

Anthony Community Methodist Church
5th Sunday in Lent
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson
April 6, 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 "God of the Ages" UMH #698

Call to Worship Liturgist: Erin Baird

L: Spring is about to break forth!

P: In all the land, new life is happening!

L: Feel the wonder and power of God's creative energy

P: Feel the awe and joy of God's love for us.

L: Let us worship God with a full sense of joy and expectation.

P: Let us open our hearts, our spirits, our souls, to God's lavish love.
AMEN.

Opening Prayer

We come into your presence, O Lord, with so many burdens and concerns on our hearts. Help us to be open to your words of healing and restoration. Bring us closer to you. Enable us to discern your will for us that we may serve you more faithfully by serving others in need. In Christ's name, we pray. AMEN.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading Philippians 3: 4-14

Second Reading Psalms 126 UMH #847

Children's Story Shirley

Hymn of Preparation "O How He Loves You and Me" TFWS #2108

Gospel Lesson

John 12: 1-8

Today's Message "Judas Iscariot – the Thief" Shirley

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

Hymn of Communion "Take Our Bread" UMH #640

The Great Thanksgiving Holy Communion UMH #9

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #95,

Prayer of Dedication

All: Lord, just as you multiplied the loaves and fishes, we pray that you will multiply these offerings. May they reach far beyond our expectations and bring blessings to many. AMEN.

Closing Hymn "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations " UMH #569

Extinguish the Fifth Lenten Candle

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Erin Baird

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, Mark Nelson & Sally Schram.

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: Anthon Legion Post 389 will hold their annual omelet breakfast April 6 from 9 to noon at the Anthon Legion Hall.

April 13: Palm Sunday

April 20: Breakfast will be held on Easter morning from 8-9:30am. 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.

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.

April Readers: April 13-Lisa Kerns, April 20-Duane Brandt, April 27-Marilyn Hladik.

April Children's Story: April 13-JoLynne Reimert, April 20-Kathy Hodgdon, April 27-Erin Baird.

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Rhonda Beeson (6), Tyler Hoy (12).

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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