



We Seek to Better Understand  
the Teachings of Jesus—  
and Live those Teachings.

#### THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Fort Branch, IN

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#### WELCOME

Whoever you are,  
and wherever you find yourself  
on the journey of faith, you are  
welcome to this church as you  
are to receive the riches of  
God's grace...

## The Way...

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.

This weekly publication is provided to show  
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023



March 12<sup>th</sup> | 12pm | \$8 donation  
Carry-Outs Available

## LOADED POTATO BAR

100% Proceeds to help with expenses for  
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox.



## SPECIALTY DRINK SUNDAYS

We hope you are at least intrigued.

This Sunday is Peeps Pepsi - served in a lidded

cup to take into the sanctuary.

Samples will be available before you take a full  
cup. We are told it has a marshmallow flavor.



## Holy Week

### Palm Sunday ~ April 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00am ~ Blythe Chapel

10:30am ~ Fort Branch First  
& Live Streaming

### Holy Thursday ~ April 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm ~ Communion

@ Fort Branch First UMC

### Good Friday ~ April 7<sup>th</sup>

6am-6pm ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil

### Easter Sunday ~ April 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00am ~ Sunrise Service w/Communion  
@ Blythe Chapel UMC  
w/ Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast  
following

9:00am ~ Easter Worship Service  
w/Communion & Live Stream  
@ Fort Branch First UMC

8:00am ~ Easter Morning Breakfast



Gibson General Hospital Auxiliary members will have their annual fundraising geranium sale this year at the Princeton Public Library on Monday and Tuesday, April 17th and 18th to benefit the charitable projects of the hospital auxiliary. Orders are being taken now and up until Thursday, March 23, 2023.



Please contact an Auxiliary member to order or go to the gift shop at the hospital. Geraniums are available this year for \$6.00 in the following colors: red, salmon, pink, hot pink, white. Method of payment is check or cash only.

Preordered geraniums may be picked up on April 17 (A thru M) or April 18 (N thru Z) from 9am to 4pm.

Darla Lewis 812-457-4683



Steve Michel ~ 13th

Jesse Lewis ~ 14th

Shirley Foster ~ 14th

Trianna Teel ~ 14th

Janet McBee ~ 15th

Terry & Diane Marenholtz ~ 15th

McKinlee Marginet ~ 17th

Mason Marginet ~ 17th

Bill & Carla Conklin ~ 18th

This 12 Hour Prayer Vigil is to center ourselves with God as we prepare to reflect on the gift Jesus gave us. Starting with Maundy Thursday services all through Easter Sunday, we will have several opportunities to hear what Jesus did for us. You may pray for the blessings and sacrifices given for you either at your home, in the church sanctuary or wherever you feel most comfortable.



The vigil is scheduled for 12 consecutive hours with specific prayer commitments in half-hour increments.

Utilize the board in the Narthex or on our website [www.fbfirst.org](http://www.fbfirst.org) to reserve your desired prayer time.

random  
Acts of kindness

Margie Beal, surgery recovery  
& rehab

904 Blackfoot DR

Fort Branch, IN 47648

June Regenhold, hospice care

807 E Ulen ST

Fort Branch, IN 47648

Easter Breakfast

8am

Worship @ 9am



Everyone is invited to share breakfast at the buffet style gathering.

Sign up sheet for suggested food items to share is posted on the bulletin board & [www.fbfirst.org](http://www.fbfirst.org)



Easter Lily Dedication  
order form inside...  
order by March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Fort Branch First UMC  
P. O. Box 116  
Fort Branch, IN 47648

Deliver to:

\* -This symbol,  
when found in the Order of Service  
invites you to stand - if able.

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#### CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship service! We do offer options. Following the Children's Sharing, children may attend Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery at Fort Branch First.



† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel  
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

#### This Sunday Lent ~ week 3

9:00am † Worship  
10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship  
11:30am Ω Loaded Potato Bar

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday

#### Next Sunday: Lent ~ week 4

9:00am † Worship  
10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship

Complete Schedule @ [www.fbfirst.org](http://www.fbfirst.org)

#### *Next Sunday's Message:*

"LENT ~  
JESUS' EXAMPLE OF FAITH,  
Faith in Difficulty"



*Welcome to Worship*

*Rev. John Baylor, Jr.*

#### PRELUDE

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN # 373

*Nothing Between*

#### \*GREETING AND PRAYER

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers who have come to praise the Lord.  
Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you in Christ's name.*

#### LENT REFLECTION & CANDLE LIGHTING

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please add your name to the attendance register located in your pew and pass to the next person until reaches everyone in your row.*

#### PRAYERS

#### SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #365 *Grace Greater than Our Sin*

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### 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.

#### THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts

\*Presentation of Gifts with DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise Him all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC     *Shelby Wynn~ My Chains are Gone*  
*Jenna Schleter & Charity Baylor~*

SCRIPTURE LESSON     *John 17:13-26 NLT*

MESSAGE     "Lent, Jesus' Example of Faith:  
*Jesus' Prayer of Faith, Part 2"*

\*HYMN # 367     *He Touched Me*

\*BLESSING     Pastor

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD     Acolytes

\*DEPARTING SONG: (insert)     *Rolled Away*

\*PASSING THE PEACE:  
Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



**SURRENDER**     What a privilege and opportunity it is to utterly come to the end of one's hope — not only to run out of answers but to run out of questions. To be beyond fighting, to come to that suspended animation where we are so confused and so weak that we can neither fight [nor] run.

When you come to the end of yourself, you find the beginning of God. And there and nowhere else, you find the answers you seek. You find fulfillment for the longings of your soul. ~Max Anders

## *Prayer Requests*

*Prayer Requests —last names are printed for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or with explicitly given permission.*

*Jane Marginet, Richard Michel,  
Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson,  
Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn,  
Alec Taylor, Morgan Whitehead,  
Terri Jarboe, Derek Barton,  
Jo Eckert, Ruby Wilkerson,  
Scotti Pitts, Deanna Wilson, Don  
Colvin, Gretchen Young, Effie  
Dilbeck, Frances Burns,  
June Regenhold, Sam Smith,  
Ruth Ann Sokeland, Margie Beal,  
Lesa Prater, Brian Price  
The family of Hunter Sutton*

With the current tax laws,  
not everyone will need to  
itemize their

### **2022 Federal Income** **Taxes.**



As to save our Financial  
Secretary (aka volunteer)  
a lot of extra work,  
a financial statement  
of your offerings and tithes  
will only be prepared for you  
upon request.

Please contact

**Paul Cardinal**

email: [redbird937@hotmail.com](mailto:redbird937@hotmail.com)

## John 17:13-26 NLT

<sup>13</sup> “Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup> I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to this world any more than I do. <sup>17</sup> Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. <sup>18</sup> Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

<sup>20</sup> “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup> I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

<sup>22</sup> “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. <sup>23</sup> I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

<sup>25</sup> “O righteous Father, the world doesn’t know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. <sup>26</sup> I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.”

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God!*

## Resurrection faith

In spring 2020, while Manhattan pastor Timothy Keller was writing a new book about Easter, the world — and his world — stopped. The coronavirus pandemic ravaged New York City, and Keller received a stage 4 cancer diagnosis. Suddenly the theologian had to confront death head-on and reassess his views on eternal life.

“I realized I only half-believed I was going to die,” he tells *The Christian Post*. “In some ways, I also only half-believed in the Resurrection — not intellectually so much, but all the way down deep in my heart. I realized I needed to have a greater, a deeper faith in the Resurrection, both intellectually and mentally.”

While undergoing cancer treatments, Keller took a deep dive into historical and scriptural evidence for Easter’s main event. He also prayed that the Holy Spirit would make the Resurrection, which can seem abstract, real to his heart.

Facing your own mortality puts earthly things into clear perspective, says the pastor, and it’s a wake-up call for Jesus’ followers to act. “The Resurrection means that God has not at all given up on the world,” Keller writes in *Hope in Times of Fear*. “But beyond that, it gives meaning to suffering and gives hope that through the suffering will come healing. The Resurrection guarantees that this renewal is certain and is also a call for Christians to work now against what is wrong and unjust.”

**Listening Guide**  
**“Jesus’ Prayer of Faith – Part 2”**  
**March 12, 2023**

**Scripture:** John 17:13-26

**How does Jesus verbalize His faith to the Father?**

**Verbalized through Time (vs. 1-5)**

**Verbalized through Revelation (vs. 6-8)**

**Verbalized Need for Protection (vs. 9-12)**

**Verbalizes** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 20-21)**

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**Verbalizes** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 22-24)**

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**Verbalizes Continued** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 25-26)**

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**Personal Application:** Jesus was about to die. He prayed for us. He continues praying for us. How well do we receive His prayers and put them into practice?

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**Lighthearted blessings**

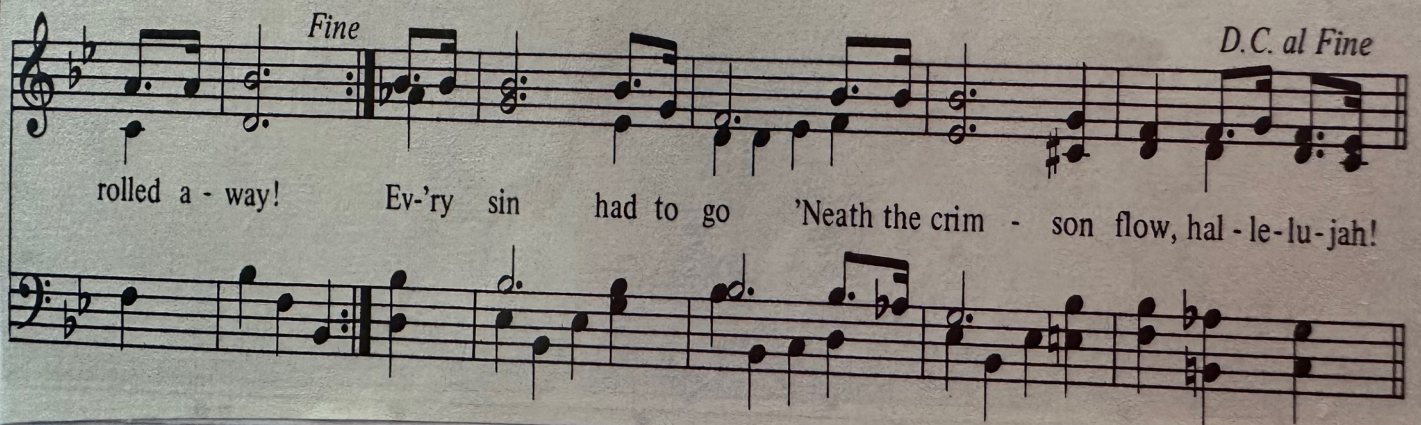
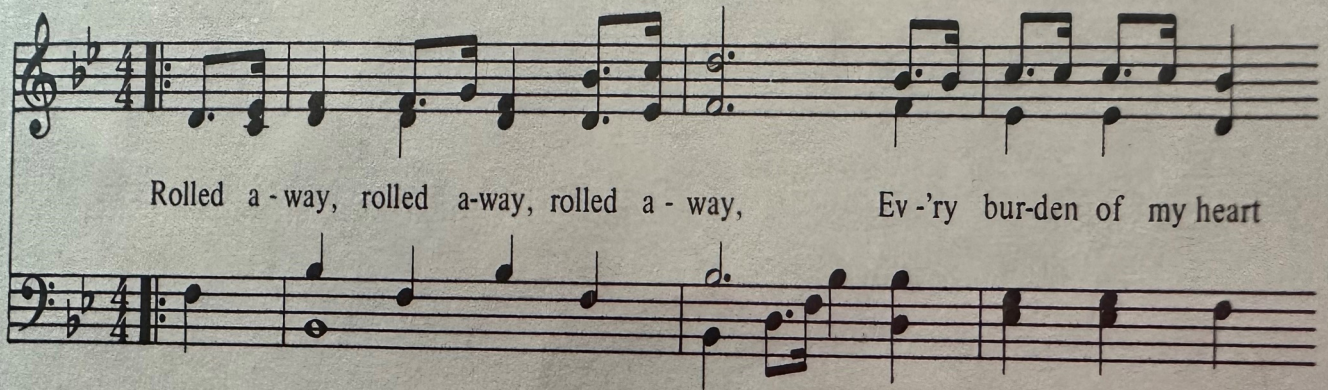
- May the hinges of your friendship never grow rusty.
- May the luck of the Irish lead to happiest heights and the highway you travel be lined with green lights.
- As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way.
- May you be in heaven a full half-hour before the devil knows you're dead!
- May good luck be your friend in whatever you do, and may trouble be always a stranger to you.
- May the good saints protect you and bless you today, and may troubles ignore you each step of the way.



# 4. Rolled Away

W.D.K.

Traditional  
Arr. by Norman Johnson



*Would you like to help decorate and grace the sanctuary with a special Easter Lily on  
Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023*

*You may dedicate your flower to Honor or Remember someone. Please fill out the  
order form and place with payment: in the offering plate, give to Zella Frey or Melissa  
Foster or mail to First United Methodist Church PO Box 116, Fort Branch, IN 47648  
The last day to order is Sunday, March 19, 2023*

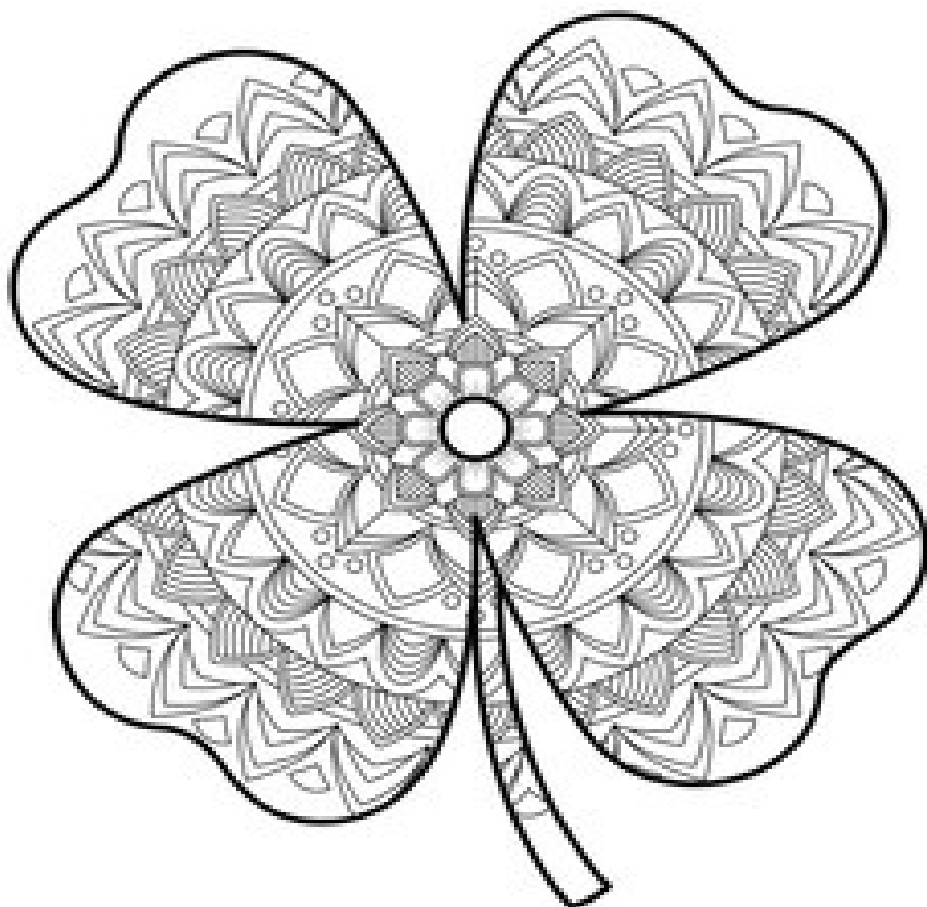
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# St. Patrick's Day



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Christian	Irish	Limerick	Leprechaun	Bishop
March	Missionary	Parade	Patron Saint	Holiday
Celtic Cross	Celebration	Dublin	Dancing	Tradition
Seventeenth	Belfast	Cabbage	Clover	Corned Beef
Green	Ireland	Holy Day	Shamrock	Potatoes

**SHAMROCK** — St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, “Is this one leaf, or three?” Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.