

PRELUDE WELCOME AND GREETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

“In Moments Like These”

In moments like these, I sing out a song, I sing out a love song to Jesus. In moments like these, I lift up my hands, I lift up my hands to the Lord. Singing I love You, Lord, singing I love You, Lord, singing I love You, Lord, I love You.

OPENING PRAYER

A TIME TO SING

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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Verse 1

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

“In Remembrance of Me”

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Verse 1

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God’s own will is done.

Verse 2

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor. In remembrance of me, open the door and let our neighbors in, let them in.

Refrain

Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember, too, that this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

Verse 3

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don’t look above, but in your heart, look for God. Do this in remembrance of me.

Refrain

JOYS AND CONCERNS CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

arr. Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-21

SERMON

“Reborn”

Rev. Brian Coplin

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family and made covenant with every living creature on earth.

When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people. When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights: and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry.

When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days and exalted him at your right hand.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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

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 Kelsey
Bobbie Kratz
Jerry Lee (Louis Lee's dad)
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Debbie Loudon
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Ginger Jordan
Bonnie Fox Miles
Bill Roach
Rodney Roach
(Vicki Weaver's nephew)
Denise Richardson
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

Brian Tannehill
Amanda Lambert
Kevin Troquille



First United Methodist Church
Many, Louisiana

Second Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2023

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

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 5

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

Monday, March 6

6:00 p.m. - Ultreya - Holly Grove
6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - FLC

Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

5:30 p.m. - Covenant Group
5:30 p.m. - Youth & Children
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

Thursday, March 9

9:30 a.m. - United Women in Faith - SARC Day Out starting at 10:00 am in FLC

Friday, March 10

6:00 p.m. - Women's Fellowship

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 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's 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

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