

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

For our family and friends:

Horace Pennington	Jane Hilton	Jim and Ruth West
Alice Wiles	MaryAnn Mosier	Sally Johnson
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)

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 30th

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

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

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

Holy Saturday
Job 14:1-14
Matthew 27:57-66

Sunday, April 5th
Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

Community only happens when we surrender to the process of getting to know others and letting ourselves be known.

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

GATHERING

WELCOME

Peter Castles

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM: Matthew 21:1-11

*THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

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!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH 278

*OPENING PRAYER

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

"We Sang Our Glad Hosannas"

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty:

Quiet within us every voice but your own.

Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ,

that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace

to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. Amen

SONG DURING SCRIPTURE READING

We adore you, Jesus Christ, and we bless your holy name;

Truly your cross and passion bring us life and healing,

Truly your cross and passion bring us life and healing.

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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 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 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 Birch, Pastor Suzette@cpfumc.org

Dr. Jodi Blount, Music Director

Laurel Fabian, Nursery Coordinator

This week at Cedar Park First UMC

SUNDAY, March 29th — Palm/Passion Sunday

BRING YOUR COINS FOR THE POTATO JAR WHEN YOU COME FOR COMMUNION

- 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)
- 10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion

MONDAY, March 30th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, March 31st

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

THURSDAY, April 2nd — Maundy Thursday

- 11:30am Maundy Thursday Worship Service at Affinity Cedar Park, 1520 Juliette Way
- 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship in the Sanctuary

FRIDAY, April 3rd — Good Friday

- 6:30pm Good Friday Worship Service at Leander UMC, 107 S West Dr, Leander

SUNDAY, April 5th — Easter Sunday

- 7:15am Easter Sunrise Worship Service in the Memorial Outdoor Sanctuary
- 9:45am Easter Egg Hunt on the South Lawn
- 10:45am Easter Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary (no 8:30 service)



HELP US FEED UT STUDENTS AT THE TEXAS WESLEY

The Texas Wesley Foundation is the United Methodist student ministry on the University of Texas campus in Austin, Texas. Every Thursday evening about 40 students gather at the Texas Wesley for a meal and worship service. On Thursday, April 16 we'll be providing the meal for these students. Sign up now in the Lobby to provide either a soup, a salad, or cookies for this meal.

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 Matthew 27:11-26 (p. 30 in the pew Bible NT)

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 27:27-44 (p. 30 in the pew Bible NT)

THIRD GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 27:45-56 (p. 31 in the pew Bible NT)

SERMON

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD

On Palm Sunday the crowds worshipped Jesus;
On Good Friday they shouted for him to die.
Let us who also worship him confess that we sometimes reject him
and ask his forgiveness:

**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**

*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

UMH 23-24

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

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Bruce and Linda Sheneman

We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

*HYMN

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

UMH 297

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM

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