

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

For our family and friends:

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| Cliff Burris | Ruth West | Chuck Trahan |
| Beverly Montgomery | Dave Sidney | Holly Laughlin |
| Shirley Torres | Marilyn Hartman | Cynthia Lawrence |
| Paul Gay | Par Keys | Janice Burris' sister Marilyn |
| Jorge Soto's sister Marla and mother Aida | | Marsha Suber's cousin Pam |
| 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 20th

Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday
Isaiah 59:9-19
Acts 9:1-20

Tuesday
Isaiah 42:14-21
Colossians 1:9-14

Wednesday
Isaiah 60:17-22
Matthew 9:27-34

Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday
Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:8—3:3
Revelation 10:1-11

Friday
Ezekiel 33:10-16
Revelation 11:15-19

Saturday
Ezekiel 36:8-15
Luke 24:44-53

Sunday, March 26th
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

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

GATHERING

WELCOME *Peter Castles*

CHORAL INTROIT *"Wade in the Water"* *Jodi Blount and Sanctuary Choir*

*GREETING

From near and far you have called us; you have sought us out.
The Lord is our Shepherd.

You have brought us out of darkness into light.
With you we are able to walk through the valley of the shadow of death.
Our Lord is the light of the world.

We who were dead have been brought to life.
We who were lost have been found.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* UMH 57

*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 *"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"* UMH 349

GOSPEL LESSON John 9:1-41 (p. 96 in the pew Bible NT)
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. *People's response:* **Thanks be to God**

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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 19th

- 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

MONDAY, March 20th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, March 21st

- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
10:00am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary and by Zoom
5:30pm Prayer Shawl ministry meets in the Sanctuary (come crochet or knit with us!)

FRIDAY, March 24th

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

Lent Challenge for Hill Country Community Ministries

- Week 4 HEALTH ITEMS
Week 5 DRIED BEANS
Week 6 CANNED MEAT

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN RAISE THE ROOF ON DONATIONS TO HCCM
TO HELP ALL THOSE NEEDING ASSISTANCE

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.

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 SONG

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

UMH 454

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

MISSION MOMENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
we are people who still love darkness rather than light.
We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue.
We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others.
Forgive us, we pray.
Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly.
Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin
and shine upon us with your grace.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen**

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!**

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

UMH 23-24

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen**

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

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH 451

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM