

ORDER OF SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS
The Rev. Glenn Patterson, M.F.A.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE “Uncloudy Day” The Kitchen Boys

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 32)

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed are those in whose spirit there is no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin; I said,

“I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.

**Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

* “Jesus Messiah” (see insert) Praise Band

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles 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 “Are You Washed in the Blood” The Kitchen Boys

* DOXOLOGY UMH 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 Lindsey Blackwell

ANTHEM “How Great Thou Art” arr. Forrest

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 Pew Bible p. 1409

*Luke 15:11b-32 Pew Bible p. 1272

* HYMN TFWS 2146 “His Eye Is On the Sparrow”

SERMON “A Distant Country”

The Rev. Robert Countiss, D. Min.

PRAYER

Prayer of Confession

**Lord Jesus Christ who stretched out your hands on the cross, and who
did redeem us with your blood, forgive me, a sinner; for no thoughts
of mine are hid from you. Pardon I ask, pardon I hope for, pardon
I trust I have; for you are merciful and forgive. Amen.**

—St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 4th century

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 383 “This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

* POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able

“UMH” —United Methodist Hymnal

“TFWS” —The Faith We Sing

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, March 31, 2019

10:30 a.m. Rev. Robert Countiss

Greeters: Anne Lewis Vowell and Martha Little

Acolytes: Erin Johnson and Elizabeth Nichols

Ushers for Worship: Team A

Offering Stewards: Roger and Ellen Reynolds

Children’s Church: Brittani Clayman

Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:45 Contemporary: Rev. Glenn Patterson

8:45 Traditional: Rev. Robert Countiss

11:00 Traditional: Rev. Robert Countiss

Greeters: Adina Krum and Sue Barlow

Acolytes: Josie and Virginia Stockner

Ushers for Traditional Worship: Team Communion

Offering Stewards: Frank and Carol Sims

Flowers: Butch and Peggy Jones

No Children’s Church

Communion in the 11 a.m. service

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Robert Countiss, D.Min., Pastor

Rev. Glenn Patterson, M.F.A., Associate Pastor

Lindsey Blackwell, Music Ministry Assistant

Lisa Withers, Organist/Accompanist

Suzanne Rankin, Program Director

Brittani Clayman, Director of Students

Michele Carpenter, Office Manager

Moises Martinez, Student Intern

Kitty McCormick, Infant Nursery Worker

Laken Price, Toddler Nursery Worker

Butch and Peggy Jones, Custodians

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Mar. 31 9:30 a.m.....Sunday School
 9:45 a.m..... Wesley Class Hymn Sing
 10:30 a.m..... Worship
 12 Noon..... Cookies and Punch in the FH
 3:00 p.m..... Youth return from Retreat

Tues. April 2 7:00 a.m.....Youth Prayer Breakfast at McDonald's
 3:30 p.m.....UMW Executive Meeting
 6:30 p.m..... Scouts

Wed. April 3 6:30 a.m..... Men's Prayer Breakfast
**12:05 p.m. Ecumenical Lenten Service
 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church**
 5:15 p.m.....Dinner
 6:10 p.m.....Bells
 6:15 p.m.....Kid's /Youth Choir and Activities
 6:15 p.m..... Lenten Study with Robert in Chapel
 7:00 p.m.....Choir

AUMC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019: To Mars and Beyond! Coming June 3-7, 2019

Make plans to join us this summer as we explore where God's power can take us! Students will become galaxy voyagers on a journey from their galactic outpost. They will take on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Volunteers ARE NEEDED! Please contact Brittani Clayman for more information.

GIFT FOR WENDY LONG

After 13 years of serving in our Toddler Nursery, Wendy Long will be retiring this year due to health issues. We would like to do a gift of appreciation for Wendy and are currently taking up monetary donations for her. The deadline will be April 14. Thank you for your consideration.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Number Attending: _____

Would you like to have a standing reservation?: Yes

MENU: Barbecue Pork Sandwiches, baked beans, slaw, chips, salad and dessert. **Krew #1**

Please return to church office by Tuesday at Noon.
 Cost is \$7 per person, \$4 for children and \$17 family max.

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: Brittani Clayman, Strother Smith

Prayer List: Hunter Booher, Norman Cordle (RC Miller), John Kealey, Beverly Keener, Audrey Salazar (Roger and Alta Edwards), W. Lee Sanders (Pete and Sydne Montague), Mae Turner, Marilyn Watson (Bill Gibson), Millie Woody

Treatment Pending/Continuing: Ginny Barker, Mike Ferrell, David Harris (Lewis and Lillian Spicer), Ellee Large (Becky Matney), French Moore, Jr.

Homebound, Independent Living/Retirement, Assisted Care and Rehab Facilities: Harry Arnold, Daisy Campbell, VT Carr, Lovis Countiss, John and Phyllis Deadmore, Peggy Donaldson, Bill Ferguson, Carol Hearl, Penny Howard, Louise King, Martha Snyder, Mae Turner, Gene Widener, Millie Woody.

SOCIAL CLUB

Spring is right around the corner, along with the Social Club meeting on Thursday, April 11th. As most of you know, our church hosts this semi-annual gathering of local mentality-challenged neighbors. It is a special night for our guests, as well as our volunteers. Once again, we are asking for donations for both goodie bags and bingo prizes. Toothbrushes and toothpaste, hair brushes and combs, travel size bottles of shampoo, etc. are great for goodie bags, as well as jewelry for women, small notebooks, tissue packets, and decks of cards. Full-size body wash is a special favorite for bingo, word-find books, and colored pencils. Men love key rings, small zippered bags, mugs, and hats. Men also love the following magazines: Field and Stream, Sports Illustrated, Car and Driver. Look for the box outside Michele's office. Deadline for donations is April 8th! Thank you in advance.

