

“Walking in the Light of God” (first page only) [see screens]

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 4, 2018  
8:30 & 10:30AM

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent; Color is Purple  
“God’s Will and God’s Identity”

Liturgists: Joyce Teghtmeyer (8:30); Brenda Kimble (10:30)

✠ Please Stand As You Are Able ✧ 10:30AM Service Only

## I. ENTRANCE

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S CHILDREN FOR WORSHIP

*You are invited to light a candle at one of the Prayer Stations, located at the far ends of the Chancel railing.*

Servant Leader Opportunities Please View the Screens

Gathering Chimes . . . *Let the people enter into silence*

The Greeting & Opening Prayer Rev. Brack

Prelude “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near” Michael Praetorius  
Marti Bessinger, organ

Words of Welcome

✠✧ Gathering Song “Mighty To Save” W. & S. No. 3038  
(v. 1 soloist only; congregation sings only the “Refrain”)

## ✠ WORDS OF GATHERING & PRAISE

The heavens declare the glory of God. **The earth proclaims God’s handiwork.** The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul. **The teachings of God are sure, making wise the simple.** Come and proclaim with the heavens the glory and majesty of our God.

## ✠ PROCESSIONAL

Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 504  
“Old Rugged Cross” (vv. 1, 2, 3)

Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Together, let us pray . . . **O God, whose Son cleansed the Temple of those who would stain it: In Your mercy behold Your Church, that we may be neither stained by our own sins nor held in bondage by the sins of others, that being freed and cleansed from both, we might pay our service to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God forever and ever. AMEN.**

✧ ANTHEM “As The Thirsty Deer At Morning” Daniel Burton  
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Sophia Lee, pianist

## II. PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE

✧ 3-M: **MINI-METHODISTS MOMENT** Ruth Boyd  
As children enter the Chancel, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163  
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As children return to their seats, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON John 2:1-5  
“Behold! The Wisdom of God’s Word!”  
Leader: And this is the Word of the Lord!  
People: Thanks be to God!

✠ THE GLORIA PATRI U.M.H. No. 70

HOMILY “Relating To Mary” Rev. Brack

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS & OURSELVES  
PASTORAL PRAYER

## III. THANKSGIVING and HOLY COMMUNION

Steward: Carol Paxton

Servers: Joyce Teghtmeyer, Brenda Kimble, John & Aggie Kokalis

A SERVICE OF WORD and TABLE II U.M.H. No. 12

PASSING OF THE PEACE Sharing signs of love and reconciliation

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING . . . God offers us peace, strength, and love. As a sign of our thanksgiving and praise, let us offer our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY “Dedication” Listz  
Marti Bessinger, organ  
✧ “I Am A Poor Wayfaring Stranger” arr. John J. Niles  
Troy Shirey, tenor; Marti Bessinger, accompanist

✠ DOXOLOGY “From Whom All Blessings Flow” U.M.H. No. 94  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
8:30AM Service . . . U.M.H. No. 15  
✧ 10:30AM Service . . . Musical Setting “D” U.M.H. Nos. 23-24

GIVING THE BREAD and CUP

✧ **HOLY COMMUNION HYMNS Nos. 143, 367, 3040, 2254**  
[✧ To Be Sung as the Loaf and Cup are Shared With Those at the Holy Table]

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Let us pray together . . .  
People: **Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Help us to show that the world’s wisdom is folly and all strength comes from You. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## ✠ OUR PRAYER LIST TODAY ✠

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

P: **Hear our prayers!**

All those living with cancer—Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, Linda Stengl (& spouse Gerald), John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Joyce, Craig Dobrinski, John Harris, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole, Cleta Sims, John Fleming, Alcy Wilkie (W’CORN), Ricky Ray (father of Ty Ray), Holly Winters, Lambert Dunn (father of Jamie Sisson), Bobby Cornelison, LaJuan McCraw, Betty Osmus, Kristi Lamle, Terry Fuller’s son, Michale Chase, Troy Lee, Roy Ford, Hanson Sisson (Bob’s brother), Gloria Loken.

Joys & Concerns—Family of Dwight Gaston; Family of Curtis Adkins; Family of Jana Lou Scott; Ed Barks (heart surgery Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>); Wanda Avant (Cordell Nursing Home); Rose Ratcliffe; John Clay; Lisa Clay; thanks for moisture; Cheri & Gerald Payne (Brookdale, Kelley Ramey’s mom); Joyce Hamburger (medical); all world leaders; Bryan Baxter; Kila Bergdorf; LaVerna Reid; Tracy & Bill Bartosovsky; Those struggling with marital issues; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; All care-givers serving loved ones; Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Karen & Kenny Day; Kamdyn Taunton; Hannah Bockelman; Kirk Milligan; Tyler Hoffman; KeriAynn Strickler; those with addictions/mental illness/depression; Jason Mills; James Ediger; Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.

#### IV. SENDING FORTH INTO GOD'S WORLD

✧ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (8:30AM only) U.M.H. No. 433  
"All Who Love and Server Your City" (vv. 1, 3, 5)

#### ✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Walk in the ways of God. Go forth with the song of the heavens in your ears. Listen to the words of life. Go forth to live fully and completely: with the teachings of God's law to lead you, with the grace of Christ Jesus to guide you, and with the peace of the Holy Spirit to sustain you. Go with God. Amen? **AMEN!**

❖✧ PARTING SONG & RECESSIONAL T.F.W.S. No. 2160  
"Into My Heart" (both vv.)

**Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;  
Come in today, come in to stay;  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;  
Shine out today, shine out always;  
Shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.**

POSTLUDE "The Heavens Declare the Glory" Benedetto Marcello  
Marti Bessinger, organ

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A man had two sons.  
And he went to the first and said,  
**"Son, go and work in  
the vineyard today."**

MATTHEW 21:28

#### Today, Sunday March 4, 2018 . . .

. Join us for lunch today in the Fellowship Hall right after the 10:30AM service for our Youth Group's annual "Baked Potato Bar With All The Fixings" fundraiser. Donations received at the door to help with our youth program.

. 3:30PM—Wesley Foundation Student Center Board of Directors meeting at the Wesley Building.

. 4:00PM—Lenten Bible study, lesson #4, in the Neonate Classroom area.

. 7:00PM—Church Council meeting. Report shared by Judy Sisson from our SPPRC concerning pastoral change in June.

. Please be mindful and prayerful for those in our church family in their time of grief . . .  
Glenda & Phil Tannehill on the death of their oldest son, Dwight Gaston (2/27/18).  
Cindy Penner on the death of her brother, Curtis Adkins (2/28/18).  
Sandra Preston & family on the death of their aunt Jana Lou Scott (3/1/18).

#### Upcoming Service Opportunities . . .

, Funeral service for Jana Lou Scott will be in our Sanctuary tomorrow, Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:00PM.

, Wednesday, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> . . .

5PM to 8PM—Fundraiser "Pancake Supper" at the SWOSU Wesley Foundation building. Have supper at the Wesley, and help support our United Methodist campus ministry.

, Order envelopes for your Easter lilies are located at a display table out in the Narthex. Plants are \$10 each. We have 56 plants for sale this year. Please use one envelope per plant purchased; use another envelope for each plant purchased. Four dollars from each plant sale will go toward our Lenten offering.

, Each household is invited to get a Lenten Special Offering folder—dollar-a-day for 40 days. Your special offering will go to the W'ford Food & Resource Center.