

Antho n United Methodist Church

5th Sunday In Lent

Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson

March 26, 2023 10:00 AM

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” UMH #430

Call to Worship Liturgist: Tim Hoy

L: Our lives feel all disjointed as though they were a valley of dry bones.

P: But the Spirit of God will bring connection and continuity to our lives.

L: The Spirit of God breathes hope into each one of us.

P: The Spirit of God challenges us to be people of faith.

L: Open our hearts, Lord, and bring us to your light.

P: Open our lives, Lord, and break us free from doubt and fear. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Healing and Empowering God, we are sometimes so sure that things will not work out, we doubt even your ability to put things right in our lives. We lack such faith. But Jesus came to show us that our most dreaded enemy--death--can be overcome by faith. Heal our doubts and our longings for assurance and give us spirits of trust and hope. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading Ezekiel 27: 1-4

Responsive Reading Psalm 1: 30 UMH #848

Hymn of Preparation “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” UMH #430

Gospel Reading “Close Encounters at the Cross” John 11: 1-45

Today’s Message Shirley

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

Lord’s Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology #95,**

Prayer of Dedication

All: Almighty and gracious God, we pray for your blessing today. As we come to give you our tithes and offerings, we ask that you would bless us in return. We bring our gifts to you this morning with love and support for your kingdom’s work. In Jesus name we pray. AMEN.

Closing Hymn “Spirit Song” UMH #374

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude//Extinguishing of candles

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Tim Hoy

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, Doris Waugh, Marvin Hanson, and Sympathy to the family in the death of Kathy Johnson.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Lenten Study: Final Lenten Service tonight at 5:30. A simple supper and fellowship will follow devotions. Our time will last about an hour. Plan now to attend.

March 27: Ann Trimble-Ray will be in Hornick United Methodist Church at 6:30 to discuss staying with the United Methodist Church.

April 17: Todd Schlitter will be at the Salix Church at 6:30 to share about the Global Methodist Church.

April 1: Ralph Diamond's birthday party has been cancelled. Please wish him Happy Birthday by sending him a card at PO Box 212, Anthon, IA 51004

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: Apr.2-Jake Mitchell, Apr. 9-Jerry Klindt, Apr. 16-Roger Hladik, Apr. 23-Marilyn Hladik.

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Ralph Diamond (29), Phil Adler (31).

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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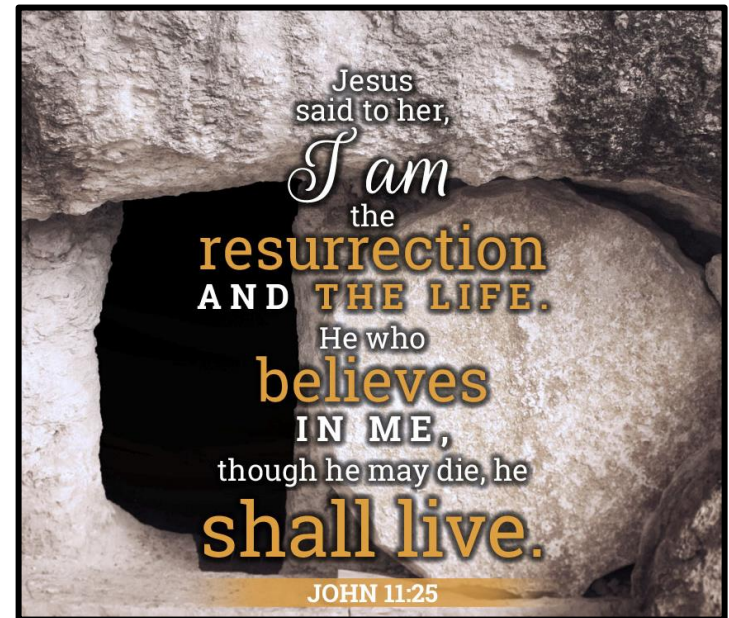
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Quote of the Week

“Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.”