

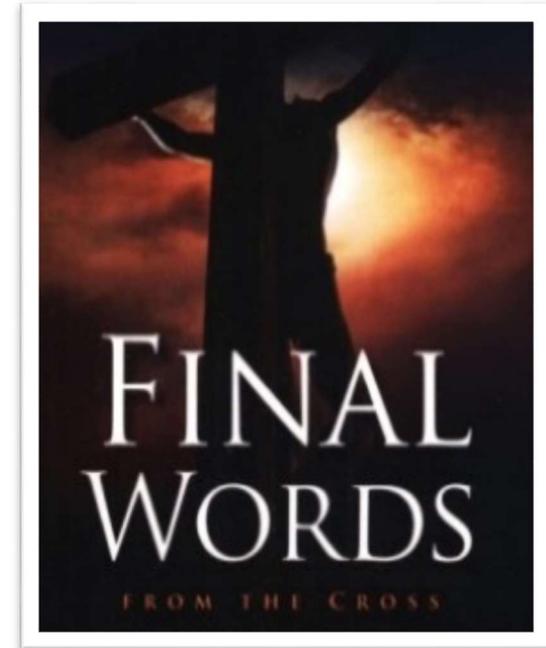
Woodbury
United Methodist Church



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Sunday, March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Woodbury United Methodist Church



March 14, 2021
4th Sunday in Lent
UMCOR Sunday



*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Agnus Dei* Gabriel Faure
Christopher Shay, organist

GREETING Rev. John Thomason

*CALL TO WORSHIP led by Bud Behlman, Liturgist
Isaiah 43:1; Hebrews 13:5b-6

But now says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you,
O Israel:
**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called your name, and
you are mine.**

For God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."
**So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be
afraid. What can anyone do to me?"**

*OPENING HYMN *Come Back to Me with All Your Heart*
Hymns sung by Venetia and Morgan Phillippe

WE CONFESS OUR SIN AND ACCEPT GOD'S PARDON

A LENTEN CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Thomason

A PRAYER OF LAMENT Psalm 22:1-2, 11

My God, my God why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?



Altar Easter Flowers 2021

*Every Easter, our sanctuary is decorated with the flowers of the season. If
you would like to place a plant on the Altar, we are now taking orders for:*

_____ *Easter Lily (10.00)* _____ *Daffodils (\$8.00)*

_____ *Tulip (\$8.00)*
(red only)

**Please include below your acknowledgement; in honor of, in celebration of,
or in loving memory of one or more loved ones. A list will be printed in the
church bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 4.*

*All flower orders must be paid in advance. Simply fill out the form below,
and place it in the collection plate, or return it to the church office,
accompanied by a check or cash for the total amount or mail it to; 4 Church
Street, Attn: Kathy Craig, Easter Flowers. All checks should be made
payable to Woodbury United Methodist Church. You can also visit our
website @ www.woodburyumc.net to order your flowers. Be sure to fill out
everything needed. Thanks!*

Please return all orders by Friday, March 19, 2021

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

In honor/celebration/loving memory of: (please circle one):

**If you would rather give a monetary donation to the church in lieu of flowers,
you can also use one of the memorial cards located in the Narthex. Simply
fill it out and return it in the same fashion as the floral order form.*

Please note: Livestreaming provides an opportunity for all of us to experience worship at the same time, either at home or in-person. Worshipers at home may join us by video on YouTube or audio-only by telephone broadcast.

Video recordings of services are also archived on the church's website for later viewing. Later phone broadcasts are no longer provided.

The options for accessing services electronically remain the same:

- **Video:** Go to <http://www.woodburyumc.net>, scroll to "Sunday Morning Worship in the Sanctuary" and click the link for livestreaming. A link is also provided for archived videos for later viewing.
- **Audio only by phone:** dial 425-436-6391, enter pin with hash sign 2431819#.

The Prayer Corner

Home from the hospital: *Brett Toomes*, fiancé of *Lindsey Behlman* (outpatient procedure on March 5, Bridgeport Hospital)

In the hospital: *Michael Etcheto*, grandson of *Barbara Etcheto* (Gaylord, Wallingford)

Please remember our Confirmands: *Cody Cordova*, *Zachary Cordova*, *James Levario*, *Matthew Shupenis*; their teachers: *Catherine Mason*, *Meg Temple*, *John Thomason*; and their mentors: *Mike Boisseau*, *Mollie Cole*, *Rev. Paul Hibbard*, *Carolyn Shay*.

Recovering at home: *Sue Vindigni*, *Amber Craig*; *John Fleming*; *Josh Harwood*; *Gary McClendon*; *Steve Thomas*; *Paige LeBlanc*, mother of *Jessie Lynch* (Manchester, CT); *Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *Robert Ayers*, father of *Tacy Nettleton* (Woodstock, GA); *Carl Hinkle*, father of *Toby McGrath* (Greensburg, PA); *Donna Louise Burke*, friend of *Kathy Craig*; *Peter Gallagher*, father of *Jen Carnes* (Brookfield, CT); *Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*); *Jane King*, mother of *Stephen King* and mother-in-law of *Joann King* (Sarasota, FL); *Antonio Stillitano*, grandson of *Paul Hatch*

Outpatient treatments: *Dave Brencher*, *Bob Asman*, *Mary Wilkins*, sister of *Barb Hunt* (Rochester, NY); *Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon*; *Stephanie Galaburri*, friend of *Sandy Carbonaro*; *Will Styblo*, nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)

Homebound members: *Florence Brown*, *Linda Bailey*

Please continue to remember: relatives of *Rev. Betty Lines* who are seriously ill: niece *Sharon Parish* (hospice care in Idaho); and brother-in-law *Stephen Lines* (recovering from a stroke in Florida); *Jean Lilly*, mother of *Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH), *Manny Gesh*, *Jane True*, *Blair Feller*, *Marilyn Bender*, *Ryan DeRidder and family*, *Laura & Stuart Brush*, *Janet Grant* (sister of *Betty Lines*).



If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ www.woodburyumc.net for this month's birthday listing. We are placing flowers on the altar again, so let us know if you want to sign up for a particular date.

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (silent)

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Psalm 22:22b-25

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

led by Bud Behlman

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Bud Behlman

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

*GOSPEL READING

Mark 15:25-36(NRSV)

Read by Bud Behlman

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief

priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *What Wondrous Love Is This*

SERMON *Final Words from the Cross:* Rev. Thomason
My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MOMENT OF REFLECTION from *Final Words*, by Adam Hamilton

Forgive me, Lord, for the times I – like those who stood at your cross – have acted with cruelty. Thank you for identifying, by your suffering, with all those who ever feel forsaken or cry out, “Why?” Help me to trust in you in my own times of adversity. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Via Dolorosa* Sprague/Borop

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

BENEDICTION Rev. Thomason

POSTLUDE *Pavane* Gabriel Faure

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Mark Davis, Lay Leader

Mission Statement

We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone. We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world. Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.

Week of March 14, 2021

Visitors are warmly welcomed! We invite you to sign the worship register as it is passed during the announcements, or fill out a visitor's card provided by a greeter. If you wish to learn more about WUMC's ministries, please take a copy of our weekly newsletter, *The Messenger*, which is available in the narthex. Immediately following today's worship service, please join us for Fellowship Hour downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to become a member of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, please speak to the pastor. Inquirers are asked to attend a two-session Membership Orientation class before joining the church.

Today is the 4th Sunday in Lent on the Christian calendar. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday. Lent serves as a season of spiritual preparation for celebrating Easter. The liturgical color is purple, symbolizing penitence and royalty.

Today is also **UMCOR Sunday**, which highlights and supports the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This UMC agency mobilizes individuals and churches to provide monetary support and hands-on assistance to regions that have been affected by natural disasters. A special offering envelope is inserted in your worship bulletin.

Thanks to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: *Bud Behlman*, Liturgist, Reader and Children's Time Leader; *Morgan* and *Venetia Phillippe*, Singers.

The floral tribute this week is given by the *Craig* family, “to the glory of God and in celebration of *Alivia*'s 1st birthday on March 17.”