

Sunday
March 18, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent


Pastor Greg

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



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Bold print indicates congregation.
**Indicates please stand as able.*

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

Call to Worship

The psalmist tells us not to put our trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Yet You, O Lord, put Your very life into the hands of those princes, mortals, governors, chief priests.

The psalmist tells us that we can be happy because our help is the God of Jacob, our help is in the Lord our God.

You made all there is, Your knowledge is greater than we can ever know, and You set the prisoners free, opening the eyes of the blind, lifting the bowed down, for You love righteousness.

Let us worship the servant God.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Jesus, You are King. No doubt, no question, no denying. And yet, a Ruler so different from what a Monarch is expected to be. Your power over us is not the result of threat or fear. Your reign is not imposed on us by the might of sword or the size of wealth. Your royal lineage is not of human design. You rule because You are God's own Son. Your power comes from the words and deeds of Your life and the hold such goodness has on us. You reign because your kingdom is worth it; and the new way of justice and mercy is what we seek for the world of Your Father's creation.

Lord, You call us to submit to the vision You have for the world: to be active in co-creating and determined in spirit to build the world we read about in scripture: fair and honorable and welcoming to all.

Have mercy on us when we are slow to follow, quick to turn aside; when we are less than committed to living every day as Your disciple. Have mercy on us when we are choosy about who to love and protective of what we have to the extent we are unwilling to share the good things of life with others.

Have mercy on us when faith is lacking in outward activity; when passivity is all too easy.

Lord, You are not quick to smite and cut us off. Instead You are forgiving and merciful in abundance.

As we pray before You, honest in our inadequacies and errors, grant us the forgiveness we crave and inspire us to new living.

This we pray, O Son of God, in the strength of Your love. Amen.

***Hymn:** #285 To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord (verse 1)

***Prayer from the Book Jesus Used:** Psalm 146

***Scripture Lesson:** John 19:1-16a

Children's Time: *Hank Stamm*

Anthem: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded ~ *Handbell Choir*

Sermon: *Around the Cross* — "Jesus, Condemned"

***Hymn:** #289 Ah, Holy Jesus (verses 1-4)

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: *Amazing Grace ~ Handbell Choir*

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, receive from us what we have to give. The offering we bring before You is a token of the life of faith we must return to You. You are generous and fair, merciful and good. Let Your justice reign in the world.

We pray that this gift of money may be used in the sustaining of Your work, and that our gifts and talents may be directed towards the right things, always for your glory. Amen.

***Hymn:** #296 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle (verses 1, 3, 4)

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Palm & Passion Sunday, March 25: Sermon Series: Around the Cross — "Jesus, Crucified". Scripture: John 12:22-27 & 19:16b-22.

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	

This Week's Celebrations

<u>Birthdays</u>	
3/18 Alexandra Morris	3/23 Marc Tilbury
Sherry Shane	Shirley Valencourt
3/19 Jo Pope	3/24 Brad Beams
3/23 Gabriel Culver	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Mark Johnson	3/22 Jack & Liz Page

Today's acolytes are
Kelsie Tuinier and Kylie Tuinier

March 11 attendance:
Worship 129 Sunday School 29

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates

Richie Steinacker has completed his service in the military. Thank you, Richie, for serving!

Diane's (Vera Walker's sister) hip surgery went well. Thank you for the prayers.

New Requests This Week

Caryn Bladt is traveling to Nepal to build another school.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew are in need of prayer for strength and healing so they can enjoy their final weeks in California with grandchildren.

Larry Kohler is having back problems.

James (Sue Moberly Hayes' brother) was in a car accident.

Char Rice fell on her 99th birthday and broke her hip. She would appreciate cards. Her rehab address is:

Rehab of Cape Coral
2629 Del Prado Blvd, Room 42
Cape Coral FL 33904

Al Thomas is in Hospice.

Michael Way (Julie Taylor's friend) has been hospitalized for a month and needs healing.

Previous Requests

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

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.

Georgia Rolfe

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

Coming deadlines

- Church Council submissions are due Mar. 20
- Newsletter items are due Monday, Mar. 26
- ScripCents orders are due Monday, April 2

Easter Sunday Breakfast

We will have an Easter Sunday Breakfast on April 1 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.



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 (3/27) 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.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Mar 18: Marshall Linebaugh

Mar 25: Joe and Betty Gruber

No Sunday School April 1 or 8

There will be no Sunday School, children's or adults, on Sunday, April 1 or Sunday, April 8. So many families are on vacation for Spring Break that we decided to cancel both. We pray for safe travels for all who are blessed to take a trip! Happy Easter to our church family! ~ Darcy Osborn, Sunday School Superintendent

2018
Ministerial Alliance
COMMUNITY
Lenten
LUNCHES
12:15 to 1:00

March 20
Chapman Memorial Church of
the Nazarene
7520 East U Ave
Everyone is welcome!



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**Priscilla
Circle**

Bake Sale

MARCH 25



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.



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 19

6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC
6:30 p.m. Scout troop meeting, Taylor Room
7:00 p.m. *Finance Committee meeting, Library*

Tuesday, March 20

12:15 p.m. *Lenten Lunch at Chapman Memorial Nazarene Church*
2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room
6:30 p.m. *Staff Parish Relations Comt. mtg., Library*
6:30 p.m. *Scout Den meeting in the FLC*

Wednesday, March 21

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room
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

Thursday, March 22

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 23 - Pastor's Day Off

6:30 p.m. *Scouts Birdhouse Auction, FLC*

Saturday, March 24

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

Monday through Friday

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

Coming Events

Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday

Priscilla Circle Bake Sale
9:00 a.m. *Labyrinth available in the FLC (till 12:30)*
12:00 p.m. *Tuinier baby shower in the Taylor Room*

Monday, March 26

NO VOLLEYBALL OR SCOUT TROOP MEETING

Tuesday, March 27

NO SEW WHAT NOW GOD
7:00 p.m. *Labyrinth class, FLC*

Wednesday, March 28

NO SHED, HELIX, BELL CHOIR PRACTICE, PICKLEBALL, OR CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday, March 29

NO PLAY GYM, ROUTE 56, OR RAW

Friday, March 30

all day Labyrinth available in the FLC
Noon Community Good Friday Serv., Sanctuary

Saturday, March 31

all day Labyrinth available in the FLC

All activities during Holy Week will be canceled, and the church will be silent so that we can be most attentive to our Lord's journey to the cross.

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



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Sunday, April 8

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