



First United Methodist Church

*Welcome! We're glad that you are here.
To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;
all who are lonely and need companionship;
all who want sheltering love, all who sin
and need a Savior; and whosoever will
—we open wide our doors and say,
“Come; let us worship together.”*

10:15am Sunday Worship

February 21, 2021

1st Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE Vivian Eaton
WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Now is the time for us to worship!
P: **Now is the time for us to come!**
L: So, come, you who in God's sight are perfectly imperfect!
P: **Come, you who want more of God!**
L: Come, you who heard God remind you that you are special and loved beyond measure!
P: **Come, People of God, those unified in the waters of baptism!**
A: **We have come to praise the One is merciful and kind! Let us worship!**

HYMN # 269 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (Insert)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

O God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Insert)

POSTLUDE Vivian Eaton

SCRIPTURE Psalm 25:1, 4-10 (CEB)
GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:9-15 (CEB)

L: The Word of God for the People of God
P: Thanks be to God!

HYMN # 393 “Spirit of the Living God” (Insert, X2)

MESSAGE: “The Spirit of God” Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
(Text Pastor Dave at 224-600-0446)
PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Insert)

OFFERING OURSELVES
DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert)
OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)
Righteous God, we mark these early days in the Lenten journey with reminders of your covenant with your people. In your judgement, you sent upon creation the great flood – yet you saved a faithful remnant. You followed with a covenant not to use the flood again. As we prepare to offer our gifts to you, we are reminded that we have been spared from judgement by the one, your son, our Savior, who took on our guilt and bore our judgement. May gratitude for his sacrifice move us to offer not only money, but our whole being. In Christ, we pray. Amen

HYMN # 525 “We'll understand It Better By and By” (Insert)

BENEDICTION
Now and always,
May the God of our baptism be the God of our every blessing!
May the grace of the Christ be multiplied to us so much that we have to give some away!
May the power of the Holy Spirit sustain us and make us whole!

You can also find our pre-recorded online service on [our Church Website.](#)

In Our Prayers

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Burt Dauphin, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Lois Grove, Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk, Katie Wand, Patty Nevills, Jodi French, Libby, Dr. Dan, Suzanne and Adam Woods. Don Kramer, Pam Darrow, Dawn Barber, Family of Darrell Bielema

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm, Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman.

Our country and new government
West Carroll Schools
People in Texas without power, heat or water.

2021 Lenten Program

1. Virtual Prayer Meeting
When? Tuesday Evening
2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30
Time 6:30pm
 2. Virtual Lenten Devotion Time
Theme: Forgiveness
When? Wednesday Evening
2/17, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31
Time 6:30pm
- *Zoom Link will be sent to you each week. Please, check your email. All are invited!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays and Anniversaries

February

- 23 – Christy Clemens, Carol Leitzen,
Patti Thulen
24 – Jeff Andersen
25 – Josh Hartman
26 - Janis Jones
28 – Diane Brinkmeier, Denise Curtis

Calendar

Monday, February 22

1 pm Sewing Ladies

3:30 – 5 pm WC Food Pantry

Tuesday, February 23

6:30 pm Virtual Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, February 24

6:30 pm Virtual Lenten devotion #2

Thursday, February 25

9 am Bible Study

Sunday, February 28

9 am Adult Sunday School

10:15 am Service

1. We welcome all visitors to our Worship time today. We are glad you are here. Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors. We are the people of the United Methodist Church.
2. Friendly reminder: Rhonda Law you are the counter(s) for next week. The verifier is Melinda Dykema Thank you!
3. We will continue drive in service February 21st and 28th. Please, tune radio to station FM 90.5
4. We will start hybrid service on March 7th. We can have up to 50 people inside. If you are not comfortable with coming inside you can still do drive in service.
5. LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 106 views of online service.
6. 2020 Contribution statements were all mailed. If you haven't received yours yet or if you have any questions, please let us know.
7. Food pantry update: Items they need at this time are: cereal and juice and egg noodles. Please drop off your donations in the big wooden box in the narthex. Thank you!
8. Offering envelopes are ready.
9. New membership class, Saturday, March 13th at 2pm. Infant Baptism class, Saturday, March 27th at 2pm. If you are interested please contact Pastor Dave.
10. Blessing Basket Update!! We need sandwich bags, C & D batteries and light bulbs. Need more information? Please contact Molly Anderson! Thank you!



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Sunday, 10:15 am
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Vision 2021 – “Love God!”

Inward Focused Ministry during Pandemic
(to build up strong and vital church)

Strong in Worship, Strong in Fellowship, Strong in Resources

*“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you
wherever you go.”*

(Joshua 1:9)

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