# PRELUDE WELCOME AND GREETING ANNOUNCEMENTS BOY SCOUT PRESENTATION

The Silver Beaver Award to Kenneth Ammons

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures

All: God, remind us today to pause and see your mercy

and goodness.

One: The Lord leads me beside the still waters All: In the midst of storms, offer us moments of calm.

One: The Lord prepares a table before me

All: There is more than enough to share with our neighbors.

One: The Lord anoints my head with oil

All: God, restore our souls so that we can be agents of your mercy and goodness.

# OPENING PRAYER A TIME TO SING

# "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Verse1

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

#### Verse 2

When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

# "Freely, Freely" 389 Verse 1

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

#### Refrain:

He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live."

#### Verse 2

All power is give in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name, and in Jesus name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

#### Refrain

# JOYS AND CONCERNS CONGREGATIONAL 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM "I Am a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger"

Soloist: Mike Morris

#### SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-7

MESSAGE "God's Promise of Restoration" Chris Nolen

## INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

# "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" 581 Verse 1

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

#### Verse 2

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Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and feed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

#### Verse 3

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns up-on our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

#### Verse 4

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

## "The Apostles' Creed"

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living 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.

# OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY

# "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# **BENEDICTION**

#### "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.

#### **POSTLUDE**

# PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a prayer request, please share it during our Joys & Concerns or fill out a prayer request card and place it in the Offering plate. If you have a request during the week: please contact the church office 256-3632. In the evenings or on weekends call our Pastor, Rev. Brian Coplin. He may be reached by cell phone 318 614 5050 or send him an e-mail:rev.coplin@gmail.com.

Kathy Alford (Donna Ammons' friend)

I.D. Bostian

Carrie Broussard

Jiles Bowling

Lake Childress (friend of Gary & Janet Elam)

Linda Christian (Janet Elam's cousin)

Beth Coplin (Rev. Brian's mom)

Our pastor and family

Brian, Monica, Jack & Anna Claire Coplin

Lily DeRamos (Gary & Janet Elam's granddaughter)

Brianna Damron

Donna Ellzey

Charles Enterkin

**Greg Everett** 

Odis Faust

Jason Fluitt (Vicki Simpson's son-in-law)

Seth Freeman

Gwen Gastinel (Janet Elam's Sister)

Laurie Gentry

Rene Hill (Janet Elam's sister)

Zachary Hill (Janet Elam's nephew)

Grace Kelsev

Bobbie Kratz

Jerry Lee (Louis Lee's dad)

Renita Logan

Debbie Louden

Billie Lou Luster

Ginger Jordan

Patsy McCormick

Bonnie Fox Miles

Bill Roach

Rodney Roach

(Vicki Weaver's nephew)

Denise Richardson

Janice Rike

Ken Seegers Linda Seegers

Craig Skinner (Rev. Brian's friend)

Cindi Sullivan (Suzanne Fogle's sister)

Kevin Troquille

Family of Lynn Wooley

Cindi Wright

# **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Joe Troha

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, March 19

8:30 a.m. - Coffee Time - FLC 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. - Reception for Kenneth Ammons -FH

#### Monday, March 20

4:00 p.m. - Back to School Rally Meeting - FH

6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - FLC

# Tuesday, March 21

12:00 p.m. - Lion's Club

#### Wednesday, March 22

5:30 p.m. - Covenant Group 5:30 p.m. - Youth & Children

7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

#### Saturday, March 25

8:00 a.m. - Toledo Toms Rental -FLC

#### Are you connected?

As a church family it is important to feel connected to each other and the church activities. Let's talk about what we need as a church and as an individual and how we can meet that goal in 2023.

Please contact Amie Mitchell, email: <u>atmitch@bellsouth.net</u> or mail to:
Amie Mitchell

c/o FUMC P.O. Box 1210 Many, LA 71449



Nursery care is provided for children 5 years and younger at the bottom of the front stairway. There is also a "cry room" at the back of the sanctuary. Please be aware that, for safety' sake, all external doors are locked after the worship service has begun. So, if you need to leave and re-enter the building, please do so through the double glass doors in the Narthex where the ushers can assist you.

#### **March Nursery Volunteers**

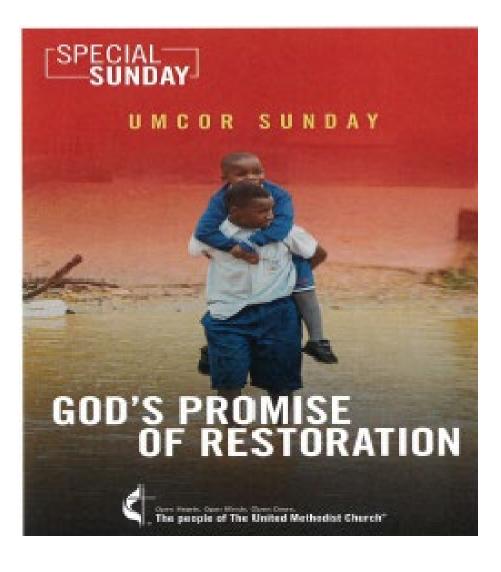
March 5 - Elizabeth Pickett March 12 - Mary Ellen Freeman March 19 - Carolyn Dove March 26 -Vicki Isgitt

#### \*WAYS TO GIVE

Give your tithes & offerings during worship services. Place offering in offering plate. You may send by mail to FUMC P.O.Box 1210 Many, La. 71449. We now have the option to give through **TEXT TO GIVE** Text #22525 then put in code FUMCM You may also go to the church website <a href="fumc-many.com">fumc-many.com</a>
Please call the church office for more information 318-256-3632

## 40 Cans for Lent

Consider having your family donate one can or item to our little pantry for each of the 40 days of Lent. Donations can be dropped off any Sunday. Thanks for your help, Kristie and Cathy



# First United Methodist Church Many, Louisiana

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023

Pastor:
Minister Emeritus:
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Accompanist:
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