

### Prayer Concerns

**For the world:**

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

**For our family and friends:**

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| Charles Bland  | Cliff Burris                           | Butch Sloan                           |
| Dave Sidney  | Beverly Montgomery                     | Shirley Torres                        |
| Chuck Trahan   | Clara Crank                            | Ruth West                             |
| Karen Goodman  | B. J. Posner                           | Holly Ganthner                        |
| Melba Howard (Steve's mother)                                    |  | Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)     |
| Valerie Fine (Chuck Trahan's sister)                             |  | Mike Trahan (Chuck's son)             |
| Nace Baggerman (GiGi Heermans' father)                           |  | Leona Mims (Nell Pennington's sister) |
| Maria Vilchis (Sergio Longoria's friend's mother)                | Jari Vikstedt (Sergio Longoria's boss) |                                       |
| Brynn Matos (Allen and Betsy Mauldin's 2-year-old granddaughter) |  |                                       |
| Shelley Blanda (Sterling Hartman's granddaughter)                |  |                                       |
| Jorge Soto's sister Marla and granddaughter Maiya                |  |                                       |
| Stephen Haterius (Stephanie Talley's father)                     |  |                                       |
| Debbie Ozolins and Peggy MacWilliams (Sue Sidney's cousins)      |  |                                       |

**Prayers of sympathy:**

Jorge Soto and family on the death of his mother Aida

**Prayers of protection:**

Sgt. Will Lindsey (Brenda Higgins' son-in-law, stationed in S. Korea)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 8th		
<b>Reflection on Previous Sunday</b>	<b>Preparation for Coming Sunday</b>	
<u>Monday</u> Daniel 3:1-30 1 John 2:3-11	<u>Thursday</u> Daniel 9:1-19 1 John 2:18-25	<u>Sunday, April 14th</u> Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48
<u>Tuesday</u> Daniel 6:1-28 1 John 2:12-17	<u>Friday</u> Daniel 10:2-19 1 John 2:26-28	
<u>Wednesday</u> Isaiah 26:1-15 Mark 12:18-27	<u>Saturday</u> Acts 3:1-10 Luke 22:24-30	

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Second Sunday of Easter  
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*\* indicates an invitation to stand as you are able*

**GATHERING**

WELCOME *C1-2 / C2-2* Peter Castles

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST *C1-1 / C2-1 Jodi* Jodi Blount

\*GREETING *C1-2 / C2-2*  
Call on the name of the Lord in praise;  
**Make known God's deeds among the nations!**

Sing to God with joyful songs;  
**Tell of God's wonderful deeds!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" UMH 304

\*OPENING PRAYER *C1-2 / C2-2*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *C1-2 / C2-2* ↓

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

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 20:19-23 (p. 108 in the pew Bible NT)  
*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People's response:* **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *C1-2 / C2-2*

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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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) — Sunday, noon-1:30pm

United Women in Faith — 3rd Sunday, 12:30pm; quarterly Saturday, 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 — 1st Tuesday, 11am; 3rd Tues, 5:30pm in the Sanctuary

Sanctuary preparation — Thursday, 10:00am in the Sanctuary

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

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

The United Methodist Church is a several-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](http://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](mailto:Peter@cpfumc.org)  
Rev. Suzette Thorpe Johnson, Pastor [Suzette@cpfumc.org](mailto:Suzette@cpfumc.org)  
Dr. Jodi Blount, Music Director  
Laurel Fabian, Nursery Coordinator

# This week at Cedar Park First UMC

## SUNDAY, April 7th

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
- 9:45am Sunday school for Adults:  
*Followers of the Word* are studying Proverbs (MMB Conference Room)  
*Seekers* are studying "Lost Christianities" (MMB Back Room)  
*A Purposeful Walk* is discussing "Seated with Christ" in the Sanctuary
- 9:45am Sunday school for Children (MMB Classroom 3) and Youth (Youth Room)
- 10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion

## MONDAY, April 8th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, April 9th

- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
- 10:00am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary and by Zoom

## THURSDAY, April 11th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

### We are always collecting items for Hill Country Community Ministries (HCCM)

A Collection Bin is in the Lobby. Here's a list of items that are needed:

Canned items: stew, tuna, chicken, chili, soup, spaghetti's, tomatoes, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, corn, peas, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, pineapple, apple sauce, peaches, peanut butter, jelly, orange juice, apple juice

Dry items: dried beans (1 or 2 lb. pkgs), spaghetti/pasta (1 or 2 lb. pkgs), cold cereal, hot cereal

Personal care items: bar soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet tissue, toothpaste

### *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 SONG "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" UMH 480

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

People's response: Lord, hear our prayer.

*C1-2 / C2-2 ; C1-2 auto tracking*

*audio Ch 3 ↑ Peter*

MISSION MOMENT

*C1-2 / C2-2 → video*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is risen from the grave and has shattered the power of death, we are still held captive by fear and doubt. We hold on to suspicions and jealousies that set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We have neglected the poor and the hungry. In our pursuit of the "good life" we have gone along with injustice; we have ignored the cries of the oppressed. We pursue profits and pleasures that harm the land and pollute the waters. We have squandered the Earth's gifts on technologies of destruction. Have mercy on us, O God. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we and all your creatures may know the joy of life abundant, given through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*C1-3 / C2-3 → C1-8 / C2-8  
 Altar Pouring water*

\*THE PEACE

*C1-7 / C2-7 Congregation*



**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

*C1-3<sup>b</sup> / C2-3<sup>b</sup> Altar*

TFWS 2257-b,c,d

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! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! 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.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

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.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

*C1-3<sup>b</sup> / C2-3<sup>b</sup> Altar*

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**

*C1-4 / C2-4 Receiving Comm.*

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

*C1-3<sup>b</sup> / C2-3<sup>b</sup> Altar*

**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

"Christ Is Alive"

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*C1-2 / C2-2*

\*SINGING THE SHALOM

*C1-7 / C2-7*

*As we depart, please join hands with your neighbor to sing a community song of peace.*

*C1-9 Cross*