

PRAYER CONCERNS

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Randy Boyer	Nell Kirkpatrick	Kathi Parker	
Ellen Graham	Annette McGary	Keith Reynolds	
Tammye Green	Mary Meilcarek-Clark	Harriett Silvey	

ROUTINE FACILITY USAGE:

<u>Sundays:</u> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<u>Tuesdays (con't)</u> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts <u>Wednesdays</u> 10:00 am FUEL 11:00 am Ann's Closet (1st & 3rd) 5:30 pm Soccer Practice 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm N A	<u>Thursdays</u> 5:00 pm Soccer Practice 7:30 pm N A <u>Fridays</u> 6:30 pm Sea Scouts <u>Saturdays</u> 6:00 pm N A
<u>Mondays</u> 6:00 pm Choir Practice		
<u>Tuesdays</u> 10:00 am Morning Bible Study 5:00 pm Soccer Practice		

THIS WEEK at ST. B:

Wednesday, March 4: FUEL at 10:00 am **AND** Ann's Closet from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, March 8: Daylight Savings Time begins
 Additionally on Sunday, March 8: UWF Unit Call to Prayer at 1:30 pm
 Tuesday, March 10: Anne Doris Circle Meeting at 10:30 am

PLEASE NOTE:

Daily Devotional Cards for Lent are here. Get with Pastor Corrie to obtain a copy..

Sunday, March 15: UMCOR Sunday

We will begin collecting for the purchase of Easter Lily Memorials & Remembrances on March 15th and will continue until Palm Sunday, March 29th. White purchase order slips will be located at both entrances to the Sanctuary on that day.

Our 2nd Annual Spring Market will be held on May 2nd from 10:00 am-4:00 pm and the vendor application is now live on our Facebook page. Please take a moment to see what's posted then share the flyer, the QR code and link with all of your friends and neighbors. Please contact Margaret Fisher or Tiffany Julian with any questions.

Upper Room: Pickup a copy, at either Sanctuary entrance, to guide your daily devotional.

Attendance: Please fill out the attendance pad at the end of your pew.



Growing disciples of Christ for the transformation of our community.



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PRELUDE *Timeless One* Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE IN OUR FAITH Liturgist, Sarah Clark

GREETING:

L: Tell me something good!

P: God loves you more than you could imagine.

L: Tell me something good!

P: God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

L: Tell me something good!

P: God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

L: This is good news indeed!

P: Let us worship our compassionate God.

*HYMN *Lamb of God* TFWS 2113

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Please see insert

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Good news God, speak louder than the news updates. Speak louder than our mental distractions. Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear. God, speak loudly to us today, because we long to hear your good news once more. With hope we pray, amen.

*SCRIPTURE READING Luke 7:36-50
Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

HYMN *I Come With My Devotion* Please see insert

*SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:35-40
Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

SERMON Rev. Corrie Alexander-Willette

OFFERTORY *Lord of the Dance* UMH 261

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Please see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION Please see insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Please see insert

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Please see insert

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

*HYMN *In Remembrance of Me* TFWS 2254

*SENDING FORTH

As you leave this place, when you meet anger, speak with love. When you meet fear, speak with hope. When you meet pain, speak with gentleness. But no matter what, speak this good news. For the good news of the gospel is love and justice for all. It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms. The good news of the gospel is alive in the world, so go forth speaking. For if you won't, then who will? Thanks be to God for this good, good news. Amen.

*POSTLUDE *Blessed Assurance* UMH 369

Arrangements: Prelude by Phillip Kevern; 2nd Hymn Words by Anna Strickland
Liturgy by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org
***Please stand as you're able in body or spirit**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Family of faith, we long to love others as God loves us, but that work is easier said than done. We lose our way. We become distracted. We grow fearful. We need God's grace. Fortunately for us, God's grace is freely and abundantly given. So join me in the Prayer of Confession. Join me in being transformed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat? Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? Did we see you alone and offer you compassion? Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes? Did we come up with every excuse in the book? God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them. But we must admit, we have a long way to go. Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

L: Faith family, even when we act with judgment, even when we are guided by fear, even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need, God does not turn God's back on us. So join me in this good-news declaration:

**P: We are seen. We are forgiven. We are invited to try again.
Thanks be to God for this unending love.**



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

I have seen it alive in the world.

And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with Nonviolence. I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

I Come With My Devotion

ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6 D ("O Jesus I Have Promised")

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Arthur H. Mann (1881)



I come with my de - vo - tion to love and serve
I hear my Sa - vior's call - ing to serve the lost
God made us in God's im - age each per - son whom



my God Whose lov - ing cos - mos formed me
and least The hun - gry and im - pris - oned,
we meet Ex - tra - va - gant - ly lov - ing



be - fore I e - ver sought The glo - ry of the
the bro - ken ones like me For in each act of
all of hu - man - i - ty So I'll re - turn the



hea - vens or praise on earth be - low So ev - ery
kind - ness it's Christ for whom we care All wor - thy
love which has formed me from the start — Lov - ing



gift I have now I lay be - fore the throne
of our love — since it's God's face we bear
my cre - a - tor, my - self, and ev - ery heart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus of Nazareth, your love for this world is so strong. It's like a jar of perfume broken in a crowded room—it permeates everything it touches.

God, we long to love like that. We long to love you with the same extravagant abundance that the woman with the alabaster jar displayed. However, we often get in our own way.

Holy God, today we pray: when it comes to our neighbors, give us eyes to see as you see. Give us hands to serve as you serve. Give us arms to hold. Give us feet to journey alongside. Give us hearts of compassion, just like yours.

In particular, today we pray for. . .

God, our love does not stop with our neighbor. We also long to love you. So when we pass a field of purple, remind us to say thank you.

When we hear the sound of laughter, remind us that there is good in this world. When music or birdsong moves our soul, remind us that you are always present with us.

In all of these moments, turn our hearts toward you. May we be the next ones to love boldly, to sing praise, to say thank you.

With gratitude for the woman and her alabaster jar, we pray together using the words your son taught us to pray, saying. . .