

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

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 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)	
Jodi Blount's mother LeRene and mother-in-law Sandra		

Prayers of sympathy:

Bruce and Linda Sheneman on the death of Bruce's sister Inez Schneider

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 MAY 4th

Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday
Exodus 13:17-22
Acts 7:17-40

Tuesday
Proverbs 3:5-12
Acts 7:44-56

Wednesday
Proverbs 3:13-18
John 8:31-38

Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday
Genesis 6:5-22
Acts 27:1-12

Friday
Genesis 7:1-24
Acts 27:13-38

Saturday
Genesis 8:13-19
John 14:27-29

Sunday, May 3rd
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

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

In the Lord we will seek refuge.

God will never let us be put to shame.

The Lord is our rock of refuge;

God is a strong fortress to save!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

UMH 304

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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 14:1-14 (p. 102 in the pew Bible NT)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People's response: **Thanks be to God!**

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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, May 3rd

- 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

MONDAY, May 4th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, May 5th

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

THURSDAY, May 7th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

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.

SERMON

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD (A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen**

PRAYER SONG

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

UMH 521

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

SOUL LIFT

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

"Hymn of Promise"

UMH 707

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM

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