

**ORDER OF SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

**March 8, 2020**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**8:45 and 11:00 a.m.**

WELCOME The Rev. Glenn Patterson, M.F.A.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRELUDE Lisa Withers, D.M.A.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God: Creator and Deliverer of all people, we confess:

**We confess that you have breathed into us life. Forgive us that we have failed to live for you.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.** [SILENCE]

We confess:

**We confess that you have come as Christ to cleanse us from evil. Forgive us that we have too often chosen to become the evil which we hate and denied the Christ whom we love.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.** [SILENCE]

We confess:

**We confess that you have empowered us by the Spirit to be your church. Forgive us that we have neglected our calling and forgotten to be faithful.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.** [SILENCE]

Blessed God, Mighty to save:

**Forgive us through the grace of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.**

**Amen.**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121)

I lift up my eyes to the hills--from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

\* HYMN UMH 292 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed  
Ecumenical Version

**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.**

OFFERTORY

\* DOXOLOGY No. 95

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

\*†HYMN "Where Children Belong"

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the  
worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup,  
prayer and song: this is where children belong.*

†CHILDREN'S TIME Brittani Clayman

†ANTHEM "Love Beyond Degree" Johnson

SCRIPTURE

Romans 4:16-17

Pew Bible p. 1372-1373

\*John 3:5-12

Pew Bible p. 1292

\* HYMN TFWS 2152 "Change My Heart, O God"

SERMON "Jesus' Perspective"

8:45

The Rev. Glenn Patterson, M.F.A.

11:00

The Rev. Robert Countiss, D.Min.

TIME OF PRAYER

†Call to Prayer

Intercessory Prayer

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.**

\* BENEDICTION

\* HYMN UMH 451 "Be Thou My Vision"

\* POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able  
"UMH" —United Methodist Hymnal  
"TFWS" —The Faith We Sing



*The flowers this morning are given to the  
glory of God and in celebration of our son  
Justin and granddaughter Cleo's birthdays by  
Joe and Peggy Kennedy.*

*The rosebud on the altar this morning is in  
celebration of our new great granddaughter,  
Julianna Michelle, given by Kenneth and  
Deanna Reynolds. She is the daughter of  
Stephen and Jessy Reynolds.*

**OUR VOLUNTEERS**

**March 8**

***Greeters:** Josh and Leslie Cumbow*

***Ushers:** Team A*

***Acolytes:** Hayden Cumbow and Porter Blackwell*

***Offering Stewards:** Roger and Ellen Reynolds*

***Flowers:** Joe and Peggy Kennedy*

***Children's Church:** Brittani Clayman*

**March 15**

***Greeters:** Joe and Veita Lyle*

***Ushers:** Team B*

***Acolytes:** Josie and Virginia Stockner*

***Offering Stewards:** Kenneth and Deanna Reynolds*

***Flowers:** Needed*

***Children's Church:** Brittani Clayman*

**The Communion offering** for March will go to  
UMCOR—TN Conference Tornado Response.

**The Communion food** in March is Canned Fruit.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sun.</b> Mar. 8	8:45 a.m.....Contemporary Service 8:45 a.m..... Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m..... Kidstuff 9:45 a.m.....Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m..... Youth Sunday School 11:00 a.m..... Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m..... Children's Church 6:00 p.m..... Youth 10:00 a.m.....Response Circle 1:00 p.m..... Carr Funeral 2:00 p.m..... Lake Perry Wesley Circle 6:30 p.m.....WOW Circle at AUMC FH 6:30 p.m..... Scouts 7:00 p.m.....Lillian Bondurant Circle at Main Street Parsonage
<b>Wed.</b> Mar. 11	6:30 a.m.....Men's Prayer Breakfast 12:05 a.m.....Lenten Ecumenical Noontime Service at AUMC 5:15 p.m.....Dinner 6:10 p.m..... Bells 6:15 p.m.....Lenten Study in Chapel 6:15 p.m.....Kids/Youth Activities and Choir 7:00 p.m..... Choir
<b>Sat.</b> Mar. 14	Youth leave for the Lost Sea overnight trip

### **LENTEN ECUMENICAL NOONTIME SERVICES**

Wednesday, March 11 at 12:05 p.m.  
Abingdon United Methodist Church

“Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness”  
Rev. Scott Homesley from St. John Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 18 at 12:05 p.m.  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
“Blessed are the Merciful”

Rev. Dr. Robert Countiss from AUMC

Wednesday, March 25 at 12:05 p.m.  
Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church

“Blessed are the Pure in Heart and the Peacemakers”  
Fr. Francis Musoolooza from Christ the King Catholic Church

Wednesday, April 1 at 12:05 p.m.  
Christ the King Catholic Church

“Blessed are those who are Persecuted because of Righteousness”  
Rev. Kevin Campbell from Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church

### **HELP WANTED — *Wonderful Wednesday Cook***

Carla Countiss will be stepping down as our WW Cook starting this Fall. We will need someone who can cook homemade meals each Wednesday, September through May. Person must be dependable and know how to cook for a large group. This is a paid position. If you know of someone who would be interested, please contact Suzanne Rankin at 628-2321.

## THE PRAYER LIST

In an effort to keep the Prayer List updated and current, requests will be removed from the Prayer List after 4 weeks. Please let us know of any corrections, updates or additions you may have.

**New Request:** Norman Cordle (RC Miller)

**VT Carr passed away February 28 in Arizona. His funeral is March 10 at 1 p.m. at AUMC. Visitation is at 12 noon prior to the service.**

**Prayer List:** Hunter Booher, John Donch (Marsha Demase), Keith Hayden (Darius Johnson), Dena Lasley (Sallie Garrett)

**Treatment Pending/Continuing:** Nancy Adkins, Patty Blackwell, Mike Ferrell, Karen Gardner

**Homebound, Independent Living/Retirement, Assisted Care and Rehab Facilities:** Daisy Campbell, Robert Cooper, Lovis Countiss, John and Phyllis Deadmore, Peggy Donaldson, Bill Ferguson, Jeannette Fleenor, Penny Howard, Lois Humphreys, Rags Medicus

### **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY IN MARCH**

Please join us each week for dinner at 5:15 p.m. Dinner is \$7 per person, \$4 for children, \$17 family maximum. We have something for every age.

- Wednesday, March 4 – April 1: Lenten Study by Rev. Robert Countiss at 6:15 p.m. Children/Youth activities and Choir practice.

### **ENCORE IN MARCH**

Older Adult Ministry at AUMC — **Thursday, March 26**

Visit to the David Crockett Birthplace State Park and  
Lunch at the New Mennonite Troyer's Market.

Leave: 10:00 a.m. Return: 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$5 for transportation.  
Cost: Buy your own lunch. *Sign up deadline: March 15.*

### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DISTRICT DAY APART**

Abingdon United Methodist Church

Saturday, March 28, 2020 Cost: \$10

9:30–10:00 Registration 10:00–10:30 Breakfast

10:30 – noon Worship and Communion

The speaker will be from the Children's Advocacy Center.

Music will be led by District Officer, Pat Johnson;

Frederica Cook will be the accompanist.

All women are invited and encouraged to join us!

### **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP**

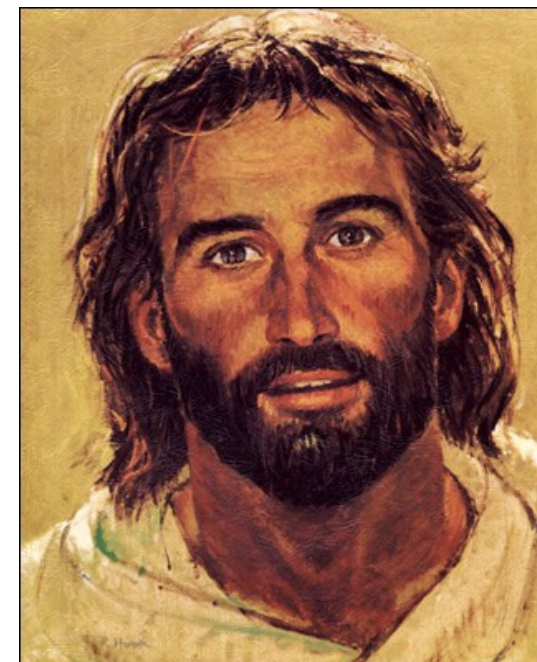
Sunday, March 29 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Cookies and punch after the Worship Service.

### **TENNESSEE TORNADO RESPONSE**

Holston Conference requests our help through monetary donations and by replenishing the stockpile of cleaning buckets and hygiene kits. Our Communion offerings this month will be directed to this cause. We will also collect cleaning buckets and hygiene kits through the end of March for those who wish to make their own. The lists of needed items are on the bulletin board outside the church office. Thanks so much!

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