

**Anthon Community Methodist Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson  
March 16, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

**We Gather in God's Presence**

Welcome and Announcements

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Shirley

**Opening Song "How Firm a Foundation" UMH #529**

**Call to Worship Liturgist: JoLynne Reimert**

L: Open your hearts to God's love today.

**P: In the midst of winter darkness, we seek the brightness of God's love.**

L: Don't be afraid. God is with you.

**P: With the Lord's help, we can overcome the darkness.**

L: The Lord is your light and your salvation.

**P: Even though everything around us is disturbing, yet God's love is constant. Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Lord, we come to you this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us to discern what you would have us do, that others may be healed. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.**

**We Hear God's Word**

First Reading Romans 5: 12-17

**Psalm 121 (Reading Responsively) UMH #844**

Children's Story Shirley

**Hymn of Preparation "Jesus Hands Were Kind Hands" UMH #273**

Gospel Lesson Luke 13: 31-35

Today's Message "Herod...the fox" Shirley Nelson

**God Calls Us to Respond**

**PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

\*Doxology #95,

Prayer of Dedication

**All: God, we have faith, trusting that you will provide for all our needs. Use these offerings to further your work and bring hope to those who need it most. AMEN.**

**Closing Hymn "Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow" UMH #338**

Extinguish the Second Lenten Candle

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude//Extinguishing of candles

Ministers.....EVERYONE!  
Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson  
Liturgist.....JoLynne Reimert  
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, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, Ed and Carol Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Peggy Hansen, Bettina Perkins, Barb Madsen, Elwanda Sheriff, Joyce Gothier, Jeanette Kummer, Roger Hladik, Stephanie Johnson, Brittany Miller, Norma Bunnell, Roger Nelson, & Jen Kerns.**

**Bettina Perkins is in the Battle Creek Nursing Home, room 204**

**Remember our Nursing Home Residents!**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Needed:** We are in need of one or two people to give children's stories on Sunday morning during worship. On rotation you would only have to give one about every six weeks. Also, we will be taking a break during the summer months without children stories.

**March 23:** Salem Luthern Church, Ribeye Sandwich Dinner, from 11am-1pm \$15 per meal, Dine In or Drive Thru. See flyer in fellowship hall.

**March 23 and March 26:** We will be showing a religious movie and serving a simple supper. More announcements next week.

**April 20:** Breakfast will be held on Easter morning. We will be serving egg bake, rolls and coffee cake, juice and coffee. We will be calling for food donations. If you would like to provide an egg bake or rolls, please contact Shirley or JoLynne. More information to follow

**May 2 and 3:** Anthon will be holding their town rummage. We will be having a \$1 only rummage. Everything will be priced \$1. If you would like to donate to this rummage, you will be able to bring saleable items in and putting them in the first big Sunday School room. No clothes please. Knick knacks, small appliances, magazines, coffee cups, kitchen items, CD's, DVD's etc. Anything that you are no longer using but would sell at a rummage. All money will go toward mission projects.

**March Readers:** March 23-Sue Wilson; March 30-Jerry Klindt

**March Children's Story:** March 23-Erin Baird; March 30-Kathy Hodgdon

**Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Majorie Speirs (16), Stephanie Johnson (19), Jennifer Adler (20).

March/April. 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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