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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  
Jackie Denny  
Phyllis Eckerson  
Vivian Eckerson  
Courtney Eddy  
Phyllis Eorgan  
Pat Faber  
Ray Feagins  
Gerald Fields  
Susan Fields  
Paula Forest  
Jim Furches  
Alex Garrison  
Juanita Gray  
Ben Gouge  
Betty Gouge  
Mendy Hall  
Steve Harris  
Tom Holmes  
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 Peebles  
Emma Pickle  
Brian Rosecrance  
Levi Robinette  
Matt Rosecrance  
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, APRIL 3, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### First Things First

**Prelude** "Abide With Me" Arr. Mark Hayes

### Call to worship

**Leader:** We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

**People:** We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

**Leader:** The branches that live in the vine bear much fruit.

**People:** We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant,  
alive, and productive.

**Leader:** When we abide in Christ, Christ's words abide in us.

**People:** We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

**Leader:** In Christ we grow wildly as He tends us lovingly.

**People:** We come because in Christ, we find the joy of  
abundant life.

### Invocation

**Hymn of Praise** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" #64

### Confession and Assurance of Pardon

**Leader:** O Christ, our Friend and Brother, You are the true  
vine, and You have made us Your branches.

**People:** In Your grace we find strength, and in Your love  
we receive life.

**Leader:** Forgive us when we do not live as people who are  
Your branches;

**People:** when we are not examples of Your mercy and grace;

**Leader:** when our pride causes us to favor some and exclude  
others;

**People:** when our anger causes us to speak harmful and hurting words;

Leader: when our righteousness causes division and conflict;

**People:** when we fail to love each other as You have loved us.

Leader: Remind us, that rooted in You, we are all bound together by Your Spirit.

**People:** Teach us how to abide in You, so that Your love may flow through us, giving us strength and vigor to be faithful disciples.

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Leader: When we abide in Christ, we are strengthened in faith, we grow in grace, and we bear the abundant fruit of love for all to taste and see. My friends, rejoice and believe the good news of the Gospel:

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

Old Testament Lesson 1John 4:13-16

Morning Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Cornerstone"

Mission Moment

Doxology #95

Gospel Lesson John 15:1-17

Anthem "Abide with Me"

Sermon "I am the True Vine" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Celebration of Holy Communion

Hymn of Dedication "The Lord of Life, A Vine is He"

Benediction

Benediction Response

The Lord of Life, a vine is He  
and grafted to Him we must be;  
And thus we yield abundantly  
Sweet fruit for all to taste and see.

- A church-wide work day will take place on Saturday, April 30 from 8:30 am-1:00 pm, or as needed to finish your project. Coffee/juice and doughnuts will be served at 8:30 and lunch at 12:30. we have some fun projects and would like to have something for everyone to participate in and use your skill set!
- Holy week worship will be on Thursday, April 14, with dinner at 5:45 and the service at 6:30. Wednesday night activities will not meet on April 13.
- Easter Breakfast will be on April 17, served from 8:30-10:00, followed by Easter worship at 10:30. The Easter Breakfast has traditionally been hosted by the men of the church. If you would like to help cook and serve, contact Drew Cradic at drew1909@hotmail.com
- Palm Sunday is April 10. we will have a palm procession led by the children of the church. If you would like your child to participate, please be in the narthex by 10:15 on April 10.
- The Circle of Faith will meet on Thursday, April 7 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room.

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](mailto:kati.uelhof@1stchurchjc.org)

### Food Pantry Items of the Month

For April, we ask that you donate the following items to the Food Pantry: dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, & hand soap. 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:** Chicken pot pie, salad, bread, dessert

Please make reservations by **Tuesday, 4/5 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.*