

✠ OUR PRAYER LIST TODAY ✠

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

P: Hear our prayers!

All those living with cancer—Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Craig Dobrinski, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole, John Fleming, Ricky Ray (father of Ty Ray), Holly Winters, Lambert Dunn (father of Jamie Sisson), Bobby Cornelson, Kristi Lamle, 34 y/o son of Terry Turner, Michael Chase (Lisa Clay's bro.), Troy Lee, Roy Ford, Hanson Sisson (Bob's bro.), Gloria Loken, Amy (sister of Dana Hoffman), Kay Tautfest, Janice Dupree.

Joys & Concerns—Rev. Ken Tobler (lymphoma, Methodist Manor in Tulsa); Family of Dru Sherman; Matt Wynn; Caroline Whitefield; Aimee Levy on the death anniversary of her son; Barry Blagowsky (medical tests); Judith Gilligan; Estranged families; David Lee Chadwick (cousin of Alene Macaulay); Ron Ledford (friend of Bobby Macaulay); Wanda Avant; Jackie Ludrick; rain; Rose Ratcliffe; Okla. teachers, education, & legislators; LaVerna Reid; Cherrie Payne (Brookdale); continued healing for Bryan Baxter's arm; Joyce Hamburger; all state & world leaders/God's wisdom; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; Max Leonard; All care-givers serving loved ones; Kenny & Karen Day (parents of Kim Blanton); Jon Blanton & family (son of David & Kim Blanton); Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Bray Jarvis; Kirk Milligan; Kamdyn Taunton; those with addictions/mental illness/depression; Jason Mills; James Ediger (staying at Ft. Leavenworth for heart rehab); Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Weatherford, OK

April 15, 2018

8:30AM & 10:30AM

3rd Sunday of Easter

Liturgists: Skip Klingman (8:30AM);

SaraMarie Bodenstein (10:30AM)

Please Stand As You Are Able

10:30AM Service Only

I. GOD'S FAMILY ENTERS INTO WORSHIP

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
Greeting & Opening Prayer

Prelude Sophia Lee

Words of Welcome

"Feet and Greet" (Let's get out of our seat, move our feet, and greet our sisters & brothers in Christ.)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come with doubts and fears. This is scary. Call on God, who will answer you. God is hard to hear these days. Come to the One who will give your souls peace. It is so hard to believe. Come, claim your identity as beloved children of God. We come, uncertain, but longing to hear God speak to us this morning.

THE PROCESSIONAL

Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 347

"Spirit Song" (both vv.)

Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together, let us confess . . . God of our heart and lives, too many times have we doubted and turned away, failing to recognize You or Your voice; denying our true identity. Strengthen our wondering unbelief, and fulfill our longing to truly know You. Open our minds to understand the scriptures, and transform our lives into a powerful witness of Your radical love for all. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Trust that God hears us when we call. Believe that God makes us lie down in peace and safety.

ANTHEM "Trust in the Lord" Lloyd Larson Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Sophia Lee, piano

II. GOD'S FAMILY HEARS & RESPONDS

3-M (Mini-Methodists Moment) Rev. Brack
As children enter the Chancel, ALL SING . . . W. & S. No. 3163
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]
As children return to their seats, ALL SING . . . W. & S. No. 3163
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]

EPISTLE LESSON I John 3:1-7

HYMN OF PREPARATION U.M.H. No. 560
"Help Us Accept Each Other"

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:36-48
"Behold, the wisdom of God's Word!"
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI U.M.H. No. 70

THE HOMILY "We Are Witnesses of These Things" Rev. Brack

THE RESPONSE Psalm 4 See Lectionary Insert

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LIFTING UP OTHERS IN OUR PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD U.M.H. No. 895
"The Lord's Prayer" (page 3, choral version) W. & S. No. 3070

III. GOD'S FAMILY GIVES THANKS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY 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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OVER OUR GIFTS

Together, let us pray . . . O God, how can we adequately thank You for all that You have given us? We respond by offering You our very selves and the gifts of our resources—tokens of our love for You. May they touch the lives of others, as we have been touched, that all may know Your radical, forgiving, transforming love. AMEN.

#### IV. GOD'S FAMILY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD

✧ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP U.M.H. No. 370

*"Victory in Jesus" (all 3 vv.)*

#### ✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

We have had our minds opened. We have had our hearts touched. Let us go forth strengthened, as we claim our identity as beloved children of God. And may God's promised peace be with us all.

Amen? **AMEN!**

#### ✧❖ PARTING SONG & RECESSIONAL W. & S. No. 3180

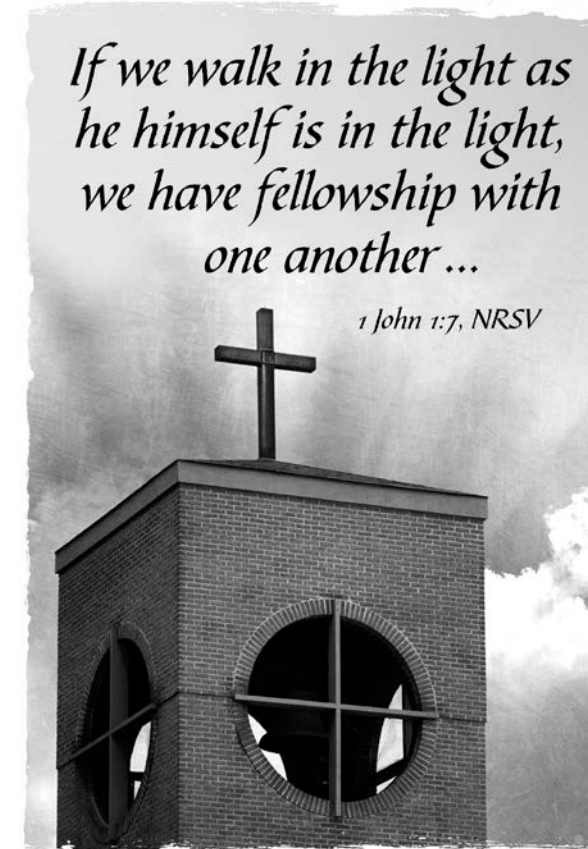
*"As We Part For the Towns and Cities" (both vv.)*

**As we part for the towns and cities,  
Where You summon us to go,  
Guide us, Lord, give us strength and courage,  
Teach us all we need to know.  
Keep us humble, fixed on You, forever seeking, born anew.  
Kindle holy fires within us; may Your Holy Spirit glow.**

POSTLUDE

Sophia Lee

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your  
name. Your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in  
heav - en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For -  
give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a -  
gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de-  
liv - er us from e - vil, for the king-dom, the power, and the  
glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er.



*If we walk in the light as  
he himself is in the light,  
we have fellowship with  
one another ...*

*1 John 1:7, NRSV*

#### TODAY, APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> . . .

. "Friends of Children Banquet" fundraiser for the Circle of Care will be Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 6-8PM at the OKC Cowboy Hall of Fame.

We now have two tables of 8 fully donated. Sign up to attend, FREE, for a seat at our local church table.

Only 3 seats remaining! Sign-up today!

. Ministry opportunity available to help support The Learning Tree Pre-School. They have a need for a "Kids Choo Choo Train & Trailer Combo" that allows the teachers to pull and transport up to 12 children outdoors. They would like to begin pulling the youngest children in these pull-along trains to the Berrong City Park on Huber Street this summer. Total cost is \$720. Perhaps a class or individual would like to make this donation. See the pastor if interested.

#### Coming Up . . .

, 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for MARION DAVIDSON will be celebrated on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 3-5PM, at the Heartland of America Museum. No gifts, please.

#### , Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> . . .

5:15PM to 6:00PM—"4-M" Mid-Month Methodist Meal, pot luck supper in the Fellowship Hall.

, Sign-up at the Welcome Center if you would like to serve as a Liturgist in either service, or as a Holy Communion Server in the 10:30AM service.

#### , Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> . . .

Our Youth Group, under the direction of Kelley Ramey, will be leading us in both worship services. Madison Carman will be our youth guest preacher for the day.

2:00PM—Devotional service at WeatherCORN. Come help us sing and fellowship with our friends.