# First United Methodist Church

March 19, 2023 Fourth Sunday in Lent

That Time Jesus Made Mud...



John 9:1-41

Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist is a blessing for you, even as your presence blesses us. The Church newsletter, large print hymnals, name tags, and refreshments are available in the welcoming area. Children are always welcome in worship, and we embrace their presence, their joy, and the fun things they often do and say as we worship God. In the welcoming area we have crayons and children's bulletins available. Please fill out the clipboard at the end of your row to register your attendance and tell us a little more about you.

"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

March 19, 2023 10:30 AM

### Prelude

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lee Anne Strickland

(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboards placed on each pew; or if you are watching on-line register at **www.1umcm.com** and continue sending us your comments via Facebook, Twitter, email, etc.)

### INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

"May the Peace of Christ be with you. . . . and also with you."

#### TRINITY CHIMES

**★** CALL TO WORSHIP

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

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### **₩** Words of Invitation

Rev. Chris Black

- L: God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance; God looks at the heart.
- P: Jesus, light of the world, give us eyes to see as you see!
- L: Once we lived in darkness, but now—As children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.
- P: Jesus, light of the world, give us eyes to see as you see!

**₩** HYMN OF PRAISE

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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**★** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From 1 Timothy

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CONFESSION: 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.

Silence (For personal confession.)

### **PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

Rev. Chris Black

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Chris Black

### 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.

HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Page #454/Screen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INVITATION TO OFFERING "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Chancel Choir

During this time we worship by the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission. For those who are watching online, you may mail your gifts to First United Methodist Church, P O Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354, or go to our website: **tithing.1umcm.com** for directions and other options.

**DOXOLOGY** Page #102/Screen

SCRIPTURE John 9:1-41

Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God

**People: Thanks be to God.** 

**SERMON** "The Time Jesus Made Mud" Rev. Chris Black

¥ CLOSING HYMN "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Screen

**₩** BENEDICTION

₩ BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (Chorus) Screen

**★** Trinity Chimes Postlude

₩ Please stand as you are able. Serve the Lord this week where you are able!

# **Dementia-Friendly Worship Service Coming to 1st UMC**

Beginning on Thursday, March 23rd at 11:00 a.m. 1st United Methodist Church will be hosting a new weekly worship service called Abiding. This service has been made possible by a new partnership between the Rev. Chris Black, and Cora Veal Center's Memory Lane Grant from the Pat Summitt Foundation. Abiding is a Christian worship service geared specifically for those in our community who have been diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers or friends. Our weekly worship will be an informal time of shared singing, reflection, meditation on scripture, prayer, and communion. All in the community are welcome to this unique time of fellowship and worship. If any in our church community would wish to take part or help with the Abiding service please email Pastor Chris cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org

# Save the Date for Holy Week Services and Events in April

**+Sunday, April 2nd:** Palm Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

+Wednesday, April 5th: Pastor's Weekly Bible Study at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. +Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Rev. Chris Black will offer a special Holy Week presentation called, "Extended Brutality: A Study of Crucifixion." +Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary we will have our annual Maundy Thursday Communion Service with Tenebrae

**+Friday, April 7th** Good Friday Way of the Cross Prayer Walk with Pastor Chris at 11:00 a.m. We will meet and depart from our sanctuary.

**+Saturday, April 8th**: Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 a.m. at Houston Park in Downtown Madisonville.

**+Sunday, April 9th:** <u>-Easter Sunday Worship Sunrise Service</u> at 7:00 a.m. at the home of Don and Kris Browder Address: 645 W. Crestview Dr., Madisonville, TN 34354 <u>-Fellowship time</u> begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Area.

<u>-Easter Worship Service</u> at 10:30 a.m. in our Sanctuary. (Don't forget to bring flowers!
**+Sunday, April 18th** Easter Cantata at 10:30 AM

## **Volunteers For Our Nursery Are Needed**

It is now time to get our crib/toddler nursery for 6 month-2 year olds going again. We are in need of at least 2 volunteers a week who would be willing to keep the nursery. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry please look for the yellow sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. If we can get enough volunteers our hope will be to begin this ministry sometime in March. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering in this essential ministry, then please email pastor Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org

# **Easter Candy Needed!**

for the community wide Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th at Houston Park. . We have put a big tote in the gathering area, and are accepting donations.





### March 19, 2023

### **NEW PRAYER REQUESTS**

Cody Tommy Leach and family (friends of the Blacks)

New baby Hannah Kathleen Bourke (daughter of Jessica and Scott Bourke and great granddaughter of Joan Holland and John Summitt)

Gail Lewis (Slouka family) health issues Richard Mason and family

Family of Rena Foster's nephew Rick Gar-

land (Larry Davis' friend) Ellen Dash and family

Duane and Reba Dopkins

Mary Nelson and family (Ray and Dora's daughter in law)

### **CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS**

Joan Holland and John Summitt Cody Poland (friend of the Dopkins)

Family of Chris Bailey (Sherry McConkey's coworker's husband)

Barbara Pennington

John Denton (Heather Jones' father (surgery) Family of Ellen Barker (Barbara Penland's friends)

Family of Jeff Burris (Mike Tallent's cousin)

Sam Grubb and family

Pat Rapking and family

Kat Ahart's family

Penn Hazuda and family Pat Rapking and family

Rick Foster (son of Larry Davis' friend Rena Foster)

Matthew Nicholson (friend of SQHS band director Linda Trout)

William Dailey (friend of Janet Tweed)

The family of the McConkey's niece's fiance' Family of George Fooshee (Kefauver cousin)

The Beason/Lowry family and new baby Lyddie Sage

The family of Bobby Dailey (Janet Tweed's family)

Danny Stratton (Dora and Ray Nelson's nephew)

Newborn Ella Turner and parents Sarah and Nathan Turner (Cavett cousins)

The family of Carol Leamon (Lois Green)

Brian McKeehan (friend of Megan Cavett)

Mia Stewart's Grandmother

Jason Walton (friend of Lindsay Liszeski)

Debbi Black and family (Chris' stepmother)

John and Judy Maiuri

Kat Ahart's friends

Carolyn Peters and family

Betty Byrum Hicks

Wayne and Lucille Peery

Margaret and Chad Chester

Nancy Byrum

Marilyn Depew

Judy Lee

**Unspoken Requests** 

Pat Harvey

Military personnel

There are more continuing prayer requests in <u>The Flame</u> (our monthly newsletter). The Prayer List is constantly updated live at 1 umcm.com

# **Attendance and Giving Last Week**

In-Person - 84 Online - 12 IGNITE-14 Youth - 20 Bible Study - 12

Tithing	\$	9,701
Needed in March	\$ 23,188	
*Received	\$	17,189
Building Fund	\$	7,696
Needed in March	\$	6,400
*Received	<b>\$</b>	9,141
Community Assistance	\$	25
Designated Giving	\$	1,025

### Check Out the Event Announcements Listed Below

- United Women in Faith Today, 11:45 AM, Fellowship Hall
- Cub Scouts Monday, 6:00 PM, Youth Room
- Scouts BSA Monday, 7:00 PM, Community Room
- Pastor's Bible Study Wednesday, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary
- IGNITE Wednesday, 6:00 PM, Meet first in Fellowship Hall
- UMYF Wednesday 6:00 PM, Meet first in Fellowship Hall
- Choir Practice Wednesday 7:00 PM, Main Sanctuary
- Alcoholics Anonymous Friday, 5:30 PM, Community Room
- Adult Sunday School Sunday, 9:30 AM, Conference Room

Altar flowers today provided by Joan Holland and John Summitt in memory of J. Michael Summitt

Trustees for March are Wes Hibbert and Carolynn Greenwood.

Coffee bar food today is provided by Tara Stewart



