

Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

*A Spiritual Oasis
Committed to Christ
Committed to Peace
Committed to Service*

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

For our family and friends:

Chuck Trahan	Cliff Burris	Dave Sidney
Paul Venincasa	Alice Wiles	Ruth West
The Van Rensburgs' daughter	Connie	Jerry Higgins (Brenda's husband)
Debbi Ozolins (Sue Sidney's cousin)		Matt Packard (Karen's son)
David Read (Martha Orr's son)		Jerry Troyer (friend of Sue Chesnut)
Sharon Platt (Paul Gay's sister)		Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)
Leona Mims (Nell Pennington's sister)		Ron Daniels (Ginger Goodin's father)
Sara Baram (Nancy Holmes' granddaughter)		Melba Howard (Steve's mother)
Valerie Fine (Chuck Trahan's sister)		Mike Trahan (Chuck's son)

Prayers of sympathy:

Horace and Nell Pennington on the death of Horace's brother James

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

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14th

Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday
Isaiah 42:1-9
John 12:1-11

Tuesday
Isaiah 49:1-7
John 12:20-36

Wednesday
Isaiah 50:4-9a
John 13:21-32

Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday
Exodus 12:1-14
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday
Isaiah 52:13—53:12
John 18:1—19:42

Saturday
1 Peter 4:1-8
Matthew 27:57-66

Sunday, April 20th
Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18

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

GATHERING

WELCOME *Peter Castles*

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST *Jodi Blount*

*GREETING
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* UMH 278

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Suzette Thorpe Johnson*

CHORAL OFFERING *"Hosanna to Jesus, the King"* *Sanctuary Choir*

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Zechariah 9:9-10 (p. 833 in the pew Bible OT)
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People's response: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 118:14-29 UMH 839-40
Response: **Hail and Hosanna! Blest is he who comes in God's own name to make our world God's home!**

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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 — 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 Yaheli Benitez 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).

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, April 13th

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
- 9:45am Sunday school for Adults:
Followers of the Word are studying "The Great Commission" (MMB Conf Room)
Seekers are studying "How Jesus Became God" (MMB Back Room)
- 9:45am Sunday school for Children (MMB Classroom 3) and Youth (Youth Room)
- 10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
- Noon BE LIGHT Youth Fellowship in the Youth Room
- Noon Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, April 14th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, April 15th

- 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 meeting in the Sanctuary (come crochet or knit with us!)

WEDNESDAY, April 16th

- 10:30am Membership Care & Hospitality Team meets in the MMB Conference Room

THURSDAY, April 17th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation
- 11:30am Maundy Thursday Worship at Affinity Cedar Park, 1520 Juliette Way
- 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship in the Sanctuary

FRIDAY, April 18th

- 6:30pm Good Friday Worship at Leander UMC, 107 S. West Drive, Leander

SUNDAY, April 20th — Easter Sunday

- 7:00am Easter Sunrise Service in the Memorial Outdoor Sanctuary
- 9:45am Easter Egg Hunt, on the south lawn
- 10:45am Easter Worship in the Sanctuary (**no service at 8:30am**)

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.

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 19:28-40 (p. 78 in the pew Bible NT)

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 SONG

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

UMH 172

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

MISSION MOMENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you come to us in peace, but we shut the door of our mind against you. In your mercy, forgive us and help us. You come to us in humility, but we prefer our own proud ways. In your mercy, forgive us and help us. You come to us in judgment, but we cling to our familiar sins. In your mercy, forgive us and help us. You come to us in majesty, but we will not have you to reign over us. In your mercy, forgive us and help us. Lord, forgive our empty praise; fill our loveless hearts; come to us and make our lives your home forever. 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

"Marching to Zion"

UMH 733

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM

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