

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

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**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>Thursdays</u> 5:00 pm Soccer Practice 7:30 pm N A
<u>Mondays</u> 6:00 pm Choir Practice	<u>Wednesdays</u> 10:00 am FUEL 11:00 am Ann's Closet (1st & 3rd)	<u>Fridays</u> 6:30 pm Sea Scouts
<u>Tuesdays</u> 10:00 am Morning Bible Study 5:00 pm Soccer Practice	5:30 pm Soccer Practice 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm N A	<u>Saturdays</u> 6:00 pm N A

**THIS WEEK at ST. B:**

**TODAY:** UMCOR Offering

**ALSO TODAY:** UWF Unit Call to Prayer at 1:30 pm

Wednesday, March 18: Ann's Closet 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. No FUEL this week due to Spring Break.

Thursday, March 19: BINGO at 10:30 am

Friday, March 20: Family Game Night at 6:00 pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Daily Devotional Cards for Lent have arrived. Get with Pastor Corrie to obtain your set.

**Today we will begin collecting for Easter Lilies in Memorials/ Remembrances of our loved ones. White Easter Lily purchase slips can be found at both entrances to the Sanctuary.**

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, held this year on April 4th at 10:00 am, is fast approaching and we need bite-sized candy and/or PRE-FILLED eggs. Your donations of these items are greatly appreciated. Come join us for the hunt; you're sure to enjoy all the smiles and laughter.

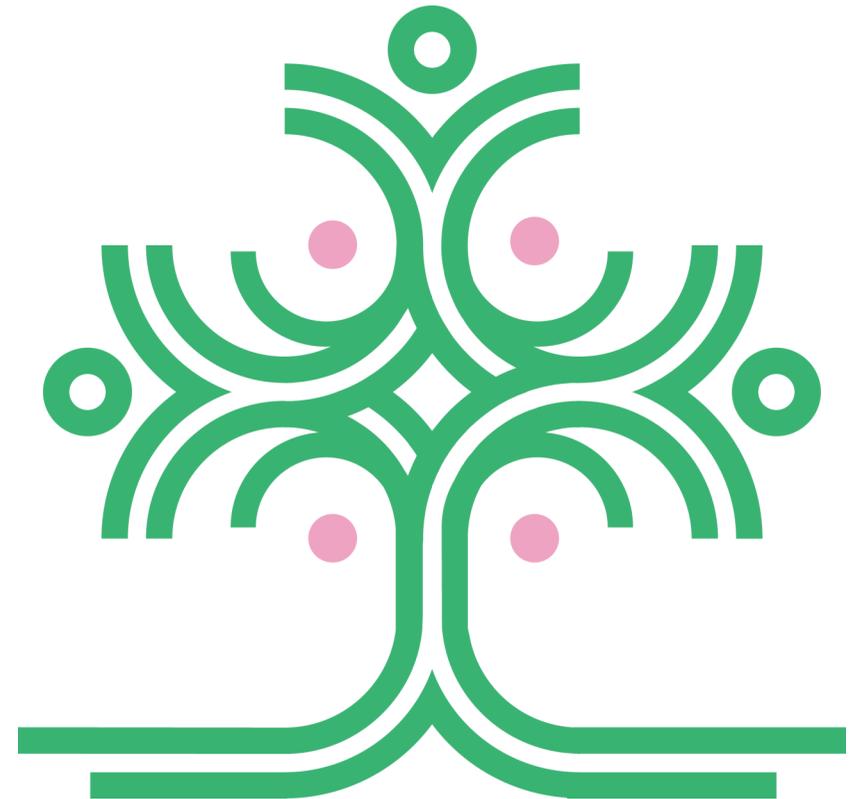
Our 2nd Annual Spring Market will be held on May 2nd from 10:00 am-4:00 pm and the vendor application is now live on our Facebook page. Please take a moment to see what's posted then share the flyer, the QR code and link with all of your friends and neighbors. Please contact Margaret Fisher or Tiffany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



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PRELUDE *What Wonderous Love Is This Medley* Chancel Choir

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

GREETING:

L: God loves the field mouse.

**P: God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.**

L: God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

**P: God loves the child who rocks and claps.**

L: God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

**P: God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.**

L: God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

**P: God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.**

L: God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

**P: There is no bit of creation that God does not love.**

L: So let us worship this good-news God!

**P: Amen.**

\*HYMN *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Please see insert

\*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, sometimes the simplest of your commands are the hardest for us to hear. You say, "Love your enemy." "Turn the other cheek." "Care for the widow and the orphan." And we want to know: How? When? Where? Today as we turn to your word, open up space in us to simply hear your truth for what it is. Open up space in our hearts to dream new dreams, to imagine new realities, to draw closer to you and closer to love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we listen, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING  
Deuteronomy 24:17-22  
Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

HYMN *See the Precious Children* Please see insert

\*SCRIPTURE READING  
Matthew 19:13-15  
Word of God for the People of God  
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SERMON Rev. Corrie Alexander-Willette

OFFERTORY *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands* UMH 273

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Please see insert

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

\*HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451

\*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 *Savior, Like a Sheperd Lead Us* UMH 381

Arrangements: Prelude by Kris Crunk  
Liturgy by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org  
**\*Please stand as you're able in body or spirit**



### **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.

# See the Precious Children

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D (“As We Gather at Your Table”)

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: B. F. White (1844)



See the pre-cious chil-dren seat-ed on the lap of Christ our Lord  
See the pre-cious wi-dowed wo-men glean-ing har-vests from the field  
See the pre-cious for-eign stran-gers as they car-ry all they own  
See the pre-cious dis-poss-essed ones ask-ing for some food to eat  
See the pre-cious world im-pov-erished by our ma-lice and our greed



Called the great-est in the king-dom, held so gent-ly and a-dored They  
Then re-turn-ing to their kit-chen to pre-pare their dai-ly meal They  
To a land that's full of dan-gers for the pow-er-less and prone They  
Sleep-ing un-der star-ry heav-ens, dai-ly liv-ing on the streets They  
Hu-mans, a-ni-mals, and pla-net cry-ing out for some re-lief We're



are pre-cious in the sight of God who made each ti-ny toe In their  
are pre-cious in the sight of God who holds their bro-ken hearts In their  
are pre-cious in the sight of God who made their home-land, too In their  
are pre-cious in the sight of God who loves them as a child In their  
all pre-cious in the sight of God who made each ho-ly thing In our



weak-ness they're held by love as each day they learn and grow  
sor-row they're held by love that re-deems each fra-gile part  
jour-ney they're held by love as they start each day a-new  
hun-ger they're held by love as they guard their hu-man pride  
liv-ing we're held by love as we care for ev-ery being

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus of Nazareth, you loved without abandon. You loved your disciples, with their questions and their bumbling mistakes. You loved the children, with their runny noses and their easy joy. You loved the widows and the immigrants, with their heartbreak and their dreams for a better tomorrow. You loved the tax collectors and the outcasts, with their hands open to their neighbors. You loved like it was easy. And my goodness, do we wish that we were more like that.

So today, we lift up the vulnerable in our community—the ones you loved so quickly. Feel free to edit and add onto this list to lift up the vulnerable in your own community, keeping in mind any current events.

Today we pray for the immigrants in our land—for those running from fear, longing to give their children a better life. Today we pray for single parents, who stretch themselves thin to be all things for the little ones they love.

Today we pray for those living below the poverty line, for those who are unsure where their next meal will come from. Today we pray for those who live in fear due to the color of their skin, the way that they dress, or the person that they love. Today we pray for those who are bent over by the weight of depression, anxiety, or addiction.

We could go on and on, God, but we know that you see each of us. So draw near to your children.

Wrap your arms around the vulnerable, the weary, the grief-filled. Comfort, O comfort your people. Wrap your arms around us.

And as you do, we ask that we might be transformed. As you do, we ask that we might bend toward love and move toward compassion. As you do, we ask that you might soften our hearts. Until your promised day, when all are cared for and seen, this will be our prayer.

In hope, we now join our voices together to pray the words your son taught us to pray, saying. . .