

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

For our family and friends:

Cliff Burris	Ruth West	Chuck Trahan
Beverly Montgomery	Dave Sidney	Holly Laughlin
Shirley Torres	Marilyn Hartman	Cynthia Lawrence
Paul Gay	Priscilla Gregory	Par Keys
Jorge Soto's sister Marla and mother Aida	Janice Burris' sister Marilyn	
Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)	John Trahan (Chuck's brother)	
Stephen Haterius (Stephanie Talley's father)	Mike Trahan (Chuck's son)	
The Van Rensburgs' daughter Connie	Valerie Fine (Chuck Trahan's sister)	
Jodi Blount's sister-in-law's mother Denise and Jodi's co-worker Kendra		
Debbie Ozolins and Peggy MacWilliams (Sue Sidney's cousins)		

Prayers of sympathy:

Jill and Russ Lundstrom on the death of Jill's father Jack Spaulding
 Helen and Chuck Trahan on the death of Helen's brother Larry

If you wish to add a prayer request to this list, please complete a Prayer Card available in the chair pouch in front of you and place it in the collection basket as you come forward for communion. Please indicate how the person we are to pray for is related to you.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27th

Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday
 1 Kings 17:17-24
 Acts 20:7-12

Tuesday
 2 Kings 4:18-37
 Ephesians 2:1-10

Wednesday
 Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41
 Matthew 22:23-33

Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday
 1 Samuel 16:11-13
 Philippians 1:1-11

Friday
 Job 13:13-19
 Philippians 1:21-30

Saturday
 Lamentations 3:55-66
 Mark 10:32-34

Sunday, April 2nd
Palm/Passion Sunday
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
 Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Matthew 26:14—27:66

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** indicates an invitation to stand as you are able*

GATHERING

WELCOME *Peter Castles*

CHORAL INTROIT *"Lamb of God"* *Jodi Blount and Sanctuary Choir*

*GREETING
When we cry out from the depths,
The Lord hears our voices.

Let us wait for the Lord
And hope in God's word.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Open Our Eyes"* TFWS 2086

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Suzette Thorpe Johnson*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today in the way of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen**

HYMN *"Bless the Lord"* TFWS 2013

GOSPEL LESSON John 11:1-45 (p. 98 in the pew Bible NT)
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People's response: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

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There are many different opportunities for spiritual enrichment here:

Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10:45am

Sunday School at 9:45am for adults, children, and youth

BE LIGHT Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades) — Sunday, noon-1:30pm

United Women in Faith — 1st Saturday of the month, 9:30am

Young At Heart (older adult fellowship) — day and time varies

Sanctuary Choir — performs Sunday at 10:45am, practices Sunday at noon

Contemplative prayer group — Monday, 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

Tuesday prayer service — Tuesday, 9:30am in the Sanctuary

Weekly Bible study — Tuesday, 10am in the Sanctuary and via Zoom

Prayer shawl ministry — Tuesday, 11am in the Sanctuary (3rd Tues at 5:30pm)

Weekly women's coffee — Friday, 10:30am in the Sanctuary

A Child's Haven (preschool) — Monday through Thursday, 9am-1pm

(Fall thru Spring; contact Reanna Eddy director@childshaven.net for more info)

The United Methodist Church is a 12-million-strong global church that opens hearts, opens doors, and opens minds through active engagement with our world.

John Wesley and the early Methodists placed primary emphasis on Christian living, on putting faith and love into action. This emphasis on what Wesley referred to as "practical divinity" has continued to be a hallmark of United Methodism today.

We invite you to learn more about our rich theological heritage by visiting the website for The United Methodist Church (UMC.org).

If you would like to learn more about Cedar Park First UMC or have questions about joining the church, e-mail one of our pastors or check "Desire a Call" on the attendance registration pad when you sign in today.

Rev. Peter Castles, Pastor Peter@cpfumc.org
Rev. Suzette Thorpe Johnson, Pastor Suzette@cpfumc.org
Dr. Jodi Blount, Music Director
Laurel Fabian, Nursery Coordinator

This week at Cedar Park First UMC

SUNDAY, March 26th

HCCM LENT CHALLENGE: **Dried Beans** this week, **Canned Meat** next week

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
- 9:45am Sunday school for adults:
Followers of the Word are studying *Gospel of John* (MMB Conference Room)
Seekers are studying the history of Christianity (MMB Back Room)
- 9:45am Sunday school for children in MMB Classroom 3
- 9:45am Confirmation Class for Youth in the Youth Room
- 10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
- Noon BE LIGHT Youth Fellowship in the Youth Room
- Noon Choir practices in the Sanctuary
- 1:15pm Church Council meets in the MMB Conference Room

MONDAY, March 27th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, March 28th

- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
- 10:00am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary and by Zoom
- 11:00am Prayer Shawl ministry meets in the Sanctuary (come crochet or knit with us!)

FRIDAY, March 31st

- 10:30am Women meet for coffee in the Sanctuary

SATURDAY, April 1st

- 11:00am Memorial Service for Myrl McKellar in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, April 2nd — Palm/Passion Sunday (and PIE!!)

BE LIGHT YOUTH TO PROVIDE PIE AND COFFEE AFTER EACH WORSHIP SERVICE!!

Looking Ahead

- April 6 Maundy Thursday Worship, 7pm
- April 7 Good Friday Worship, 7pm
- April 9 Easter Sunrise Service, 7am; Easter Egg Hunt, 9:45am; Easter Worship, 10:45am
- April 12 Young at Heart Luncheon, 11:30am

Visitors and Newcomers:

We invite you to participate to the extent you feel comfortable. *UMH* indicates a song from *The United Methodist Hymnal* (found under the chair in front of you). *TFWS* indicates *The Faith We Sing*, the soft-bound hymnal out on top of the chairs. Words will also be shown on the screen at the front. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us, and we thank you for the gift of your presence.

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

(Prayer shawls will be blessed for Kendra Lipman, Ana Ortega, Carolyn Patrick, and Cathy Smith.)

**May God's grace be upon these shawls
to warm and comfort, enfold and embrace.
May they provide a safe haven,
a sacred place of security and well-being,
sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.
May those who receive these shawls
be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace,
and wrapped in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYER SONG

"Light of the World"

TFWS 2204

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

People's response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

MISSION MOMENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand?
We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life.
We seek peace through war and find security in weapons.
We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying,
and pursue wealth by making others poor.
And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you.
Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord,
can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen**

(All pray in silence)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*THE PEACE

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .
. . . And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

UMH 23-24

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ . . .
. . . And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here . . .
. . . Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen, Amen, Amen

THE LORD’S PRAYER

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Because the table at which we gather belongs to the Lord, it is open to all who respond to Christ’s love, regardless of age or church membership. All, including children, are invited to receive both bread and cup, which is served by means of intinction — a small fragment of bread is placed in the hand to dip in the cup before consuming. Or you may take one of the small communion cups after consuming the bread. If you desire gluten-free bread, please ask for it when you come forward to be served.

Place your regular or special offering in the offering basket as you come forward for communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
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**

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

"Stay with Us"

TFWS 2199

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM