

**Anthon United Methodist Church**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In Lent**

**Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson**

**March 5, 2023 10:00 AM**

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

**We Gather in God's Presence**

Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Song "To God Be the Glory" UMH #98**

**Call to Worship** Liturgist: Autumn Hansen

L: Do we dare place our trust in God?

**P: God has promised to be with us to guide us.**

L: Are we willing to continue on the journey when we don't know the dangers and are not sure of the destination.

**P: No matter what, God is with us. That's the promise and the hope.**

L: Let us step forward boldly, listening for God's call in our lives.

**P: Let us place our trust in God always.**

**All: AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Gracious and glorious Lord, we come, as did Nicodemus, with questions on our hearts and in our lives. We come hoping someone can help us find answers and healing. But we are also hardened with doubts about self, others, and even you. Grant us healing and openness to your spirit that we may be better servants of your Word, your Will, and your Way. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

**We Hear God's Word**

First Reading 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10

Readers Theatre "Close Encounters at the Cross"

**Hymn of Preparation "Faith of Our Fathers" UMH #710**

Gospel Reading John 3: 1-17

Today's Message "Entering the Kingdom of God"

Shirley

**God Calls Us to Respond**

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

**Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" Roger Hladik**

**The Great Thanksgiving Holy Communion UMH #9**

**Lord's Prayer**

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

**\*Doxology #95,**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**All: Father, we give our tithes and offerings to you. Bless and use these to accomplish your will through this church. We ask that every amount will be invested in the furthering of your work." In gratitude for God's generosity, let us share God's abundance with one another. AMEN.**

**Closing Hymn "Because He Lives" UMH #364**

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude//Extinguishing of candles

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Autumn Hansen

Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

**IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:**

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Steve Diamond, Bobby Lewis, Nina Osborne, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Eleanore Lewis, Fran & Keith Determann, Sheryl Ashley, David Beach, Susan Redenius, Ron Steinhoff, Dee Ashley, Ed Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Ralph Diamond, Trisha Thiessen, Kathy Johnson, Randy Hayworth, Ron Kropf, Nate, Shelby, Braxtyn, Kaidyn Kropf and Doris Waugh.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

**Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**March 5:** Lenten service tonight at 5:30. Roger will talk about John. A simple supper and fellowship will follow.

Our time together will last about an hour. Plan now to attend.  
We will have four Sunday nights discussing the people who were at the cross with Jesus.

**March 12:** Daylight Savings Begins. Spring Forward.

**March 13:** Finance/Board meeting at 7pm.

**March 19:** SPRC meeting immediately following church.

**Missions:** For March and April Mission Projects: Spring House Cleaning is coming. The Orphan Grain Train out of Ida Grove has been chosen for our new mission project. They are in need of shoes (wearable, good condition, but no high heel women's shoes. They also need men, women and children's clothes, scrubs, walkers, canes, crutches, and wheelchairs. More details on drop off to follow.

We are starting our ingathering collection for our hygiene kits. There will be a list of needs on the table in the fellowship hall.

**Mar. Readers:** Mar. 12-Taylor Hansen, Mar. 19-Eileen Klindt, Mar. 26-Tim Hoy.

**Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Bill & Marge Speirs (5), Roger & Shirley Nelson (6), Courtney Redenius (8), Trisha Thiessen (9), Walter Hill (10).

Mar./Apr. Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**Anthon Military:** To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You!

**If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.**

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### Quote of the Week

“We do not need to see eye to eye to walk arm in arm.”