



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

March 14, 2021

4th Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE Vivian Eaton
THE FIFTH WORDS FROM THE CROSS (Insert or Screen)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God loves us with a steadfast love
P: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!
L: God loves so much he gave us his Son.
P: Let us believe and have eternal life!
L: God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.
P: Let us have faith to receive this grace!
A: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

HYMN #185 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” (Insert or Screen)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Gracious God, so often we have missed your presence because we are looking for you clothed in a particular way. Let this time of worship be an encounter with you that will enable us to behold you in all the people we meet and all the situations we greet. You are from everlasting to everlasting, so we are confident that you are here; help us be aware of your holy presence. O Lord, enrich this act of worship with the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Insert or Screen)

SCRIPTURE Psalm 107:1-3(CEB)
GOSPEL LESSON (Please Rise) John 3:16-21 (CEB)

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

HYMN #375 “There is a balm in Gilead” (Insert or Screen)

MESSAGE: “Come to the Light! ” Pastor Dave

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

OFFERING OURSELVES
DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert or Screen)
OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)
Great and generous God, our lives are surrounded by things that steal our lives, inflict and destroy us. The tithes and offering we share with you this day are a way of keeping us focused not on the things that would take life away but will renew our lives: hope, love, compassion, empathy. As the Israelites looked to a serpent on a pole for healing, we look to a Savior on a cross to be brought back to life. In that holy name, Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

HYMN #2162 “Grace Alone ” (Insert or Screen)

BENEDICTION
God's great love and rich mercy have made us alive in Christ.
Let us depart to live lives of grace, and to do good works.

POSTLUDE Vivian Eaton

**You can also find our pre-recorded online service on our Church Website. www.firstumcsavanna.org
Call 815-599-1307 to hear our latest sermon.
Tune into FM 89.9 for Drive in worship service.**

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,
Patty Nevills, Jodi French, Libby, Dr. Dan,
Suzanne and Adam Woods, Dawn Barber,
Kathy Hamilton, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill,
Jean Treter & family.
Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm,
Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner,
Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman.

Our country and new government
West Carroll Schools

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March

14 – Tom Michels
15 - Wallene Neumiller
16 – *Bob & Teresa Bauer 2002*
17- Collin Fosdick, Matthew Harvilla

Calender

Monday, March 15 (Telstar Deadline)
9 am Yoga
1 pm Sewing Ladies
3 – 5:30 pm WC Food Pantry
Tuesday, March 16
4 pm Finance Meeting
6:30 pm Virtual Prayer
Wednesday, March 17
St. Patrick's Day
6:30 pm Virtual Lenten Devotion #5
Thursday, March 18
9 am Bible Study
9 am Yoga
3 pm Worship/Health Committee
Friday, March 19
10:30 am Soul Sisters
Sunday, March 21
9 am Trustees
9 am Adult Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Hybrid Service
11 am Ad Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: Lori Miller you are the counter(s) for next week. The verifier is Brennan Cavanagh. Thank you!
3. We are continuing hybrid service. We can have up to 50 people inside. If you are not comfortable with Coming inside you can still do drive in service. Please, tune radio to station FM 89.9, or call 815-599-1307 to hear the latest sermon. We will also have our service available on our website.
4. Worship helpers for March 21st service:
Inside: Liturgist – Burt Prins, Usher – Bob Grissinger, Bulletins – Jackie Walker, Ann Larsen, Temps – LaVona Grissinger, Acolyte – Caleb Johnson, Attendance – Mary Irons, Audio – Chris Falk, Kris Yingling
Outside: Molly Andersen, Pam Darrow, Susan Michelle Jepsen
5. LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 25 inside and 45 outside.
6. 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. Blessing Basket: C & D batteries, sandwich bags, and light bulbs. Monetary donations are always welcome! Thank you!
7. Please get your Easter flower order in. Must have orders and payment by Monday, March 22nd.
8. Soul sisters “Trivia Game” get together will be on Friday, March 19th at 10:30 am in the fellowship hall. Hostess: Cindie Bulik. Please bring your own refreshment, CDC Covid – 19 guidelines will be followed.
9. All three local schools are hosting proms this year! Check your closets or check with friends to see if anyone has a dress they would like to donate to the Thrift store. 1st prom is WC on 4/24, Chadwick/Milledgeville is 5/1 and Eastland is 5/8. Can pick up any donations, Contact Nancy Sweitzer at 815-622-8132. Thank You!
10. Infant Baptism class, Saturday, March 27th at 2 pm. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Dave.

11. Yoga class has resumed for anyone interested. Every Monday and Thursday at 9 am in the fellowship hall. Masks and social distancing are required during the class.

2021 Lenten Program

1. Virtual Prayer Meeting
When? Tuesday Evening
3/16, 3/23, 3/30
Time 6:30pm
2. Virtual Lenten Devotion Time
Theme: Forgiveness
When? Wednesday Evening
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!

New!!! For those without internet, call 815-599-1307!!



**First United
Methodist Church**
Sunday, 10:15 am
March 14, 2021

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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