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Prayer List

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Susie Barker
Betty Burleson
Family of Bill Carter
Catherine Cartus
Scott Combs
John Cradic
Vernon Crawford
Ernie Cross & family
Lindsay Daniel
Eric Davidson
Eddie Deakins
Jackie Denny
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Courtney Eddy
Ray Feagins
Gerald Fields
Susan Fields
Paula Forest
Jim Furches
Alex Garrison
Juanita Gray
Ben Gouge
Betty Gouge
Mendy Hall
Steve Harris
Tom Holmes
Traci Honeycutt
Scott Huff
Mary Anne King
Linda Kostreva
James Lessly
Roy & Sharyn Lessly
David McElveen
Family of Betty McGaha
John Melendez & family
Helen Mills
Tom Palmer
Bob & Athena Peebles
Carolyn Peeples
Emma Pickle
Levi Robinette
Family of Sandy Sanders
Steven Schmidt
Mary Shomaker
Nancy Stevenson
Elaine Taylor
Kenzi Tipton
Braden Trent
Doris Welch
Anna Grace West
Family of Emily Wooten
Sue Zabala
Family Promise
Brother's Keeper
Haven of Mercy
Kairos Ministry
Healthcare workers
US Military & families
Ukraine



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

First Things First

Prelude "Wondrous Love" Arr. Jan Sanborn

Call to worship

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

People: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

People: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "How Great Thou Art" #77
Verses 1, 3, & 4

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Great and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

People: We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

Leader: We have offended against Your holy commandment to love.

People: We have failed to care for the orphan, the widow, the alien, and the poor.

Leader: We have sought to satisfy our own wants, rather than providing for the needs of others.

People: O Lord, our God, have mercy on us.

Leader: Open wide Your gates of mercy, and call us with Your tender, loving voice.

People: Lead us into Your fields of grace, that we may live righteous, just, and humble lives to the glory of Your holy name.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: The gate of God's mercy is always before us, offering salvation and peace to all who will enter. My friends, believe and embrace the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are cherished, forgiven, and freed to try again. Thanks be to God. AMEN

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 68:4-10

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "There's a wideness in God's Mercy" #121

Mission Moment

Doxology #95

Gospel Lesson John 10:1-10

Anthem "Open Wide the Door of Mercy"

Sermon "I am the Gate" Mr. Steve Reis

Hymn of Dedication "For the Healing of the Nations" #428
Verses 1, 2, & 3

Benediction

Benediction Response

You, Creator God, have written Your great name on humankind;
For our growing in Your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind,
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find, earth its destiny may find.

We extend our sympathy to Martha Hale and family in the loss of her brother, Dr. Jerry Glen Shearin, who passed away on March 8.

Church Softball

First Church is organizing a coed softball team. Signups will end Wednesday, March 30. You can find the signup sheet in the narthex. Games begin April 19 and the schedule is TBD. Please contact Steve Reis if you are interested in playing or want more information.

The annual community-wide **Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday, April 9 from 10:00-12:00. **We need your help!**

- Donate individually wrapped candy (for the eggs)
- Donate empty egg cartons (6 or 12 size)
- Donate small treats & snacks (Little Debbie, Hostess, etc.)
- Donate juice boxes, Capri Suns, or small water bottles
- Volunteer on-site for a station
- Invite friends & neighbors

You can sign up in person on Sunday mornings, call the church office, or email Kati at kati.uelhof@1stchurchjc.org

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For March, we ask that you donate the following items to the Food Pantry: toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues. Collection containers are located in the Narthex & Connector. Thank you for supporting this important mission!

wednesday Night Fellowship

Dinner begins at 5:45 and classes at 6:30.

Program: The God We Can Know, by Rob Fuquay—in person & online

Menu: Ham, broccoli, oven roasted potatoes, salad, bread, dessert

Please make reservations by **Tuesday, 3/22 at noon** by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.