

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are here. To all who need comfort; all who need friendship; all who are lonely and need companionship; all who want sheltering love, all who sin and need a Savior; and whosoever will —we open wide our doors and say, "Come; let us worship together."

10:15am Sunday Worship

March 21, 2021

5th Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE Vivian Eaton THE SIXTH WORDS FROM THE CROSS (Insert or Screen)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.
- Here in this place
- Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.
- We are the children of the living God. P:
- Together, let us worship the Lord of Love! **A**:

HYMN #157

"Jesus Shall Reign"

(Insert or Screen)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

O God of our Hearts, you yearn to be so close to us that we can know you in every breath, in every hope, in every relationship. Meet us here today and teach us to recognize the covenant of justice, peace and love you have written on our hearts. So may our desires become your desires, our work become your work, and our community the place where you are sought and found. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Insert or Screen)

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV) GOSPEL LESSON (Please Rise) John 12:24-26(CEB)

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God!

HYMN #297 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (Insert or Screen)

MESSAGE:

"Devine Power"

Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS (Text Pastor Dave at 224-600-0446) PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER (Insert or Screen)

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert or Screen)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

God of Compassion, when we failed to keep your commandments and rebelled against that which would bring peace and joy to our lives, your love was so great that you offered us a new covenant – not written on tablets, but in our hearts. In our giving, and in all our offerings, may it be our lives, our love and devotion that we bring to your alter. May we remember in our giving that you loved us so much that the sacrifice of your Son on the cross for us was not too great a cost. Our gifts are meager in comparison, but let them remind us of what you gave first. In Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

HYMN #396 "O Jesus, I have Promised" (Insert or Screen)

BENEDICTION

God will write a new covenant on our hearts God will be our God and we will be God's people No longer shall we teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord."

For we shall all know God.

POSTLUDE

Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Burt Dauphin, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Claire Winterburn, Billy David. Dee Helle, Chris Falk, Patty Nevills, Jodi French, Libby, Dr. Dan, Suzanne and Adam Woods, Dawn Barber, Kathy Hamilton, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill, Family of Lois Grove, Bob Grissinger, Matthew Foltz, Keith Brown. Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm, Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman.

Our country and government West Carroll Schools

You can also find our pre-recorded online service on our Church Website. www.firstumcsavanna.org Call 815-599-1307 to hear our latest sermon. Tune into FM 88.9 for Drive in worship service.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March

22 – Patrick Holcomb, Tim Thulen

26 – Don Kramer, Rex Kreuder

Calender

Monday, March 22

9 am Yoga

1 pm Sewing Ladies 1:15 pm SPRC meeting

Tuesday, March 23

6:30 pm Virtual Prayer

Wednesday, March 24

6:30 pm Virtual Lenten Devotion #6

Thursday, March 25

9 am Bible Study

9 am Yoga

Saturday, March 27

2 pm Infant Baptism Class

Sunday, March 28

9 am Adult Sunday School

10:15 am Worship Hybrid Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. We welcome all visitors to our Worship time today. We are glad you are here. Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors. We are the people of the United Methodist Church.
- 2. Friendly reminder: Rhonda Law you are the counter(s) for next week. The verifier is Melinda Dykema. Thank you!
- 3. We are continuing hybrid service. We can have up to 50 people inside. If you are not comfortable with coming inside you can still do drive in service. Please, tune radio to station FM 88.9, or call 815-599-1307 to hear the latest sermon. We will also have our service available on our website.
- 4. Worship helpers for March 28th service: Inside: Liturgist – DeeAnn Kramer, Usher – Bob Grissinger,

Bulletins – Jackie Walker, Ann Larsen,

Temps – LaVona Grissinger, Acolyte –

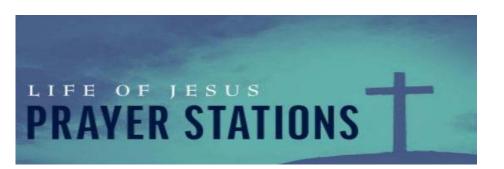
Attendance - Mary Irons, Audio - Chris Falk,

Kris Yingling

Outside: Molly Andersen, Pam Darrow,

Susan Michelle Jepsen, Esther Losh

- 5. Sunday, March 28th there will be audio and computer training immediately following service for Rhonda Badtke, Kay Cavanagh, Chris Falk and Kris Yingling.
- 6. LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 15 inside and 34 outside.
- 7. Food pantry update: Items they need at this time are: cereal and juice and cake mix. Please drop off your donations in the big wooden box in the narthex.
 - Blessing Basket: C & D batteries, paper towels. Monetary donations are always welcome! Thank you!
- 8. Please get your Easter flower order in. Must have orders and payment by Monday, March 22nd.
- 9. All three local schools are hosting proms this year! Check your closets or check with friends to see if anyone has a dress they would like to donate to the Thrift store. 1st prom is WC on 4/24, Chadwick/Milledgeville is 5/1 and Eastland is 5/8. Can pick up any donations, Contact Nancy Sweitzer at 815-622-8132. Thank You!
- 10. Infant Baptism class, Saturday, March 27th at 2 pm. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Dave.
- 11. Yoga class has resumed for anyone interested. Every Monday and Thursday at 9 am in the fellowship hall. Masks and social distancing are required during the class.



Maundy Thursday Service

4/1, Thursday at 6:30pm
Prayer Stations, Hymns, Communion
Please, join us!

OUTREACH TEAM



Soup & Sandwich To go Lunch

Sunday, April 18th
Following the church service
Curb-side pick up in the parking lot

FREE WILL DONATION

Proceeds will go towards mission projects
Serving soup, sandwich, chips and dessert

See you there!





First United
Methodist Church
Sunday, 10:15 am
March 21, 2021

Vision 2021 – "Love God!"

Inward Focused Ministry during Pandemic (to build up strong and vital church) Strong in Worship, Strong in Fellowship, Strong in Resources

> "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9)

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