

Sunday
March 11, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

John Cleveland



Plain print indicates worship leader.
Bold print indicates congregation.
**Indicates please stand as able.*

We are alive in Christ.
We love God,
we care for one another,
and we help people here
and around the world.

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

Call to Worship

All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord,
and all Your faithful shall bless You.

They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom
and tell of Your power.

Our Savior is under arrest,

**He stands facing His accusers, and the truth is questioned
by those who cling to power.**

It is scandalous,

and yet this Savior is the One we worship,
for in Him we find truth and Your Kingdom.

Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God of absolute truth and complete integrity, we see in every part of Jesus' life what authentic living really means. When He was angry, it was real and terrifying; when He was sad, He was not afraid to let the tears fall; when He was lonely, He asked His friends to stay with Him; when He was glad and full of life, He knew how to celebrate and worried not a jot if people thought it unseemly in a man of God. Never was he more real than in those last few weeks of His life, facing adulation and abuse; brutality from His enemies; broken promises from His friends. Never was He stronger than when all His power had been stripped away; never more dignified than when they tried to humiliate Him; never more authoritative than when He was hauled before the authorities to give account of Himself; and they found themselves making excuses to Him.



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Living God, His courage and integrity put us to shame. His inner strength is something we admire and long for. His self-composure was rooted in His relationship with You, His Father, with whom He was completely at one.

Gracious God, it is not so with us, but it could be, because that same Spirit which filled and empowered Him was His parting gift to us, to enable us to follow in His way and continue the work that He began.

Forgive us our fearfulness and hesitation, we pray. Fearful of forcing our beliefs on others, and being thought fanatical, we are reluctant to take a stand on anything; fearful of giving offense, we say nothing about what matters to us most; just plain scared, we do nothing, and wait for others to decide.

Forgive us not only our honest mistakes, but also our reluctance to try in case we get it wrong.

Forgive us not only the stupid, thoughtless things we sometimes say but also our silence when there are things that need to be said; choices that need to be made; bridges that need to be burned.

Fill us with Your Spirit, O God, so that we may become more Christ-like, and at the same time more fully ourselves. Help us to stand by Him, and to stand up for Him when He needs our support, remembering what He said: that anything we do or fail to do for others, we do or fail to do for Him.

***Hymn: #290** Go to Dark Gethsemane (verses 1 & 2)

***Prayer from the Book Jesus Used:** Psalm 145:10-13

***Scripture Lesson:** John 18:28-40

Children's Time

Anthem: In the Garden With Him

Sermon: *Around the Cross — "Jesus, the Criminal" ~ John Cleveland*

***Hymn: #465** Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (verses 1 & 2)

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: Beautiful the Teardrops

***Doxology: #95** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

Creator God, You have made us who we are. You have given us all that You have to give: Your total commitment to our world and our well-being.

May we not insult You by offering gifts of money alone, nor by offering a token of allegiance that does not cut beneath the surface of our lives.

Here we offer You our most authentic faith, and our most perplexing questions.

Here we submit to Your authority, which demands that we take responsibility for ourselves.

Here we commit ourselves to the search for truth, which will bring us straight back to You, through the One Who is the Way and Truth and Life.

Amen.

***Hymn: #2083** My Song Is Love Unknown (verses 1,2,4 & 5)

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

*Coming up next Sunday, March 18: Sermon Series: Around the Cross — "Jesus, Condemned".
Scripture: John 19:1-16a.*

Prayer for Family and Friends

The family of Mary Evelyn Bell, who passed away Rex Bragg is suffering from gout in one of his wrists.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Lauren Frantz

Karen (Lynne Melvin's friend) was diagnosed with metastatic cancer. Hospice has been called in.

Tim Melvin is recovering from surgery.

Lee and Jean Philport are mourning the unexpected loss of a grandson.

Diana Pomeroy and other friends and family at the sudden loss of her classmate, Leslie McSpadden

Georgia Rolfe has a detached retina.

Jerry Schuring and sons as their wife and mother, Linda, lost her battle with cancer.

Ron Steinacker is recovering well from surgery.

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due Thursday, Mar. 15
- Church Council submissions are due Tuesday, Mar. 20
- Newsletter items are due Monday, Mar. 26

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Mar 11:

Mar 18: Marshall Linebaugh

Easter Sunday Breakfast

We will have an Easter Sunday Breakfast at 8:15 a.m. in the Family Life Center. We will need lots of help with food donations, as well as setting up and cleaning up. Please fill out a sign-up sheet today, available at the Welcome Center.

We invite you to Holy Week services

Palm Sunday

March 25

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Good Friday
Community Service

March 30 at noon

Easter Sunday

April 1

Sunrise Service at 7:30

Breakfast at 8:15

Worship at 10:30



Walking
the
Labyrinth

Lent 2018
A Place to Pray and Seek God



Walking the Labyrinth at Vicksburg United Methodist Church

There will be scheduled opportunities during Lent when the labyrinth will be set up for prayer walks in the Family Life Center.

For those wishing to go deeper, there will be a Tuesday evening (3/13, 3/27) Lenten book discussion featuring *Walking the Labyrinth: A Place to Pray*, by Travis Scholl (ISBN# 978-0-8308-3583-6).

For both church and community... All are invited to walk and pray.



The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

2018

Ministerial Alliance



12:15 to 1:00

March 13

St. Martin's Catholic Church
5855 East W Ave

March 20

Chapman Memorial Church of
the Nazarene
7520 East U Ave

Everyone is welcome!



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For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson	Robert & Carmen Parsons
David Bretz	Char Rice
Barb Griner	Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Pat McClelland	Al Thomas
Iris McGahan	Mina Willett
Beverly Nimmo	

Today's acolytes are
 John Paul Culver and Harrison Barton



Talent Show

mission trip fundraiser
 Sunday, April 15

Entry Form

Name _____

Contact Information _____

Please fill this out and put in Hank's mailbox
 in the work room. Hank will contact you.

This is open to everyone.



This Week's Calendar

Today

9:00 a.m. *Labyrinth* available in the FLC (till 12:30)
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, March 12

6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC
 6:30 p.m. Scout troop meeting, Taylor Room

Tuesday, March 13

10:00 a.m. *Staff meeting in the Library*
 12:15 p.m. *Lenten Lunch at St. Martins Catholic Church*
 2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room
 6:30 p.m. *Scout Committee meeting, Room 125*
 7:00 p.m. *Labyrinth Class, FLC*

Wednesday, March 14

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room
 1:00 p.m. *Caring Ministries meeting in the Library*
 2:30 p.m. SHED (middle school outreach)
 5:00 p.m. HELIX (middle school youth)
 6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir practice in the Sanctuary
 6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. *PPRC meeting in the Library*

Thursday, March 15

9:30 a.m. *Susanna Wesley Circle, Taylor Room*
 10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC
 5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th and 6th grade)
 6:00 p.m. Play Gym in the FLC
 6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth)

Friday, March 16 - Pastor's Day Off

10:00 a.m. Knit & Stitch 2gether in Room 219

Saturday, March 17

no activities are scheduled

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

Coming Events

Sunday, March 18

9:00 a.m. *Labyrinth* available in the FLC (till 12:30)

Monday, March 19

7:00 p.m. *Finance Committee meeting, Library*

Tuesday, March 20

12:15 p.m. *Lenten Lunch at Chapman Memorial Nazarene Church*
 6:30 p.m. *Personnel Committee meeting, Library*
 6:30 p.m. *Scout Den meeting in the FLC*

Saturday, March 24

9:00 a.m. *District Lay Servant Class, Library*

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

3/11 Alan Smola
 3/12 Chuck Girolami
 3/13 Barb Addis
 Nelly Avis

3/13 Mary Rusk
 3/14 Justin Moberley
 3/16 Andrea Luegge

Anniversaries

3/15 Ken & Deb Franklin