

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COMMERCE, TEXAS
February 14, 2024

The Summer Day
by Mary Oliver

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!
Store Up

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

Matthew 6:19-21 (NRSV)

Confession (from Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love! Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion! Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin.... Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me! Please don't throw me out of your presence; please don't take your holy spirit away from me. Return the joy of your salvation to me and sustain me with a willing spirit.... Lord, open my lips and my mouth will proclaim your praise.... A broken spirit is my sacrifice, God. You won't despise a heart that is broken and crushed.

[Silence]

Assurance "On Eagles' Wings" UMH 143

The Word Uplifts Matthew 6:1-6

* Hymn "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" UMH 269

Building Up: An Ash Wednesday Ritual

[You are invited to come up and receive ashes on your forehead and spend time at the altar in prayer.]

Closing "Take Up Thy Cross" UMH 415
*You are invited to stand.

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean –
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down –
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
With your one wild and precious life?

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Worship Leaders
Cheryl Murray, Pastor
John Burkett, Organist
Jim Patton, Reader

Upcoming Activities

- February 15-M&M meets from 3:45-5:30pm
- February 18-Worship at 10am
- February 19-Finance at 6pm
- February 20-Men's Breakfast Group at 8am
- February 20-Women's Study Group at 5:15pm
- February 21-Little Ark Chapel at 11am
- February 21-Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
- February 21-Choir rehearsal at 7pm
- February 22-Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30am
- February 22-M&M meets at 3:45-5:30pm

Ministers
Pastor
Financial Secretary
Office and Communications
Children/Youth Director
Children's Music Director
Little Ark Director
Choir Director
Organist
Custodians

All Members of the Congregation
Rev. Cheryl Murray
Mariann Andrews
Sharon Duncan
Ashlyn Woods
Meagan Jones
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Ash Wednesday Service



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