

PRELUDE  
WELCOME AND GREETING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

“O How He Loves You and Me” 2108  
Verse 1  
O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me!  
He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you;  
O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

Verse 2  
Jesus to Calv’ry did go; his love for sinners to show. What he  
did there brought hope from despair. O how he loves you;  
O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

OPENING PRAYER  
A TIME TO SING

“Were You There” 288  
Verse 1  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you  
there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes  
me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they  
crucified my Lord?

Verse 2  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh, sometimes it  
causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there  
when they nailed Him to the tree?

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” 452  
Verse 1  
My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior  
divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

Verse 2  
May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my  
zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee  
pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!

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.

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 37:1-10

ANTHEM “On the Via Dolorosa” Wagner

SERMON “Valley of the Dry Bones” Rev. Ray Spiller

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” 117  
Verse 1  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home!

Verse 3  
Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same

Verse 4  
A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone; short  
as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Verse 6  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last and our eternal home.

“The Apostles’ Creed” 881  
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)  
**Family of Janet Tannehill Fowler**  
Seth Freeman  
Gwen Gastinel (Janet Elam’s Sister)  
Laurie Gentry  
Rene Hill (Janet Elam’s sister)  
Zachary Hill (Janet Elam’s nephew)  
Grace Kelsey  
Bobbie Kratz  
Jerry Lee (Louis Lee’s dad)  
Renita Logan  
Debbie Loudon  
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  
Cindi Wright

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Alex Isgitt  
Ken Freeman

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, March 26**  
8:30 a.m. - Coffee Time - FLC  
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary

**Monday, March 27**  
5:30 p.m. - Administrative Council Meeting  
6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - FLC

**Tuesday, March 28**  
12:00 p.m. - Lion’s Club

**Wednesday, March 29**  
5:30 p.m. - Covenant Group  
5:30 p.m. -Youth & Children  
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

**Thursday, March 30**  
10:00a.m. - SARC Day Out - 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: [atmitch@bellsouth.net](mailto:atmitch@bellsouth.net) 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 [fumc-many.com](http://fumc-many.com) 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

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 26, 2023

Pastor:	Rev. Brian Coplin
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Ray Spiller
Choir Director:	Carole Troha
Accompanist:	Patsy McCormick
Organist:	Gail Thomas

Website: [fumc-many.com](http://fumc-many.com)  
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## ***WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES***

The worship committee is working to enhance our worship experiences through spiritual activities, engaging music, altar design, participation in worship as liturgists and leading the congregational prayers each Sunday. During March and April, we are in the season of Lent, and have planned several opportunities for individual and community worship experiences.

- ❖ The Labyrinth is open at all times for prayer and reflection (found across the street from the Family Life Center) however, during the Lenten Season you will find a special Labyrinth Walk for Lent. A box posted near the stairs leading to the Labyrinth contains a brochure with special prayers and reflections for this season. The community is welcome.
- ❖ Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> will be celebrated with the children and youth as Holy Week begins.
- ❖ Thursday of Holy Week, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. a special Tenebrae Service of Shadows with scripture and music.
- ❖ Good Friday the Labyrinth will be set up for individual prayer and reflection using the Stations of the Cross. Individuals or families may go at their convenience.
- ❖ EASTER SUNDAY come celebrate the RESURRECTION!

## ***EASTER LILIES***

Easter Lilies will adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The lilies may be in memory or honor of someone. Be sure to contact the church office to provide the information for the bulletin no later than Wednesday, April 5th. Please have them wrapped in white paper with gold bows. The office is closed on Good Friday, so lilies must be delivered no later than Thursday, April 6th.



**Saturday, April 8  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

We will need wrapped candy that fits in eggs, plastic eggs, snacks, money, prizes, etc. We will also need someone to read the kids the Easter story and game helpers. We will need egg hiders also. I also would like suggestions for new games. Let me know if you think of something. Please consider coming and helping. You will get a blessing.

Vicki Weaver, Education Committee