



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

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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.  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent** **March 10, 2024**

# Holy Week

### Palm Sunday ~ March 24<sup>th</sup>

9:00am ~ Blythe Chapel  
10:30am ~ Fort Branch First  
& Live Streaming

### Easter Sunday ~ March 31<sup>st</sup>

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

### Holy Thursday ~ March 28<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm ~ Communion  
@ Blythe Chapel UMC

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

### Good Friday ~ March 29<sup>th</sup>

6am-6pm ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil

8:00am ~ Easter Morning Breakfast



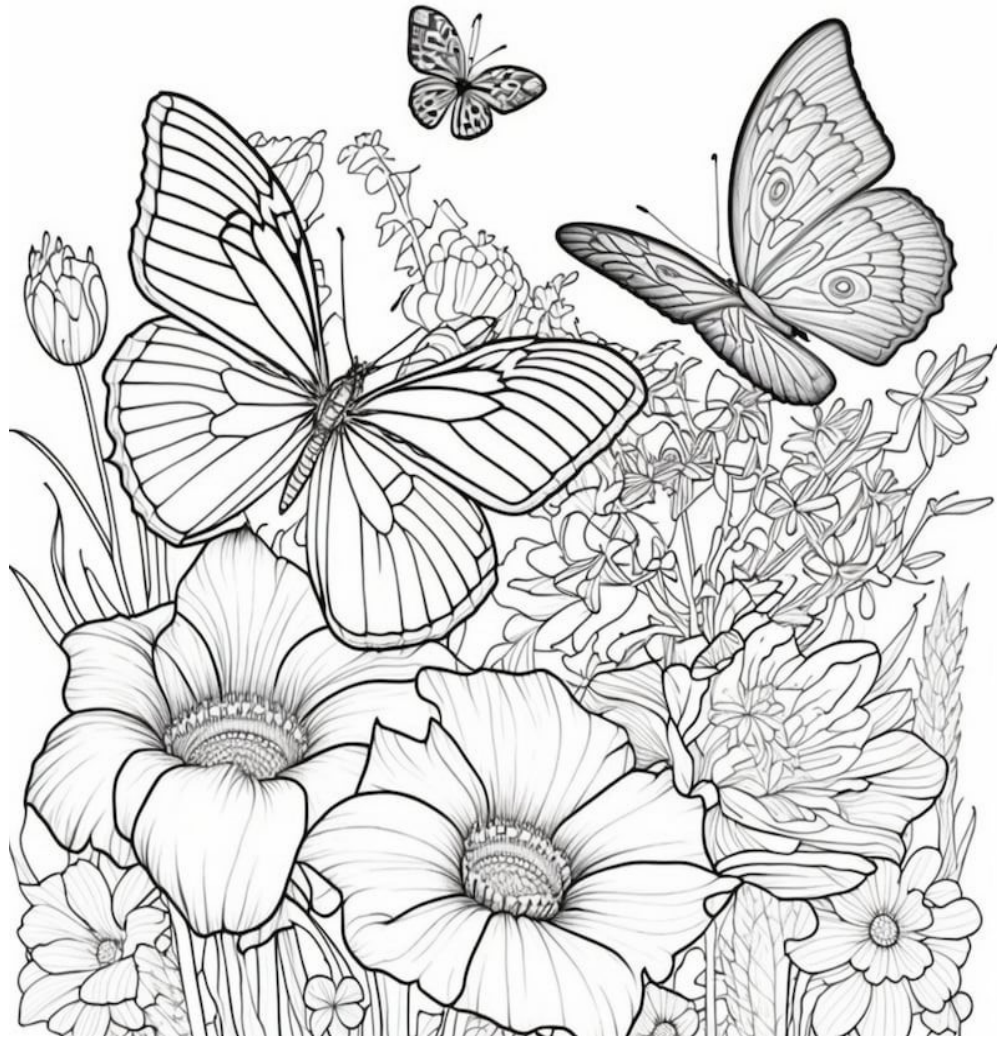
## God's provision while we wait

A November 2023 landslide trapped 41 construction workers in a tunnel they'd been excavating for a Himalayan highway project. For 17 days, they were stranded nearly 3 miles from freedom. When rescuers' drilling equipment broke, miners drilled through the last 2 meters of rock and gravel by hand. Finally, all the workers were pulled to safety through a 3-foot-wide steel pipe. Because they had received food, water, medicines, oxygen and even light through a narrow pipe while underground, all were in good health.

We are trapped in sin and brokenness: our sin and that of others, fragmented relationships and systems, nearby and across the globe. Christianity teaches that God's way of goodness will win in the end. But before full rescue comes, what keeps us alive and hopeful — even healthy?

As water was faithfully provided to the laborers through that narrow pipe, God quenches our thirst through baptism. Scripture and the sacrament of communion are the food and medicine that nourish and strengthen us. Prayer — our own and others' prayers for us — along with the Holy Spirit's gifts such as comfort and joy flow into our lives like the light of hope and the oxygen of life. Though complete rescue seems slow to come, God provides for us while we wait.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

# MARCH

*Christian Cowling ~ 10<sup>th</sup>*  
*Stacey Michel ~ 11<sup>th</sup>*  
*Morgyn Hollis ~ 11<sup>th</sup>*  
*Steve Michel ~ 13<sup>th</sup>*  
*Jesse Lewis ~ 14<sup>th</sup>*  
*Shirley Foster ~ 14<sup>th</sup>*  
*Trianna Teel ~ 14<sup>th</sup>*  
*Janet McBee ~ 15<sup>th</sup>*  
*Terry & Diane Marenholtz ~ 15<sup>th</sup>*



## Good Friday

*12 Hour Prayer Vigil*  
*6am ~ 6pm*

You're invited to be an  
 integral link in this  
 unceasing prayer chain  
 for our church,  
 community and world.

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## THIS WEEK *At Church*

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

This Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

9:00am † Blythe Chapel

10:30am Ω Fort Branch First &  
Live streaming

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*Rev. John Baylor, Jr.*

### PRELUDE

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN #514 9:00am *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*  
AV 10:30am *Here I Am to Worship*

### \*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.*

### 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 #507 9:00am (x2) *Through It All*  
#174 10:30am *His Name Is Wonderful*

### 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.

## CHILDRENS MOMENT

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Derek Robicheaux ~ *Sinner Saved by Grace*  
Jenni Schleter ~ *His Life for Mine*

## \*SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Luke 23:1-25 NLT*

## \*MESSAGE

“The Trial and Sentencing”

\*HYMN #509 9:00am  
#362 10:30am

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*  
*Nothing but the Blood*

## \*BLESSING

Pastor

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

Acolytes

## \*DEPARTING SONG: *Give Me Oil in My Lamp (chorus)*

*Sing Hosana Sing Hosana*  
*Sing Hosana to the King of Kings*  
*Sing Hosana Sing Hosana*  
*Sing Hosana to the King*

## \*PASSING THE PEACE:

*Let us greet one another with the peace of God.*

## POSTLUDE



FOURTH SUNDAY  
*In Lent*



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

*Jane Marginet, Richard Michel, Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe, Ruby Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts, Gretchen Young, June Regenhold, Brian Price, Triston, Tegan, Pastor John, Thelma & Len Robicheaux, Wyatt Wagner, Mark Fear, Kim Stratman, Deanna Wilson, Kenny Shaw, Laynie Speicher, Scott Ingler*

## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



So the brought in false witnesses to tell tall tales against Jesus on the night of his trial.  
**Mt. 26:59-60**

### Jesus' Trial before Pilate

<sup>23</sup> Then the entire council took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor. <sup>2</sup> They began to state their case: "This man has been leading our people astray by telling them not to pay their taxes to the Roman government and by claiming he is the Messiah, a king."

<sup>3</sup> So Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus replied, "You have said it."

<sup>4</sup> Pilate turned to the leading priests and to the crowd and said, "I find nothing wrong with this man!"

<sup>5</sup> Then they became insistent. "But he is causing riots by his teaching wherever he goes—all over Judea, from Galilee to Jerusalem!"

<sup>6</sup> "Oh, is he a Galilean?" Pilate asked. <sup>7</sup> When they said that he was, Pilate sent him to Herod Antipas, because Galilee was under Herod's jurisdiction, and Herod happened to be in Jerusalem at the time.

<sup>8</sup> Herod was delighted at the opportunity to see Jesus, because he had heard about him and had been hoping for a long time to see him perform a miracle. <sup>9</sup> He asked Jesus question after question, but Jesus refused to answer. <sup>10</sup> Meanwhile, the leading priests and the teachers of religious law stood there shouting their accusations. <sup>11</sup> Then Herod and his soldiers began mocking and ridiculing Jesus. Finally, they put a royal robe on him and sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> (Herod and Pilate, who had been enemies before, became friends that day.)

<sup>13</sup> Then Pilate called together the leading priests and other religious leaders, along with the people, <sup>14</sup> and he announced his verdict. "You brought this man to me, accusing him of leading a revolt. I have examined him thoroughly on this point in your presence and find him innocent. <sup>15</sup> Herod came to the same conclusion and sent him back to us. Nothing this man has done calls for the death penalty. <sup>16</sup> So I will have him flogged, and then I will release him."

<sup>18</sup> Then a mighty roar rose from the crowd, and with one voice they shouted, "Kill him, and release Barabbas to us!" <sup>19</sup> (Barabbas was in prison for taking part in an insurrection in Jerusalem against the government, and for murder.) <sup>20</sup> Pilate argued with them, because he wanted to release Jesus. <sup>21</sup> But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

<sup>22</sup> For the third time he demanded, "Why? What crime has he committed? I have found no reason to sentence him to death. So I will have him flogged, and then I will release him."

<sup>23</sup> But the mob shouted louder and louder, demanding that Jesus be crucified, and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup> So Pilate sentenced Jesus to die as they demanded. <sup>25</sup> As they had requested, he released Barabbas, the man in prison for insurrection and murder. But he turned Jesus over to them to do as they wished.

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the People of God.  
Thanks be to God.

