

has blessed us abundantly, and that we are to be a blessing to the world. In the very act of giving, in every act of bestowing blessings on another, we find that we are blessed yet again. I encourage you now to enter fully into this amazing cycle of blessing.

Doxology.....#95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,  
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer

**Holy One, our light and our salvation, the stronghold of our lives, accept these gifts as a token of our commitment to walk in your ways. Amen.**

Closing Hymn.....In the Cross of Christ I Glory.....#295  
vs 1-4

Benediction

Brothers and sisters, stand firm in Christ. Trust God's promises in all things and take shelter in the Spirit's loving arms in times of trouble. Go in peace, to love and serve the world. **Amen.**

Bell Benediction.....Jesus, Lover of My Soul.....

Postlude

**10:00 am Worship Today**

- + Preaching: Pastor Maribel Celiz
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- + Liturgist: Desha Pulkrabek
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LIVE *and* LOVE

like JESUS

EVERYDAY. EVERYWHERE. EVERYONE.

# 10:00 am Worship

March 13, 2022

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While others still slept, He went away to pray and to renew His strength in communion with His Father. He had need of this, otherwise He would not have been ready for the new day. The holy work of delivering souls demands constant renewal through fellowship with God. – Andrew Murray

Prelude

Gathering & Announcements

Bell Introit.....Everlasting God.....

Centering Words

The Holy One is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Call to Worship

The Holy One calls us to trust and pray.

**God is our light and salvation, the stronghold of our lives.**

The Holy One calls us to take courage, as we travel the path with Jesus.

**Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us on our journeys.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Behold the beauty of the Holy One, and bless God's holy name.**

Opening Prayer

**Life giving lover of all nations, you promised Abraham and Sarah That their descendants would be more plentiful than all the stars in the night sky. You made a covenant to guide them throughout the ages. Just as you guided our ancestors in faith, guide us here today, and teach us your ways. Help us remember the ancient stories, even as we place our trust in you and exalt your name. Bless us as we follow the path that leads us to the cross with Jesus. Amen.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

As forgiven and beloved children, let us share signs of peace with one another.

**The peace of Christ be with you always.**

Opening Hymn.....Great Is Thy Faithfulness.....#140

Scripture Reading from Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Joys & Concerns

Prayer/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.**

Moment with Children

Bell Anthem.....Fairest Lord Jesus.....

Hymn.....Children of the Heavenly Father.....#141

Scripture Reading from Luke 13:31-35

Sermon.....A Funeral for "I Can'ts".....

Affirmation of Faith

(Apostles Creed)

**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**

Invitation to the Offering/Passing the Offering Plate

Through this invitation to share our gifts, we acknowledge that God

## Prayer & Fasting Sign Up

I am inviting our members to join me on a month of prayer and fasting. Each day someone will be covering us in prayer. Please sign your name on the day you will be praying for our church ministry and for healing.

March 1 Wava Austin– Mary Ellen Findlay

March 2 Diane Abendroth

March 3 \_\_\_\_\_

March 4 Midge Gill

March 5 Eileen Slak

March 6 Karen Albrecht—Ardys Hathaway

March 7 \_\_\_\_\_

March 8 Mary Ellen Findlay

March 9 Diane Abendroth

March 10 \_\_\_\_\_

March 11 Midge Gill– Bob Cheek– Donna Stafford

March 12 Ardys Hathaway– Peter Jacobs

March 13 Bob Cheek

March 14 \_\_\_\_\_

March 15 Mary Ellen Findlay

March 16 Diane Abendroth– Cathy Horton

March 17 \_\_\_\_\_

March 18 Midge Gill –Ardys Hathaway

March 19 \_\_\_\_\_

March 20 \_\_\_\_\_

March 21 \_\_\_\_\_

March 22 Mary Ellen Findlay

March 23 Deb Frederick

March 24 \_\_\_\_\_

March 25 Midge Gill

March 26 \_\_\_\_\_

March 27 Wava Austin

March 28 Kristi Schroeder-Kraus

March 29 Mary Ellen Findlay

March 30 \_\_\_\_\_

March 31 \_\_\_\_\_

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me...Restore me to the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. (Psalm 51:10,12)*

Revival begins in the individual's heart. Let it begin with you on your face alone before God. Turn from every sin that might hinder. Renew yourself to a new devotion to the Savior.

*- Lee Roberson*

### Let us pray:

For new revival in our church

Restoration of our faith

For the healing of a love one

Children's ministry

Youth

Teachers and volunteers

Community/ USA/ The world

Safety

Thank you all for your participation. Praying together for a renewal will strengthen our church ministry and it will encourage and equip us toward a deeper walk with Jesus Christ.

# SHARING THE BEAUTY OF EASTER

Each year at Easter time we give you the opportunity to help us decorate the Sanctuary with Easter lilies, yellow daffodils, red tulips or purple mums. The flowers are always beautiful and the effect is wonderful. We appreciate your commitment to making our Easter celebration something special.

Again, this year we've decided to give you the opportunity to not only help us decorate for Easter but also to make a difference for someone in our community.

We would like to offer the opportunity to purchase a beautiful flower through the Church. We will be ordering them from Humphrey Floral. **See order form on back for cost of flowers.**

In order to make this something that isn't just about us...we would like to encourage you to make a donation of an **additional \$2.00** (or any additional amount) for each flower you order. This additional contribution will be given to the Fort Food Pantry.

You can still make your contribution in honor or memory of someone you love and all donations will be acknowledged in our Easter Sunday bulletin insert. Please fill out the form on the other side of this sheet and drop it in the offering plate or return it to the office if you are interested in helping us decorate with Easter flowers and make a contribution to care about a needy family.

Easter flowers may be taken home after the Easter Sunday Service.

**Make your check payable to FUMC**  
**Please write "Easter Flower" in the memo area.**

**Last chance to order will be April 10th**

Please indicate your flower choice by marking below:

Easter Lily \_\_\_\_\_ @ **20.00** each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Purple Mum \_\_\_\_\_ @ **18.00** each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yellow Daffodil \_\_\_\_\_ @ **18.00** each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Red Tulip \_\_\_\_\_ @ **16.00** each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fort Food Pantry Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total donation to this Easter Flower project will be \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to bring in a plant that I will purchase.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**First United Methodist Church**  
**Announcements in Brief**  
March 13, 2022

**Announcements:**

**+Spiritual Renewal & Prayer:** Our church will begin a time of spiritual renewal and prayer every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. to pray together. So if you are tired, stressed out, or just need some time with God, join us every Thursday at 6:30 pm for a refreshing time with God and God's blessings.

**+Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:** Our church is scheduled to staff the Food Pantry during the month of April. You can sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B48AEA72CA5FE3-food1>

Or you can email [office@fortmethodist.org](mailto:office@fortmethodist.org) or call the church office at 920.563.4903 and Eileen will be happy to help you sign up.

**+Education Scholarships:** There are scholarships available for High School Seniors who plan to attend school full-time in the fall. There are also scholarships available for adults who plan to return to school to continue their education. Application deadline is May 1st. Please contact the church office for more information or to get an application. The application is also available on the church website [www.fortmethodist.org](http://www.fortmethodist.org).

**Thursday Spiritual Renewal & Prayer**

Every Thursday  
6:30 p.m. In the Sanctuary .

**Lord, We Lift Our PRAYERS To You!**

For our members & friends...

God has called us to support each other in prayer and so each week we list members and friends from our fellowship so we can all pray for them.



Saul Arellano  
Robert Jackson  
Connor Sharlow

Jose Daniel Encarnacion  
Vaida Moritz  
Luke Walsh

**Prayer Concerns & Celebrations...**

Concerns & celebrations that have been shared with us:

**Prayer Concerns & Celebrations:**

Bernice Neff—In Hospice Care  
Eduardo – More Testing/Waiting Results  
Dave Stedman—Recovering from a Fall  
Cheryl Dobson—Recovering from Surgery  
The Stan Koch Family—Tony passed away  
Gail—Open Heart Surgery End of March  
Eileen—Recurring Infection  
The People of Ukraine  
For Us to Remember all things are possible with God (Matthew 19:26)

Please write your prayer concerns on the back of the Communication Card that you will find in the bulletin. Place the Card in the offering plate. We will begin praying for your concern on Monday.

If you would like to be part of our e-prayer chain please make the request on the Communication Card or email [office@fortmethodist.org](mailto:office@fortmethodist.org) and you will be added to the list of emails receiving the prayer concerns.