

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ Today: 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 Circle of Hope* will meet Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 at the Hunter's Lake Clubhouse. Judy Cook will be the hostess and Kathy Hall will be the co-hostess. Devotions will be led by Nancy Honeycutt. All women are invited to join us!

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: Johnny Qualls

### 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  
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  
Tom Palmer  
Ruby Payne  
Bob & Athena Peebles  
Carolyn Peeples  
Tim Riddle  
Steven Schmidt  
Louise Scott  
Mike Scott  
Ed Searcey  
JD Toth  
Chloe Vanhuss  
Crystal Vines  
Ina Sue Watkins  
Anna Grace West  
Dara Wilde



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Things First

**Prelude** "To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord" Arr. James Biery

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** Come and prepare your hearts to worship the living God.

**People:** In the beauty and the darkness of life, God is with us.

**Leader:** The journey to the cross was difficult for Jesus.

**People:** Our journey will be difficult as we trust in God alone, and follow the ways of Jesus.

**Leader:** Do not be afraid. God is our strength and our salvation.

**People:** We will rejoice, for God is faithful and worthy to be praised.

### Invocation

**Hymn of Praise** "To God Be The Glory" #98

### Confession and Assurance of Pardon

**Leader:** Holy God, You sent Your Son to show us how to live and to offer Himself for our salvation.

**People:** Forgive us when we readily accept Your redeeming grace, but mock You by the way we choose to live.

**Leader:** We feast while others suffer.

**People:** We do not challenge prejudice and injustice.

Leader: We do not seek opportunities to witness to Your goodness and grace.

People: We do not love others as You have loved us.

Leader: Increase our faith, open our hearts, and lead us to lives of compassion and service.

People: Grant us the desire to follow You in paths of grace and acceptance, so that all who are lost and burdened may find hope and peace in You.

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Leader: The One who knows our sorrows and bears our burdens loves us and calls us home. My friends, hear 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

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 53:1-9

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Amazing Love (You Are My King)" On Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #95

New Testament Reading Matthew 27:26-34

Anthem "All Hail Jesus! Behold the King"

Sermon "The Tortured King" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "To Mock Your Reign" #285

Benediction

Benediction Response

A sceptered reed, O patient Lord,  
They thrust into Your hand,  
And acted out their grim charade to its appointed end  
They did not know, as we do now,  
Though empires rise and fall,  
Your Kingdom shall not cease to grow 'til love embraces all

## 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](mailto:office@1stchurchjc.org) if you can help.

The UMW will hold a craft and bake sale **TODAY** in the church parlor following worship. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the FUMC Food Pantry.

### *Save the Date*

- ⇒ 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

### Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: 24 Hours That Changed the world

Menu: ham, green beans, potatoes, salad, bread, dessert

Dinner begins at 5:45.

Please make reservations by **Monday, 3/27 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.*