

**Cedar Park First United Methodist Church**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
May 9, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

GREETING

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
**And kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created;  
**And you will renew the face of the earth.**

HYMN OF PRAISE     *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

UMH 66

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT     *"This Little Light of Mine"*

PRAYER FOR THE MOTHERS OF OUR FAITH

A CELEBRATION OF MOTHERS

HYMN                     *"Faith of Our Mothers"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.  
Amen**

GOSPEL LESSON     John 15:9-17

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People's response:* **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

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 CONCERNS

**Let Us Pray...**

**For the world:**

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Kenya, Tanzania  
All those affected by the coronavirus

**For our family and friends:**

Cynthia Lawrence	Martha Orr	Priscilla Gregory
Cliff Burris	Hyacinth Fenty	Sterling and Marilyn Hartman
Grover Williams	Myrl McKellar	Adalid Verastegui
Holly Laughlin	Andy Carver	Lillian Smith
Bob Brown (Debbie MacCarroll's cousin)		Reuben Campos (Ron King's son-in-law)
Erin Koeppen (Glenda Morrison's granddaughter)		Tarren Kingsley (Glenda's son-in-law)
Travis (Glenda Morrison's cousin)		Ty Kerns (friend of the Bowkers)
Marcia Pridgen (Karen Bowker's sister)		Teresa Jacobs (Karen Bowker's niece)
Michael Christopher (Sergio Longoria's co-worker)		Jim Jenkins (friend of the Longorias)
Brice Bridges (Sally Johnson's great-grandson)		Kathy Clinch (Pam's sister-in-law)
Judy Marshall (Par Keys' sister-in-law)		Gary Sutton (Par Keys' cousin)
Sue Beall (Par Keys' sister-in-law) and her husband Ron		
Angela Maley (Diann Russell's daughter)		
Linda Wellington (Sterling Hartman's sister-in-law's sister)		
Bruce and Ann Payne (Sheryl McNichol's parents)		
Corrie Van Rensburg's mother Nellie Swanepoel and Corrie's sister Poppie		
Connie Kohl (Karen Packard's sister) and Connie's granddaughter Neva		
Debbie Ozolins and Peggy MacWilliams (Sue Sidney's cousins)		
Mark Kavanaugh (Amanda Theriot's brother-in-law)		

**Prayer shawls will be blessed today for these graduates:**

Karsten Lundstrom, Spring Middleton, and Sarah and David Longoria

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS FOR GRADUATES

**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

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

UMH 92

MISSION MOMENT

HYMN

*"Pass It On"*

UMH 572

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

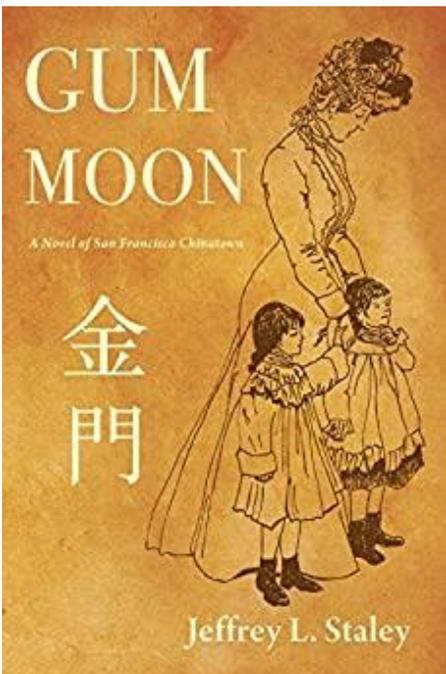
SINGING THE SHALOM

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## METHODIST READING CLUB Starting in JUNE

Based on the events in the life of the author's wife's grandmother, *Gum Moon* (Cantonese for "Golden Gate") is the remarkable coming of age story of a Chinese-American girl, Mei Chun Lai, who is rescued by a young Methodist woman and placed in a Home for abused and trafficked girls. The Home is destroyed in San Francisco's 1906 earthquake and fire, but Chun survives. In an attempt to raise funds to rebuild the Home, Chun and a band of seven other Chinese children embark on a six-month cross-country singing tour and a performance at the White House for President Theodore Roosevelt.

If you are interested in joining us to read and discuss the book (a 2021 UMW Reading Program selection) please email Pastor Peter.

Several copies of the book are available for \$22, or you can download the book to your Kindle for \$6.49.

## This week at Cedar Park First UMC

### SUNDAY, May 9th

- 8:30am In-person Worship Service in the Memorial Outdoor Sanctuary (sign-up required)
- 9:00am Children's Sunday school class via Zoom
- 10:00am Livestream Worship Service on Facebook/YouTube/cpfumc.org
- 8:00pm Youth Fellowship online

### TUESDAY, May 11th

- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:00am Bible discussion group via Zoom

## Looking FORWARD !!

### SUNDAY, May 16th – Recognition of Graduates



In the Outdoor Worship Celebration at 8:30am we'll be lifting up the accomplishments of our graduates and praying over them. We especially will be celebrating our high school seniors:

Sarah Longoria, Karsten Lundstrom, and Spring Middleton

## We're collecting food and other items for Hill Country Community Ministries



Place your items in the collection box on the front porch or give to Bob Bowker in the church parking lot at 10am Tuesday