

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Commerce, Texas
March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

GATHERING UP

Prelude "Prelude on 'Eventide'" C.H.H.Parry
Welcome & Announcements
[You are invited to sign our attendance register. Fill out your contact information to receive emails about activities going on in the church.]

Enter with Acolytes Kayden Blake

Choral Call to Worship "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

* Hymn "There's Within My Heart a Melody" UMH 380

* **CONFESSION** Excerpts from Psalm 51

Leader: Lift up your heads! Look, listen, reach out a hand.
Who are your neighbors on this road?

People: We lift our heads and look to our Savior who journeys with us and helps us notice our neighbors all around us.

Leader: This is the Lenten journey – to learn to love God and love our neighbors just as Jesus showed us.

People: Our journey teaches us to lose our lives to God as we find and follow Christ in our service to others.

Leader: Put a new and right spirit within us, O Lord, that we may leave our failings behind and embrace the glory of our salvation.

People: Come, let us worship! Amen.

* **WORDS OF ASSURANCE** Pastor Cheryl

Leader: The One who engraves our hearts is faithful, remembering our sins no more. You are loved and accepted, for it is written within by our gracious God.

* 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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Cheryl

ANTHEM "Hosanna to the King" C. Courtney

SCRIPTURE John 12:20-33 Carolyn Trezevant

MESSAGE **Lift Up** Pastor Cheryl

BUILDING UP

CALL TO PRAYER "Lord Teach Me How"

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory "Evening Song" R. Schumann

*Doxology UMH 95

* Hymn "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" UMH 340

BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

* Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl

* Choral Benediction "God Be With You"

Postlude "March" from "Judas Maccabaeus" G.F.Handel

*You are invited to stand.

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Murray, Pastor
Gene Lockhart, Choir Director
John Burkett, Organist
J.M. Dempsey, 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.

Church Workday Update

March 23rd 9-noon

Looking for 4-5 hearty volunteers who can climb a ladder or handle a shovel. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, contact Dick Latson at 903-456-4328.

Our March Mission of the Month benefits the North Texas Food Bank. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "NTFB" in the memo line) will benefit this mission. Scan the QR code to give online and select Mission of the Month.



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Upcoming Activities

March 19- Men's Breakfast Group at 8:00 am
March 20- Little Ark Chapel at 11am
March 20- Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
March 20- Choir rehearsal at 7pm
March 21- Prayer Shawl crafting at 9:30am
March 21- M&M from 3:45-5:30pm
March 23- Church Workday from 9:00am to noon
March 23- Funeral for Tom Bailey at 2:00pm
March 24- Palm Sunday Youth-led service, Easter Egg hunt and pastries following worship

If you are interested in volunteering to help with Sunday School or the nursery, please see Ashlyn.

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
- Those affected by the West Texas wildfires
- Family of Tom Bailey
- Betty Martin
- Diana Richards
- Clarence Jensen
- Anna Blohm
- Wyman Williams
- Rose Stapleton
- Mike King
- Stacy & John Arnold
- Richard Young
- Carlos Rickman
- Jack McDaniel
- Mike Smith
- Bob Clark
- Kerry Clark
- 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
- 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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**March 17, 2024
10:00am Sanctuary**