

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 11, 2018

8:15 A.M. — 10:30 A.M.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

### WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation  
Pastor – Mark Chow

#### GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

GATHERING MUSIC Tony Merry  
CALL TO WORSHIP  
PRELUDE "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed" M. Sobaje  
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES  
\*OPENING HYMN 98 "To God Be the Glory"  
CHORAL ANTHEM "Give Me Jesus" R. E. Schram  
*Grace Chancel Choir*  
CHILDREN'S MOMENT Cassie Burriss  
*(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)*

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE John 3:14-21  
MESSAGE Pastor Mark Chow

#### RECOVERY

LIVING THE CALL: REPENT AND CONTINUE IN RECOVERY  
*(Gaze upon a picture of Christ on the Cross. Prayerfully consider what habit or practice continues to put Jesus on the cross and one way God is working in your life to free you of that habit.)*

RESPONSE 298 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Todd Sands  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We are still in the wilderness. We are learning the way and getting better at following. So now we're even more aware of how much more we have to learn and how much farther we have to travel to keep up and keep keeping us, with where Jesus leads. And so we pray:

**Forgive us where we go astray and keep us on the path of life.**

Because we know or know of people still kept in poverty or slavery, some in fear from abusers, terrorists, and oppressors, some facing addiction, and some targeted for unjust treatment because of who they are; and we now see how our own actions or inaction leave things as they are, or make them worse;

**Forgive us where we go astray and keep us on the path of life.**

With those among us and those around us who are leaders in religious, political, economic and

social life; with our families, friends, and neighbors; and with all who sustain and protect our lives as military, civilian workers, and first responders;

**Forgive us where we go astray and keep us on the path of life.**

With all who need your healing power and all who offer healing through their skill and presence;

**Forgive us where we go astray and keep us on the path of life.**

With all creatures with whom we share this planet, those who sustain our lives, and those who threaten us, those whose lives we sustain and those whose lives we threaten;

**Forgive us where we go astray and keep us on the path of life.**

With Jesus and all of his disciples from generation to generation: we pray together:

THE 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.**

Receive the prayers of your people, most merciful God. In your compassion, forgive our sins, encourage us in the work you are already doing to free us and keep us faithful to our journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence*

In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

**Glory to God! Amen!**

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

Forgiven, yet aware of how far we all still need to grow, let us offer the peace of Christ to one another and our gifts to God.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR TITHES TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Contemplation on 'Take My Life'" D. Janzer

\*DOXOLOGY 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**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.**

\*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

**GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE**

\*CLOSING HYMN 297 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

SENDING FORTH

We're still in the wilderness. But we're in recovery. We know we're still broken but we also know we're getting better, more loving, more just, more like Jesus. Jesus is in us. The Spirit is moving among us and driving us out of here to keep living in the recovery God is working among us. Go in peace and restoring power of our Triune God. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Praeludium"

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ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 19

Worship – 17, 71

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

March 11 Kate Adams, David Burris, Heidi Schiele  
March 13 Lorri Havens  
March 15 Heather Dolen, Allison Hansel, Tyler Miller  
March 16 Courtney Jones, Hannah Thompson  
March 17 Dani Kinsey, Carley Oldfield, Jaye Hayes

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

Sunday, March 11	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service – First UMC
Monday, March 12	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share – Parlor
Tuesday, March 13		
Wednesday, March 14	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, March 15	6:30 p.m.	Women's Book Study – Classroom
	6:30 p.m.	Trustees – Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Administrative Board – Classroom
Friday, March 16	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, March 17		
Sunday, March 18	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service – Faith UMC

**EASTER LILIES**

The Easter lilies will be ordered through the church office. The cost is \$10.00 each. If you wish to order a lily / lilies, please complete this form and return to the church by placing in the offering plate or mailing. The deadline for placing orders with payment is Sunday, **March 25**. You are encouraged to pick up your lily following the 10:30 a.m. Easter service.

\_\_\_\_\_ number of lilies \_\_\_\_\_ will pick up the next week

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

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

Given by \_\_\_\_\_



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**Fourth Sunday in Lent: Rehab**

During this Lenten Season, we continue to journey toward wholeness, healing and reconciliation. Rehab describes the process of spiritual restoration. Today, we celebrate what progress we have made in our recovery and we also acknowledge how far we still have to go in recognizing and addressing those sinful, destructive patterns of behavior that hold us back.

**FOOD DRIVE** — total received through 3/4 = \$6,532!!!!

**TONIGHT – Sunday, March 11** – 6:00 p.m. - Community Lenten Service at First UMC (Putnam)  
Rev. John Alice, Pastor at Rolling Plains UMC, will be preaching.

**NEXT Sunday, March 18** – 6:00 p.m. - Community Lenten Service at Faith UMC (Blue Ave.)  
Rev. Justin Williams (Coburn) and Rev. Steve Judson (Central Trinity) will bring the message.