

## Prayer Concerns

### For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

### For our family and friends:

Horace Pennington Meg McClintock Jim and Ruth West  
Helen Trahan Alice Wiles MaryAnn Mosier Jane Hilton  
Jodi Blount's mother LeRene and mother-in-law Sandra

David Read (Martha Orr's son) David Orr (Martha's brother)  
Karen Ballard (friend of Martha Orr) Theresa Theriot (Amanda's mother-in-law)  
O.T. and Dee Greer (Todd's parents) Charlie Woehner (Darlene's husband)  
Marsha Suber's great-grandson Brooks Anita Stratmann's brother Herschel  
Leona Mims (Nell Pennington's sister) Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)  
Debbi Ozolins (Sue Sidney's cousin) Jerry Troyer (friend of Sue Chesnut)

### Prayers of sympathy:

Carol Slater and family on the death of Carol's brother Bruce Anderson

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 23rd

#### 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

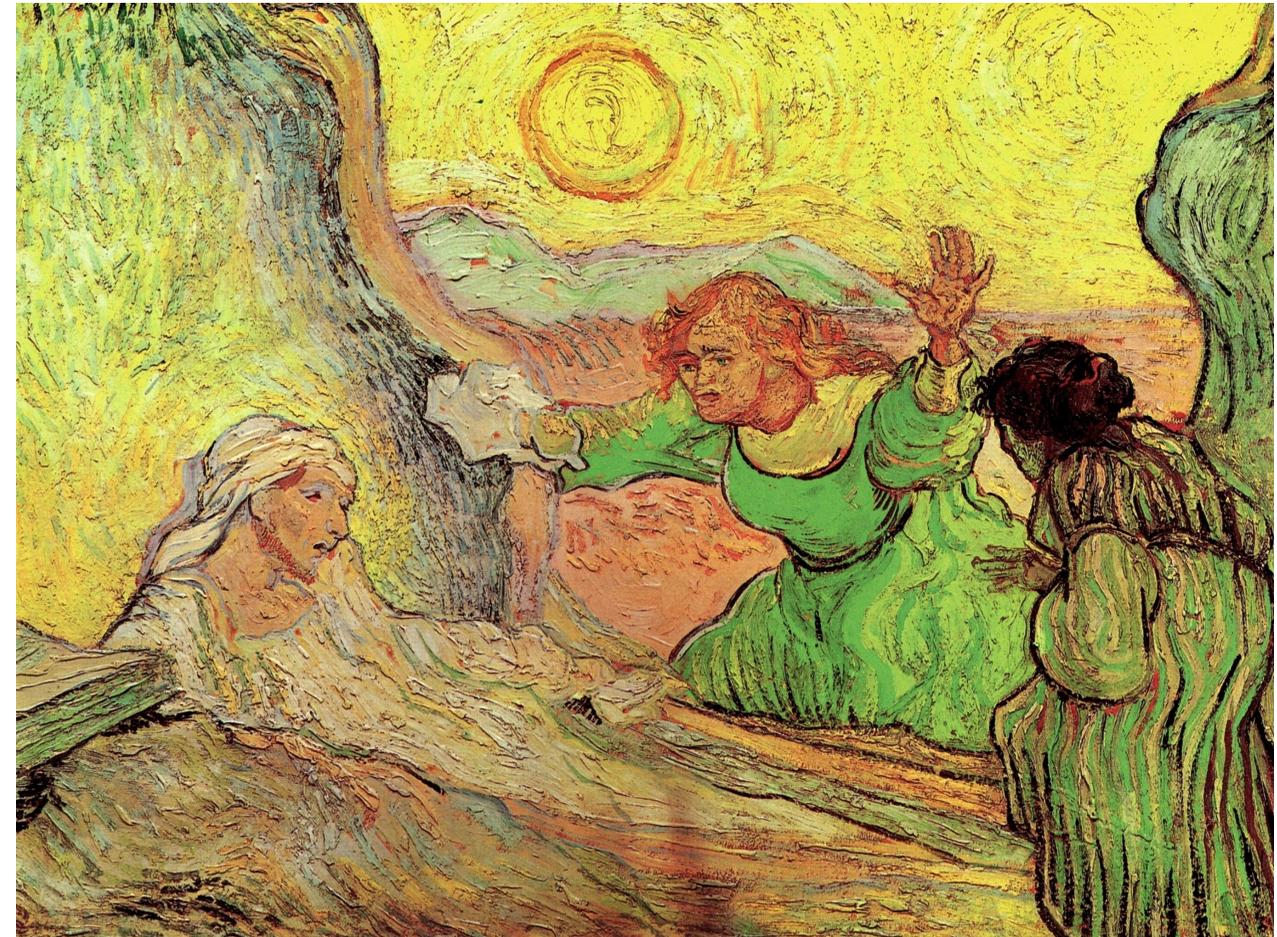
Saturday  
Lamentations 3:55-66  
Mark 10:32-34

Sunday, March 29th  
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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Committed to Peace  
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*\* indicates an invitation to stand as you are able*

**GATHERING**

WELCOME

*Suzette Birch*

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Yunzhi Guan*

\*GREETING

Some of us come to worship today, weary and worn,  
heavy with all the circumstances that are too much to bear alone.

**We gather to travel God's redemption road together.**

Some of us come to worship today, dry and thirsty,  
longing for relief and peace from the troubles that surround us.

**We gather to travel God's redemption road together.**

Some of us come to worship today with stories to tell of little resurrections,  
moments of new life that sprang up when we least expected them.

**We gather to travel God's redemption road together.**

Beloved, whatever we bring with us to worship today,  
God welcomes us and calls us to work together.

**We gather to be truth-tellers and life-bringers  
as we travel God's redemption road together.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

UMH 156

\*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

**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**

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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 — quarterly on a 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](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 Birch, 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, March 22nd

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion  
9:45am Sunday school for Adults:  
*Followers of the Word* are studying 1 Corinthians (MMB Conference Room)  
*Seekers* are studying "The Apocalypse" (MMB Back Room)  
9:45am Sunday school for Children and Youth (Youth Room)  
10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion

## MONDAY, March 23rd

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, March 24th

- 10:00am Bible discussion group meets at Affinity at Cedar Park, 1520 Juliette Way

## THURSDAY, March 26th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

## SATURDAY, March 28th

- 9-11am CPFUMC Beautification Day (sign up in the Lobby to help)

## Looking FORWARD !!

- March 29** Potato Jar Sunday — have your coins ready for the Potato Jar!!  
**April 2** Maundy Thursday Worship Service  
—at Affinity Cedar Park, 1520 Juliette Way, 11:30am  
—in the Sanctuary, 6:30pm  
**April 3** Good Friday Worship Service at Leander UMC, 107 S West Dr, 6:30pm  
**April 5** Easter Sunrise Worship Service in the Memorial Outdoor Sanctuary, 7:15am  
**April 5** Easter Egg Hunt on the South Lawn, 9:45am  
**April 5** Easter Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary, 10:45am (no 8:30 service)



## Candy needed for Easter eggs

Easter Sunday is April 5. We're planning to have an Easter egg hunt that day, so we need your help. Please bring bags of individually wrapped candies, small prizes, and plastic eggs and place them in the basket in the Lobby. We will fill the eggs with your candies and invite A Child's Haven and neighborhood children for the egg hunt.

### *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.

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON: selected verses from John 1:35-46

HYMN "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" UMH 521

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON: John 11:30-44

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 SHAWL BLESSING

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

PRAYER SONG "Surely the Presence of the Lord" UMH 328

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

MISSION MOMENT

SOUL LIFT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God.  
We are lost in a world of pain and suffering.  
When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace.  
When we put our faith in our own resources,  
we feel the ache of our true needs.  
When we put our hope in the health of our bodies,  
we suffer pain and find no healing. Come to us, O God.  
Forgive our doubts and fears. Heal our brokenness,  
that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Amen**

DECLARATION OF PARDON AND 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**

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

*"O How I Love Jesus"*

UMH 170

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*SINGING THE SHALOM

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