

**Anthon Community Methodist Church**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson**  
**March 23, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

**We Gather in God's Presence**

Welcome and Announcements

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Shirley

**Opening Song**      **“God of Grace and God of Glory”**      **UMH #577**

**Call to Worship**      **Liturgist: Sue Wilson**

L: Wrap yourselves in the healing love of God!

**P: We seek God's presence in our lives.**

L: Know that God continually surrounds us with patience and persistence.

**P: Even though we have not produced the “fruits” of hope that God seeks, yet God forgives and heals our weakness.**

L: Rejoice! Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

**P: We will turn our lives again to the Lord, to serve and seek God's presence. AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts and spirits this morning, Lord, that we may be healed of our faithlessness, freed from our fears and anxieties, and placed on the pathways that lead to peace and service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

**We Hear God's Word**

First Reading      Romans 5: 1-11

**Psalm 63: 1-8 (Reading Responsively)**      **UMH #788**

Special Music      “Open My Eyes, That I May See”      Roger Hladik

Children's Story      Erin Baird

**Hymn of Preparation**

**“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**  
**UMH #298**

Gospel Lesson

Luke 13: 1-9

Today's Message

“Producing Fruit”

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: Lord, we dedicate these offerings to you. Use them according to your will, and help us to give with pure hearts knowing that everything we have is a gift from you. AMEN.**

**Closing Hymn**      **“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**      **UMH #381**

Extinguish the Third Lenten Candle

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude//Extinguishing of candles

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Sue Wilson

Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

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**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, & Mark Nelson.**

**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:**

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

**March 30:** We will be showing Godspell, a religious musical and serving a simple supper. We will start the movie at 3:00. Enjoy and afternoon movie and as always good food afterwards.

**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 30-Jerry Klindt

**March Children's Story:** March 30-Kathy Hodgdon

### **Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

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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