*SENDING FORTH

*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY

*POSTLUDE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Jerrie Sue Massengale

*Congregation standing, as able



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.

Our **Good Friday Service** will be held on April 15 at 7 p.m.



Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7 a.m. with breakfast to follow in Legacy Hall. Easter Worship will be at 11 a.m. Please invite friends and neighbors.

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." Another \$800.00 cost was incurred on Friday to rent a crane to hoist the new unit to the roof and remove the old one—making the total cost \$3,800.00. \$1,825.00 has been received to date. All contributions are appreciated!

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. 100% of 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 Liturgical Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex. Participants will be called in advance with the readings.

The UMW still have pecans to sell (medium and small pieces). Price reduced to only \$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 Son Seekers adult Sunday school class is beginning a new study by Max Lucado, which is especially apropos for the times in which we are living. **You are Never Alone** takes a different look at Jesus' miracles recorded in the Gospel of John. Join us for this 6-session study. Books are \$12 and will be available on Sunday. If you long to know Jesus better--the Jesus who meets people in the midst of all of life's messes, you will find this study inspiring.

Church Leadership

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

Sunday Servants

Ushers Smokey Brooks Larry Collis
 Shirley Russell
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 (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

8 Linda Day, Flora Grindstaff, Elaine Morgan

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. 152 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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