

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

For our family and friends:

Horace Pennington	Jane Hilton	Jim and Ruth West
Alice Wiles	MaryAnn Mosier	Sally Johnson
Heather McClintock (Meg's daughter-in-law)	Jorge Soto's sister Marla	
David Read (Martha Orr's son)	David Orr (Martha's brother)	
Carol Lundstrom (Russ's mother)	Theresa Theriot (Amanda's mother-in-law)	
O.T. and Dee Greer (Todd's parents)	Charlie Woehnker (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)	
Jodi Blount's mother LeRene and mother-in-law Sandra		

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 APRIL 27th

Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday
Ezekiel 34:17-23
1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday
Ezekiel 34:23-31
Hebrews 13:20-21

Wednesday
Jeremiah 23:1-8
Matthew 20:17-28

Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday
Genesis 12:1-3
Acts 6:8-15

Friday
Exodus 3:1-12
Acts 7:1-16

Saturday
Jeremiah 26:20-24
John 8:48-59

Sunday, May 3rd
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

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Committed to Christ
Committed to Peace
Committed to Service*



*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

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Jodi Blount

*GREETING

Lord Jesus, in those days of wonder after Easter,
you called Mary and Peter by their names, and they recognized you.

**We too draw near to hear our names spoken in love
and to know you again.**

You broke bread with your followers on the road to Emmaus,
and in the blessing, they recognized you.

**We too come to share your blessing and your broken life,
and to know you again.**

You spoke peace to your disciples, showed them the marks on your hands,
and sent them out to bear witness to your risen life.

**We too come seeking peace, seeking to bear witness
and to be sent out renewed.**

Come among us now, that we may recognize you in each other,
And together know your healing and hope.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"The Lily of the Valley"

TFWS 2062

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Suzette Birch

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**

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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, April 26th

- 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 "Jesus and His Jewish Influences" (MMB Back Room)
9:45am Sunday school for Children (MMB Classroom 3) and Youth (Youth Room)
10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
Noon Choir practice in the Sanctuary
Noon BE LIGHT YOUTH Fellowship in the Youth Room

MONDAY, April 27th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, April 28th

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

THURSDAY, April 30th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

SATURDAY, May 2nd

- 9:30am United Women in Faith meet at La Madeleine (Hwy 183 @ S Lakeline)

Looking FORWARD !!

May 24 Pentecost Sunday — one combined worship service at 10am

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.

PSALM 23

"Shepherd Me, O God"

TFWS 2058

SERMON

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD (The 23rd Psalm)

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

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

PRAYER SONG

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

TFWS 2128

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

MISSION MOMENT

*THE PEACE

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

TFWS 2257-b,c,d

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!

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

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

TFWS 2199

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM

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