

Entrance

Gathering

*Call to Worship

Christ asked Peter if he loved him.

Peter affirmed three times his love of the Lord.

Christ asks us if we love him.

We affirm our love of the Lord in our worship

Christ calls us to demonstrate our love in service.

Lord, help us to witness to your love in the ways in which we care for others.

*Opening Prayer

God of power and might, let your love shine on us and through us to others. Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think and do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn *Take Time to Be Holy – Hymn 395*

Proclamation and Response

Prayer of Illumination

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading – *John 21:3-17* Lee Hauser

Sermon *O How Do I Love Jesus?* Mark Gustafson

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*Passing the Peace

Offering / *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* UMCers

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Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn *O How I Love Jesus – Hymn 170*

Sending Forth

*Benediction / Going Forth

Happy Birthday to Patti Yoder (3/17), Danny Sholar (3/20), and Everlee Nance (3/20)!

The cover photo was taken in the Holy Land by Pastor Mark.

We pray today for William Cherry, Gayla Collins, and Sheila Conklin at Elizabethtown Primary School.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our grandson Hawk's 3rd birthday by Robin and Renee Summerlin.

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Announcements

Elizabethtown Community Lenten Services: (all at noon)

March 20: Foundation. Rudy Ramphal preaching.

Please plan to participate in our Lent study, which will be on *Simon-Peter* by Adam Hamilton. We meet on Monday nights, 7 p.m. at Bethlehem and on zoom to discuss. Feel free to join, even if you have not read the book!

March 18, 7 a.m. Operation Inasmuch serving volunteers needed.

March 20, 6:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday at Bethlehem.

March 21, 7 p.m. Building Committee Meeting at the Library.

Holy Week Schedule:

March 28: Maundy Thursday service at Live Oak, 6:30 p.m.

March 29: Good Friday service at St. Christopher's, 7 p.m.

March 31: Easter Sunrise service at the Farmer's Market, 7 a.m.

Easter morning services per usual Sunday schedule.

April 3: Senior Saints, 12 p.m. at Bethlehem.

April 5: Outdoor movie night at Bethlehem.

April 7: Mark will guest preach at St. Thomas AME-Z for their Usher's Day celebration. Service will be at 4 p.m. in the afternoon.

Long term planning:

Joint worship service at Jones Lake to celebrate Grace UMC's 1 year anniversary: June 2.

VBS at Bethlehem: June 9-12.

The BLOG (Bethlehem /Live Oak/ Grace) Prayer List:

Mentioned 2/18/2024: Freeman Taylor and family; Bernice Herring; Francis Ogden; Ronnie Canady; Henrietta Martin; Chicky and Janice Robbins; Terry & Karen McPhail; Cole Fisher; Joan Hester, and Florine Harolle.

Mentioned 2/25/2024: People of Ukraine; Kathy Lee; Warren Hill; the family and friends of Jim Knotts.

Mentioned 3/3/2024: Cindy Coble's coworkers; Durham Pate; all those affected by the UNC-P shootings; the family and friends of Ray Beasley, Jane Lomax, Jimmy Edwards; and Larry Feight.

Mentioned 3/10/2024: Linda Schaeffer; Darlene Bright; J.D. Swinney (Sharon Moore's father); Faye Richardson; Sylvia Wilson and family; Ashley Valenzuela (travel mercies); the family and friends of Harry and Dusty Tatum.

Prayers this week: Tori Allen; Joy Grady and family; Matthew Krause; Harold Sasser; Steve and Debbie Dunham; Beth Nance; Billy & Stella Cain; the family and friends of Lib Sessoms.

Grace United Methodist Church

March 17, 2024

**5th Sunday in Lent
Worship Service 8:30 am**

Our Mission

*To become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

Our Vision

*We welcome everyone into the experience
of a different story!*

