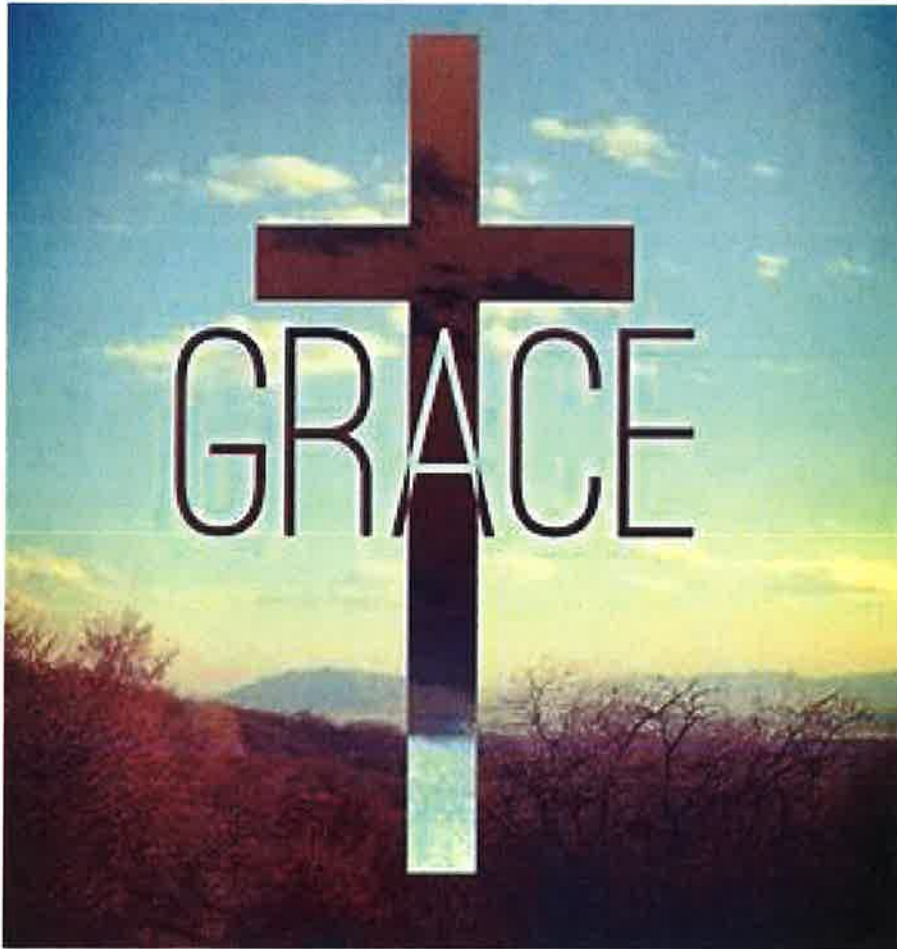


# **Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church**



**March 11, 2018**

**The Order of Worship of God  
4th Sunday in Lent  
March 11, 2018 at 10:30 AM**



Prelude

“Prelude in G Minor”  
BWV 558

J.S. Bach

\*Call to Worship

We are gathered in the presence of God, who asks us  
to choose between life and death, blessing and curse.

**We are gathered like the people of Israel,  
who were challenged to choose the way of life.**

Like them, we often follow the ways of death.

**Yet, like them, we have the freedom each day  
to begin anew by the grace of God.**

By our presence here, we are saying that we want to  
choose life one more time.

**Let us praise the God of Love and life  
who has called us to this place. Amen**

\* Processional Hymn

“O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”

TFWS 2121

\*Prayer for the Day (Unison)

God, like a bakerwoman, you bring the leaven  
which causes our hopes to rise. With your strong and  
gentle hands, shape our lives. Warm us with your love.  
Take our common lives and touch them with your grace,  
that we may nourish hope among humanity. We pray  
trusting in your name, through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

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\* *Please stand as you are able*

Epistle lesson	Ephesians 2: 1-10	Erin Sears
One Minute Message		Erin Sears
Mission Moment	UMCOR	
Anthem	“God So Loved the World”	Stainer
Scholarship Moment		Anita Farrell
Call to Prayer	“Blessed Quietness”	TFWS 2142, refrain
Prayers of the People The Lord’s Prayer		
Prayer Response	“Into My Heart”	TFWS 2160, v. 1
Hymn	“I Want to Walk as a Child of Light”	UMH 206
* Gospel	John 3: 14-21	
Sermon	“Lifeline”	Rev. Terry Deane

***Invitation to Christian Discipleship***

Prayer (Unison) UMH 456

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others; open my ears that I may hear their cries; open my heart so that they need not be without succor; let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places. And so open my eyes and my ears that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee. Amen.

***Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God***

Offertory “Meditation II” Barton

\* Doxology “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”  
(Tune: Hamburg)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, Whom we adore.

\* Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Dedication	“To God Be the Glory”	UMH 98
* Benediction		
* Benediction Response	“Benediction”	Rous
* Postlude	“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”	Cruger, arr. Sobaje

## Today's Service

**Lector:** Erin Sears

**Usher Coordinator:** Jim Daniel, Jr.

**Head Ushers:** Lee Oxley, Frank Hanshaw

**Ushers:** Marv Jones, Bill Kosto, Selby Litton, Scott & Jean Ramsey,  
Alan Simmons, Tom Thompson, Charles & Gale Williams

**Media:** Andy Turnbull, Betsy Horton, Jennifer Gerst, Fred Herr

**Altar Flowers:** In loving remembrance of the wedding of Gene and Joan Gardner,  
March 5, 1947, by Anita Gardner Farrell

**Call to Worship:** from Bread for the Journey, edited by Ruth C. Duck

**Prayer for the Day:** from UM Book of Worship, author Ruth C. Duck

## Welcome!

Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Ministries Congregation that seeks to be welcoming and affirming to all people.

We are **excited** to have you worshiping with us today and love that you have chosen to be a part of the Johnson Memorial family, if only for today.

### Our Vision

The Vision of Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church is to be a covenant community, transformed by God's grace to share the love of Christ with the world.

### Our Mission

The Mission of Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church is to bring others to Christ, embrace them with love, nurture everyone in faith, worship God joyfully, and reach out in service to the world.

## Our Gifts and Presence

Sunday, March 4, 2018  
Attendance and Finances

Sunday School - 51	\$ 43.25
Worship Service - 120	8,288.00
Common Grounds	90.00
Total:	\$8,421.25

## Our Prayers

*Lillian Byrd*

*Jane Kincaid*

*Bruce Ratcliff*

*Gil Ratcliff*

*Sara Staats*

*Estelee Wyatt*

*Braxton Hammond*

*The family of Elizabeth Schlegel*

*The family of John Francis Hanlon, Kathleen Litton's Father*

*The family of Stan R. Kusibab, Michelle Williams's Father*

## Weekly Activities

### **Sunday March 11**

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:30 AM - Worship

### **Monday March 12**

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

### **Tuesday March 13**

12:15 Chair Yoga

6:30 PM MAG Rehearsal

In the chapel

7:00 PM Great Decisions

(Classroom A)

### **Wednesday March 14**

7:00 AM Andrews Brothers

5:15 PM It's Time Dinner

6:00 PM It's Time activities

6:00 PM Guest speaker

6:00 PM Bell Choir

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday March 15**

12:15 PM Chair Yoga

6:00 PM Common Grounds

### **Saturday March 17**

8:00 AM United Methodist Men

## Upcoming Events

- March 19, 16, & 23 at 10:30 AM - Church Women United Lenten Bible Study at Woodlands. Luncheon (\$9.00) at 12 PM; RSVP Jane Morse, 740-867- 8576
- March 18 - following worship, Spud Fest to benefit the Jeffrey C. Ohl Scholarship
- March 24 - "Way Forward Conversations" with Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball, at Pea Ridge UMC in Barboursville At 10 AM
- March 24 - UMW Western District Day Apart at Beverly Hills UMC Registration 9:30, Lunch At 12:30 am, RSVP to Barbara Smith 304-710-4047
- April 14 - Boy Scout Troop 20 will have a Pancake Breakfast at 8 AM
- April 22 - Our Youth group will host a Lasagna Lunch Fund Raiser after worship

## Great Decisions 2018

Great Decisions Forum began Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7 PM. This year's topics are: Waning of Pax Americana?, Russia's Foreign Policy, China's Geopolitics, Media and Foreign Policy, Turkey: Partner in Crisis, U.S. Global Engagement & the Military, South Africa's Fragile Democracy, and Global Health Issues.

Call Chuck Gruber @ (304) 733-1990 for more information.  
The group meets Tuesdays at 7 PM in Classroom A, on the ground floor.

## Office Help Needed

Beth will be out of the office March 21, 22, and possibly 23. We need help during the hours of 9 AM to 1PM to answer the phone, and door, and do some organizing projects.

Please call and let Beth know if you can help!

## Youth Ministry News

As our youth ministry continues to grow and expand, we are looking for partners! We need adults to listen and share with the youth at our Wednesday night program; donations of snacks and drinks for the youth; and volunteers who would like to join us on trips and events throughout the Spring and Summer. In order to fund summer mission activities, the youth will be hosting a lasagna lunch, after worship on April 22nd. Please contact Alan Williams for more information!



**It's time to order your Easter flowers for the Easter Memory Garden!**

This year you have a choice of Tulips for \$8.50, Hyacinths for \$8.50,  
or beautiful big Ferns for \$13.00.

Please place your orders by Sunday March 18th along with the information  
about who they are in memory of, or in honor of, by calling Beth at  
304-525-8116 or you can fill out the order form below and place it in the  
offering plate today. Thank you!

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Flower Order: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial / Honor

Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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