

**Anthon United Methodist Church**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Lent**

**Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson**

**March 19, 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

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

**\*Doxology #95,**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**All: God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. AMEN.**

**We Gather in God’s Presence**

Welcome and Announcements

**Closing Hymn “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” UMH #474**

**Opening Song “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” UMH #140**

**Call to Worship** Liturgist: Lisa Kerns

L: Once you lived in darkness.

**P: Now the light of God has shone upon us.**

L: Find what is pleasing to God and follow God’s ways.

**P: The acts of darkness are left behind as we journey to God’s light.**

L: Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

**P: Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your light of salvation.**

**AMEN.**

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude//Extinguishing of candles

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Lisa Kerns

Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

**Opening Prayer**

**Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness, and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.**

**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, Doris Waugh, Marvin Hanson, and Sympathy to the Vaughn family in the death of Patsy Vaughn Fick.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

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

**We Hear God’s Word**

First Reading Psalm 23: 1-6

Readers Theatre “Close Encounters at the Cross” John 9: 1-23

**Hymn of Preparation “Open My Eyes, That I May See” UMH #454**

Gospel Reading John 9: 24-41

Today’s Message “And the Blind Will see” Shirley

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Lenten Study:** Lenten service tonight at 5:30. Deanna will be speaking about the criminals that were crucified with Christ. 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 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.

**March 26:** Salem's Lutheran Drive-Thru Broasted Loin Dinner, from 11:30-1:30pm. All meals are \$12. Flyer posted in Fellowship Hall.

**April 1:** Ralph Diamond will be celebrating his 98th birthday with a party in the fellowship hall on Saturday afternoon, from 2-4. Come have a piece of cake and ice cream and visit with Ralph.

**Missions:** The front doors of the church will be open to drop off items starting Monday.

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. We are also 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. 26-Tim Hoy, Apr.2-Jerry Klindt, Apr. 9-Jake Mitchell, Apr. 16-Roger Hladik, Apr. 23-Marilyn Hladik.

**Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Jennifer Adler (20), Alison Hill (22).

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

**“Set a guard over my mouth, Lord;  
keep watch over the door of my lips.  
Psalm 14: 1-3.”**