

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ Today: Confirmation Class (11:30)
- ◆ March 21: Women's Bible Study (1:00), Church Council (6:00)
- ◆ March 22: Wednesday Night (5:45), Choir Practice (7:30)
- ◆ March 25: Food Pantry & Clare's Closet (10:00)
- ◆ March 26: Craft & Bake Sale, Confirmation Class (11:30)
- ◆ March 28: Women's Bible Study (1:00), Outreach (6:00), Circle of Hope (6:30)
- ◆ March 29: Wednesday Night (5:45), Choir Practice (7:30)

The UMW is holding a silent auction for a full-sized hand made quilt. The starting bid is \$300, and the bidding sheet is located in the parlor. Bidding will close on Sunday, May 14.

Registration for Camp in the Community is now open. Camp will be June 12-16. Visit [www.1stchurchjc.org/camp](http://www.1stchurchjc.org/camp) to register or for more information.

## Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of March, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are canned fruit, applesauce, & canned chicken. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Katie Walker

## Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams  
Alice & Terry Berkson  
Sheila Briggs  
Erma Budd  
Rhett Byrne  
Family of Bruce Carson  
Catherine Cartus  
Marian Cocke  
Ryan Cradic  
Vernon Crawford  
Jackie Denny  
Paul Duncan  
Phyllis Eckerson  
Vivian Eckerson  
Linda Edwards  
Family of Phyllis Eorgan  
Cecelia Fleckstein  
Jim Furches  
Betty & Earl Gouge  
Dalton Gough  
Crystal Gray  
Mendy Hall  
Steve & Beverly Harris  
Nora & Tony Haynes  
Family of Reny Higgs  
The Hrenda family  
Scott Huff  
Joyce Josie  
Wiley Keller  
Mike Kellum  
Deni Kiehl  
Jeff & Lisa Kleven  
Linda Kostreva  
Hope Lee  
Sally Lee  
Bob Lentz  
Luanne Love  
Family of Barbara Marrs  
Wanda May  
David McElveen  
Jim Milliken  
Family of Johnny Moore  
Brenda Murphy  
Steve Murray  
Family of Rick Norman  
Tom Palmer  
Ruby Payne  
Bob & Athena Peebles  
Carolyn Peeples  
Tim Riddle  
Steven Schmidt  
Louise Scott  
Mike Scott  
Ed Searcey  
Larry Street  
JD Toth  
Chloe Vanhuss  
Crystal Vines  
Ina Sue Watkins  
Anna Grace West  
Dara Wilde



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## First Things First

**Prelude** "Wondrous Love" Duet for Flute and Piano Arr. Daniel Pinkston

## Call to Worship

**Leader:** In the past, God spoke through the prophets to our ancestors in many times and many ways.

**People:** In these final days, God speaks to us through a Son, the light of God's glory, and the imprint of God's being.

**Leader:** Through the Son, God has given us a new covenant of grace.

**People:** We look to Jesus, whose blood cleanses us, and prepares us to serve the living God.

## Invocation

**Hymn of Praise** "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #57

## Confession and Assurance of Pardon

**Leader:** Loving God, by the gift of Your grace, we are saved from all that separates us from You.

**People:** Forgive us when our words of praise are not demonstrated in our actions.

**Leader:** Forgive us when we do not recognize the depth of Your grace.

**People:** Forgive us when we withhold Your grace from others.

Leader: Forgive us when what we have done has contributed to the suffering of those around us.

People: Forgive us when we fail to do that which would lighten our neighbor's burden.

Leader: Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us by Your grace.

People: Walk with us and teach us the joy of faithful living.

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Leader: By the blood of Jesus, we are purified from dead works to worship the living God. Believe and remember the good news of the Gospel:

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

New Testament Reading Hebrews 9:11-15

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Jesus Paid it All" On Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #95

New Testament Reading Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26

Anthem "Hope of the world"

Sermon "Handed Over to Pilate" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" #365

Benediction

Benediction Response

Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin!



### EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

We need your help for our Easter Egg-stravaganza on Saturday, April 1. We are collecting candy and other items to fill eggs; these items should be donated by March 26. Also, we need volunteers to greet guests, hide eggs, lead activity tables, and serve snacks. Please sign up in the narthex or email the church office at office@1stchurchjc.org if you can help.

The UMW will hold a craft and bake sale on Sunday, March 26 in the church parlor following worship. In addition to the crafts and baked goods, a silent auction for a beautiful handmade quilt will begin earlier in the month. Save the date to prepare items for the sale! Proceeds from the sale will benefit the FUMC Food Pantry.

- Save the Date*
- ⇒ UMW Craft & Bake Sale: March 26
  - ⇒ Easter Egg Hunt: April 1, 10:00 am
  - ⇒ Holy Week Service: April 6, 6:30 pm
  - ⇒ Easter Breakfast & Worship: April 9
  - ⇒ Church work day: April 15
  - ⇒ Camp in the Community: June 12-16

We extend our sympathies to Mendy Hall after the passing of her mother, Barbara Marrs, on Tuesday, March 14.

### Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: 24 Hours That Changed the world

Menu: taco salad, dessert

Dinner begins at 5:45.

Please make reservations by Monday, 3/20 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.*