

**11:00 am Worship**  
**March 19, 2023 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the beginning of our service.*

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude** Chandler Ogles

**Invocation** Amelia Barton

**Call to Worship** *Surely the Presence* Chancel Choir

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH #400

**\*Responsive Reading** *adapted from Psalm 116*

Leader: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;

People: **He heard my cry for mercy.**

Leader: Because he turned his ear to me,

People: **I will call on him as long as I live.**

Leader: I will sacrifice a thank offering to him and call on the name of the Lord.

People: **I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,**

Leader: in the courts of the house of the Lord-in your midst, O Jerusalem.

People: **Praise the Lord.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostle's Creed***

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.*

*\*means*

*universal*

**\*Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**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.*

**Hymn** *I Need Thee Every Hour* UMH #397

**Children's Moment** Hillary Eckstein

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Music** *How Beautiful* Chancel Choir

**\*Prayer of Praise**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**Message** Jesus In The Wild Rev. Clint McBroom  
"Facing Down The Ifs"  
(Luke 4:3, 7, 9)

**\*Hymn of Invitation** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* UMH #526

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** Kelley Hill

\*please stand as you are able

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*The altar flowers this morning are given by Karen Waller,  
in loving memory of her husband Guy Waller, daughter Meredith Lowe, and  
parents Obie & Lois Cantrell.*

Good Morning!  
We're so glad you're here!

Name(s):

Email (optional):

## Prayer Requests

## Sign-Ups

- **The Gospel Story--A Passover Meal Experience** reservations  
Thursday, April 6 at 6 pm

Number in party: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mission House

\_\_\_\_ Check if interested in volunteering

## Announcements

Tallahsee City Schools Spring Break this week, enjoy your spring break!

### This Afternoon

4:00 pm - Handbell Rehearsal, *bell room*

5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal, *choir room*

**NOT meeting:** Children & Youth

### Monday, March 20

6:00 pm – Finance Meeting, *fellowship hall*

### Tuesday, March 21

9-11:00 am – Chrismons, *fellowship hall*

### Wednesday, March 22

No Wednesday Night Activities

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

**The Gospel Story--A Passover Meal Experience** on **April 6th at 6 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Gather with friends and family for an intimate meal in a familiar setting remade, with stories, worship, communion, and prayer. We very strongly encourage you to make a reservation by calling the church office or signing up on the bulletin tear-off sheet.

### CANDY & PLASTIC EGGS NEEDED

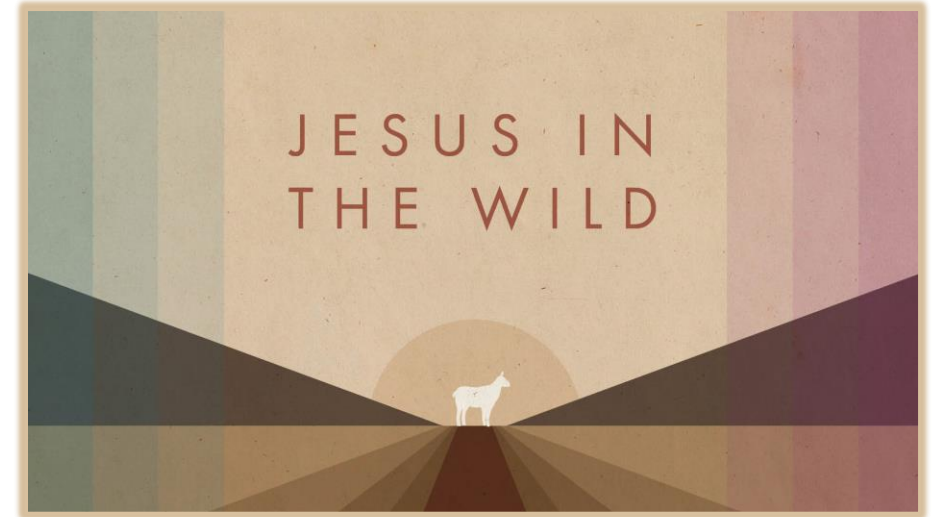
The Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, March April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am and lots of candy & plastic eggs are needed! Please place your donations in the collection tub in the Fellowship Hall. No chocolate, please.

### Join us for fasting and prayer beginning NOW

Everyone at First Methodist is invited into a season of prayer and fasting for our church and mission. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4da4ab2ea2fb6-prayer#/>. If you don't have internet or if the link doesn't work call the church office to sign up.

Why are we calling folks to fast and pray? Because we want to see God do a new thing among us! We are fasting for our leaders and for our future. We are fasting and praying for a God to bring awakening and spiritual renewal in our beloved church family.

As Jesus said, some things only happen when we fast and pray, so we encourage you to step into this spiritual discipline and let's watch together for what God will do.



“Facing Down The Ifs”  
Luke 4:3,7,9



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