

## Healing Service, March 3, 2019

\*Leader: *May the peace of Christ be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

\*Hymn ***There Is a Balm in Gilead***

UMH 375

*Leader: Why have we come? The reasons for coming are many. There's so much which is painful in our lives and in our world - so much in need of healing and wholeness. We gather in the midst of suffering to remember – to remember God is good. God is strong. God is near. We are not alone and we have every reason to hold on to hope.*

**People: No one is far from you, O God. We come together with heavy hearts – mindful of the burdens we carry, the hurts and sorrows we have. We come together in gladness – never forgetting God's love. We come together with praise – for each other and those who assist us on this journey. We call upon your power in the name of our Creator, Redeemer, and of the Holy Spirit.**

\*Hymns ***O God, Our Help in Ages Past*, vs. 1 and 4**  
***Spirit of the Living God***  
***Nothing Between*, vs. 1 and 3**

UMH 117

UMH 393

UMH 373

### ***Psalm 142, responsive reading***

*Leader: With full voice I cry to the Lord, with full voice I beseech the Lord, before God I pour out my complaint, lay bare my distress, my spirit is faint within me, but you know my path.*

**People: You, O Lord are my refuge.**

*Leader: Along the way I walk they have hidden a trap for me. I look to my right hand, but no friend is there. There is no escape for me; no one cares for me.*

**People: You, O Lord are my refuge.**

*Leader: I cry out to you, Lord, I say, You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living. Listen to my cry for help, for I am brought very low. Rescue me from my pursuers, for they are too strong for me.*

**People: You, O Lord are my refuge.**

*Leader: Lead me out of my prison, that I may give thanks to your name. Then the just shall gather around me because you have been good to me.*

**People: You, O Lord are my refuge.**

Anthem, *Prayer for Peace*, by Rentz, with Karen Farquer on flute

Message and Scripture, Rev. Matthew Meisenhelter

\*Hymns ***Jesus, Remember Me*** UMH 488  
***Have Thine Own Way, Lord*, vs. 1,3-4** UMH 382  
***Open My Eyes, That I May See*, vs. 1** UMH 454

Offering Prayer

Offertory *Wayfaring Stranger*, Men's Choir, 8:30

arr. Schrader

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*, Women in Song, 11:00

arr. Leavitt

*(bell tolled)*

*Leader: The bell represents our suffering and the suffering of the world. In the light of God's love, we claim God's gift of truth.*

*There is no need to hide or deny. God welcomes us as we are.*

**People: Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.**

*(Psalm 86:1)*

*(bell tolled)*

*Leader: This bell represents our suffering and the suffering of the world. In the light of God's love, we claim God's gift of lament.*

*We recognize our wounds and cry out to God.*

*We accept God's invitation to express every feeling and question.*

**People: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. (Psalm 22:1-2)**

*(bell tolled)*

*Leader: This bell represents our suffering and the suffering of the world. In the light of God's love, we claim God's gift of courage.*

*Courage to be honest, to seek help, to comfort one another.*

*Courage to dare to love and dream again.*

**People: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. (Psalm 28:7)**

*(bell tolled)*

*Leader: This bell represents our suffering and the suffering of the world. In the light of God's love, we claim God's gift of hope. God is good. God is strong. God is near, leading us to a day without tears and pain, without sin and death. Healing and deliverance are coming; if not now, then on that day.*

**People: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. (Psalm 65:5)**

\*Hymns *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, vs. 2-4      UMH 384  
*Something Beautiful*      UMH 394  
*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*, vs.1, 3-4      UMH 383

Prayer

### Holy Communion

(during communion)

Hymns *Amazing Grace*      UMH 378  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*      UMH 133

### Prayer of St. Patrick

People: Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ in us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us, Christ on our right, Christ on our left, Christ where we lie, Christ where we sit, Christ where we arise, Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of us, Christ in every eye that sees us, Christ in every ear that hears us. Salvation is of the Lord, Salvation is of the Christ, May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.

\*Hymn *Victory in Jesus*      UMH 370

### \*Benediction

Announcements

Hymnal Helps: UMH (red) United Methodist Hymnal - #s below 1000

TFWS (black) The Faith We Sing - #s above 2000, **Bold = Congregation** / \*Stand as you are able.

**Bishop Sharma D. Lewis** will hold an address titled "State of the Church: Where do we go from here?" on Monday, March 4, following the Special Session of General Conference. The event will be livestreamed at [www.livestream.com/vaumc/stateofthechurch](http://www.livestream.com/vaumc/stateofthechurch) from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., featuring an address by Bishop Lewis as well as time for questions and answers. The event footage will be archived at the same link for later viewing. Questions for this Q & A period may be sent to [wayforward@vaumc.org](mailto:wayforward@vaumc.org) prior to the event and during the event. For questions about the event, contact Director of Connectional Ministries, the Rev. Marc Brown at [MarcBrown@vaumc.org](mailto:MarcBrown@vaumc.org).

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**March 3, 2019**

**Welcome to Community United Methodist Church! If you are worshipping with us today as our guest, please stop by the Connection Table located to the left of the double exterior sanctuary doors. There you will find a small gift and a welcome packet. You will also be able to sign up for a name tag. We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us this morning!**

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## Announcements

**3/5** Everyone is invited to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This is another great annual UMM event. No need to sign up. Donations will be accepted.

**3/8 Community Crafters** will meet in the library at 10:00 a.m. The project focus will be conversation rocks. Call Carol Abbott, Judy Campbell, or Lyn McCandlish for details.

**3/10 Amending through Faith** an 8 week program designed to help men understand that "Domestic Violence" is a man's issue will be in the conference room at 6:30 p.m. Men can play a vital role in creating a community where all women and girls are valued and safe. Participant guides are available for \$10. Sign up on the UMM Bulletin Board.

**3/17 CUMC Business meeting** will be in the Social Hall. There will be three meetings at 9:30, 10:45 and 12:00.

**3/17 Confirmation registration** is at noon in the conference room. This is a preparation class for those age 12 and up, who desire to pursue a lifelong journey toward becoming faithful servants of Jesus Christ. Classes will be held 6:00p.m. Sunday evenings, with confirmands joining the church on Sunday, 5/12, Mother's Day. For more information, contact Jannette at 757-633-1843.

**Orchestra** All instrumentalists wishing to help with the Good Friday cantata, please contact Mary Letson at [maryletson@ymail.com](mailto:maryletson@ymail.com) for further information.

**ASP Easter Eggs**, raising funds for mission in Appalachia: we will be selling homemade Butter Cream and Peanut Butter Chocolate covered eggs; \$8 for 6 eggs, \$15 for 12 eggs. Orders will be taken March 24, 31 and April 7, and will be ready for pick up on 4/14.

**Thank You** - CUMC would like to extend a very special THANK YOU to the students of Mother's Day Out for their generous contributions to the CUMC food pantry in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school.

**The principle of the Mortgage Loan** is \$125,511.37.

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 <p>March 5 - Shrove Tuesday - Social Hall 5-7:00 p.m. Church Pancake Dinner</p> <p>March 6 - Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary</p> <p>March 17 - Confirmation Registration 12:00 p.m., Conference Room</p> <p>March 24 - Confirmation Classes begin 6:00 p.m., rm. 120</p> <p>April 14 - Palm Sunday, 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>April 15 - Stations of the Cross The Chapel - all week</p>	<p>April 18 - Holy Thursday, 5:30 p.m. Passover Seder* Social Hall - *reservations required, More info coming 7:00 p.m. - Service in Sanctuary</p> <p>April 19 - Good Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary open for Meditation until Cantata - Tapestry of Darkness, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>April 21 - EASTER!! - 6:45 a.m. - Sunrise Service - 7:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m., - Worshippers Bring flowers for the Cross - 9:40 Easter Party for children, beginning in the Social Hall ending with Easter Egg Hunt. - There will also be a hunt following the 11:00 service in the courtyard</p>
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**If you would like to contact our lay leaders** they are Melissa Dozier: [melatjmu@aol.com](mailto:melatjmu@aol.com), Jenn Harrison: [LularoeJenniferHarrison@gmail.com](mailto:LularoeJenniferHarrison@gmail.com), and John Lape: [jdlope@lapeweb.net](mailto:jdlope@lapeweb.net).

### Attendance for the week of 2/24/2019

Worship Attendance	412
Online Attendance	9
<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>421</u>
Sunday School	130

**THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM** is here for you. They assist with all kinds of needs including visiting sick members and shut-ins. Additionally, the team makes calls and sends occasional cards. Contact the Minister of Congregational Care, Jannette Clavez, at 757-633-1843, Laura Shaw at 757-362-4780, or the church office at 757-495-1021 to let us know how we can help you.