

Anthon United Methodist Church

3rd Sunday In Lent

Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson

March 12, 2023 10:00 AM

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)
Lord’s Prayer

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” **UMH #158**

Call to Worship Liturgist: Taylor Hansen

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord!

P: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

L: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving!

P: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

L: Come, let us worship and celebrate God’s loving presence with us.

P: We sing to God with our hearts and our spirits. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord of living water, pour your mercy on us. Wash us clean and make us true disciples. Help us move from the paths of selfishness and stubbornness, to the channels of hope and peace. Enable us to place our whole trust in your love, remind us again that you also hold us dearly and offer to us your healing grace. Keep us strong and give us courage to serve you in all that we do. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

We Hear God’s Word

Old Testament Reading Exodus 18: 1-7

Readers Theatre “Close Encounters at the Cross” John 4: 5-27

Hymn of Preparation “Talk Time to be Holy” **verses 1-3 UMH #395**

Gospel Reading John 4: 27-42

Today’s Message “Woman at the Well” Shirley

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology #95,**

Prayer of Dedication

All: We have received much from God—grace, mercy, abundance, the love of Christ, and the gift of life itself. In our worship, we praise God and give God thanks for these gifts. Let us now offer what we can as a way of saying, “Thank you.” In gratitude for God’s generosity, let us share God’s abundance with one another. AMEN.

Closing Hymn “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” **UMH #671**

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude//Extinguishing of candles

Ministers.....EVERYONE!
Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson
Liturgist.....Taylor 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, Doris Waugh and to the family of Wally Duncan.

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. JoLynne will be speaking about the Centurion at the Cross. A simple supper and fellowship will follow. Our time together will last about an hour. Plan now to attend. We will have three Sunday nights discussing the people who were at the cross with Jesus.

March 13: Finance/Board meeting at 7pm.

March 19: SPRC meeting immediately following church.

March 20: District Superintendent Michel Lindula will be at the Rock Branch Methodist Church at 6:30 speaking on the disaffiliation . You are welcome to attend.

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. 19-Eileen Klindt, Mar. 26-Tim Hoy, Apr.2-Jerry Klindt, Apr. 9-Jake Mitchell, Apr. 16-Roger Hladik, Apr. 23-Marilyn Hladik.

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Marge Speirs (16).

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

**“Today is a wonderful day.
I’ve never seen this one before.
Every day is a new day to be thankful for.”**