

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Commerce, Texas  
February 25, 2024

**Second Sunday of Lent**

*Gathering Up*

Prelude "Toccata" M. Monnikendam  
Welcome & Announcements Rev. Cheryl Murray, Pastor  
[You are invited to sign our attendance register. Fill out your contact information to receive emails about activities going on in the church.]  
Presentation of Flags Boy Scout Troop 6027  
Enter with Acolytes Kayden Blake  
Call to Worship "Hail the Power"  
Opening Prayer Pastor Cheryl

*We Acknowledge What's Up*

\* WORDS OF WORSHIP Excerpts from Psalm 22  
Leader: Here's the story I'll tell my friends when they come to worship, and punctuate it with Hallelujahs:  
**All: Shout Hallelujah, you God-worshippers; give glory, you sons of Jacob; adore him, you daughters of Israel.**  
Leader: God did not hide God's face from me but heard when I cried out.  
**All: Here in this great gathering for worship I have discovered this praise-life.**  
Leader: Our children and their children will get in on this as the word is passed along from parent to child.  
**All: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek God shall praise the Lord!**

\* Hymn "On Eagles' Wings" UMH 143  
\* **Passing the Peace** Peace be with you. **And also with you.**  
[You are invited to greet the people sitting near you in the name of Jesus Christ.]

*Filling Up*

What's Up with the Children? Pastor Cheryl  
\* Anthem "Softly and Tenderly" W.Thompson  
Scripture Mark 8:31-38 Carolyn Trezevant  
\* Hymn "Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me" UMH 415  
Message **Take Up** Pastor Cheryl

*Building Up*

PRAYERS  
Choral Call to Prayer "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer  
GIVING  
Invitation to Generosity  
Offertory "Elevation" from "Messe Basse" L. Vierne  
\*Doxology UMH 95  
\* Hymn "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" UMH 301

*Blessing for the Journey*

\* Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl  
\* Choral Benediction "Go Now and Live"  
Postlude "Postlude on 'Darwall'" H. Willan  
\*You are invited to stand.

**Worship Leaders**

Cheryl Murray Pastor  
Gene Lockhart, Choir Director  
John Burkett, Organist  
Dennis Andersson, Sound Tech  
Claire Floyd, Video Tech

Children's Sunday School meets in the Family Ministry Center after the Children's Moment during worship. The Friendship Class meets in the Friendship Classroom after worship. Everyone is invited.

Our February Mission of the Month benefits the local food pantries. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "Food Pantries" in the memo line) will benefit this mission. Scan the QR code to give online and select Mission of the Month.



The Serve team is collecting hats, gloves and socks for our blessing table neighbors. Look for a collection box in the gathering area.



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### Upcoming Activities

February 27-Men's Breakfast at 8am  
February 27-Women's Study Group at 3pm  
February 28-Little Ark Chapel at 11am  
February 28-Country Home Estates worship at 2pm  
February 28-Choir rehearsal at 7pm  
February 29-Music and More from 3:45-5:30pm  
February 29-Youth meets at 6pm



Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Pastor	Rev. Cheryl Murray
Office & Communications	Sharon Duncan
Financial Secretary	Mariann Andrews
Children/Youth Director	Ashlyn Woods
Children's Music Director	Meagan Jones
Little Ark Director	Jennifer Knight
Choir Director	Gene Lockhart
Organist	Dr. John Burkett
Custodians	Sandra & Fernanda Medrano

### Prayer List

- All who are affected by the war in Israel
- Family of Jerry Hutton
- Wyman Williams
- Rose Stapleton
- Mike King
- Stacy & John Arnold
- Richard Young
- Shealee Morgan
- Carlos Rickman
- Jack McDaniel
- Mike Smith
- Sgt. Kyle Ray Capps
- Bob Clark
- Kerry Clark
- Clarence Jensen
- Jack Kelly, Jill Grove's father
- Sam Elwell
- Vance Underhill
- Glenda Helton
- Rob Lee
- Rita Thompson
- Suzanne Kizer Carter
- Priscilla McFarland
- Michael Vickers, Ginny Haight's father
- Jack Gray
- Richard Stapleton, Al Stapleton's brother
- Tom Bailey
- Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Bill Heitholt
- Janet & Jim Payne, family of Becky Coker
- Manuel Harrison
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie Cortea
- Judy Cortea
- Harold & Becky Coker
- Mabel & Carl Little
- Brenda Mosley Longhoffer
- Robert Seay



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10:00am Sanctuary