

March 22 – March 29, 2020
Let Us Pray....

Sunday: and thank God that He is sovereign. Pray that as we worship at home we will hear and receive the Word of God into our hearts and minds. Ask God to continue to remind us through His Word that He is trustworthy. He will never leave us nor forsake us and one day we will dwell with Him in the new heaven and the new earth. Pray for Parents as they teach their children the familiar stories found in the Bible. Ask God to encourage our youth as they stay in touch with leaders and each other through social media.

Monday: that as we read and study the Bible each day we will be encouraged as we learn the God has our names written on His hands. Pray for a spirit of cooperation as we are restricted from some of our normal activities. Pray for those whose weekly income has been affected by closures to have their needs met.

Tuesday: for the Men's Study Group as they suspend meeting until after the virus has run its course. Ask God to encourage these men in their walk of faith. Pray for the Staff that would normally meet this morning. Ask God to keep them safe from the virus. Pray for the Church Council that may be meeting tonight without actually being in the same room. Pray that this format will provide everyone the chance to participate. Pray for our Spanish speaking friends who will not be gathering for a meal and Bible study to be safe and well.

Wednesday: for the Women's Bible Study as they consider what to study next. Pray that they will use this time apart from one another to study on their own. Pray and intercede for those who have contracted the virus to receive the best treatment and experience healing. Pray for God's comfort for those who have lost loved ones. Pray for the Bell Choir and Director even though they are not meeting to know that they are a blessing during worship.

Thursday: for our Organist, Chancel Choir, Director, Praise & Worship Ensemble, and Leader as they suspend preparation for worship during the virus crisis. Pray they will know they are appreciated.

Friday: for those in authority over us from the Mayor to the President and all those in between that have input concerning what needs to be done in order to minimize the effects of the virus. Ask God to give them wisdom and pray that people will comply with restrictions.

Saturday: for those who are not working at this time because of closures to have their needs met. Pray for children at home because of school closures to be well cared for and fed. Pray for people with underlying conditions that make them more susceptible to the virus to be protected. Pray for medical personnel from physicians to maintenance workers to be safe and protected.

Sunday: and prepare our hearts and minds to worship God on this Sabbath. Pray that we will be fully engaged in the worship in which we choose to be engaged. Pray for Pastors as they adapt to new ways of doing worship.

Pray for our Pastor every day. Ask God to fill her with an unquenchable thirst for His Word and time alone with Him in prayer.

To place a request on the prayer chain, please call Diane Boyce 697-6020.



We invite you to join us this morning for Worship via Facebook Live or ZOOM. Zoom will provide you with the choice to call in to hear the service, as well as share prayer requests etc. You can enter the Zoom Worship Service using your computer (with microphone enabled), smart phone or cell phone or a regular land-line phone. To access via computer or smart phone click the hyper link below.

<https://zoom.us/j/915322293?pwd=d1pMbE1PWHFQUnpXanA0ZGFSbnM5QT09>

If you are using your landline or regular cell phone you will need to

1. Dial: 1 646 876 9923
2. Enter the Meeting ID: 915 322 293
3. Enter the Password: 520394

Prelude *Go to Dark Gethsemane* Organist: David E. Wilkins
Richard Redhead, England 1820-1901

Greeting – Announcements

We invite those joining us today via Facebook Live or Zoom make prayer requests and comments. Pastor Amy will read prayer requests and comments.

The Call to Worship¹ (Responsive)

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.
People: God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's good name.
 Reader: God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!
People: Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.

Call to Confession¹

As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord: to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil. Knowing that we turn from the light, we bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

Prayer of Confession¹ (Unison)

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

¹ Feasting on the Word

Declaration of Forgiveness¹

Pastor Amy D. Yarnall

The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

People: We will live as children of the light for Christ shines on us.

Special Music *Above All* Josh Bogus & Amy Kellen

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Lesson *Psalms 23* **UMH 754**

Gospel Lesson *John 9: 1-41* Pew Bible
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This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Forgiveness* Pastor Amy D. Yarnall

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Amy D. Yarnall

Offertory Prayer

Sharing of Our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *A Lenten Meditation* Organist: David E. Wilkins
Louis Lefebure Wely, France 1817-1869

† **Doxology** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross,* vs.1 **UMH 301**

SENDING FORTH TO SERVE

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Organist: David E. Wilkins
African-American spiritual, USA 19th century