

**Anthon Community Methodist Church  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson  
March 15, 2026@ 10:00 a.m.**

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

**We Gather in God's Presence**

Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Song "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH #133**

**Call to Worship Liturgist: Sue Wilson**

L: When we open our eyes, we see your glory, O God.

**P: Sun, moon, and stars proclaim your magnificence.**

L: When we open our ears, we hear your word, O God.

**P: The voice of creation reaches the ends of the earth.**

L: When we open our hearts, we receive your truth, O God.

**P: You fill us with joy and light forever.**

L: When we open ourselves, we praise your holy name.

**P: Praise God's holy name. AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer**

**O God, your weakness is mightier than human strength, your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. We rejoice that you are with us today. Open our hearts and discipline our will. Teach us to follow your perfect ways. Test us with your righteous decrees. As with a whip, drive us from unholy living, and turn us toward your holy light. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, comfort and redeem us with your holy gospel. AMEN**

**We Hear God's Word**

First Reading 1 Corinthians: 18-25

**Second Reading Responsively Psalms 19: 1-14 UMH #750**

**Hymn of Preparation "Oh How He Loves You and Me" TFWS 2108**

Gospel Reading John 2: 13-22

Today's Message "This is a House of Worship" Shirley

**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: The wisdom of the world tells us to hoard what we own, O God, while you invite us to share what we have with those in need. Accept these gifts for your purposes, that we may be your servants in the world. AMEN.**

**Closing Hymn "Trust and Obey" UMH #467**

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Sue Wilson

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, Ed and Carol Davis, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Bettina Perkins, Elwanda Sheriff, Kathy Hodgdon, Evelyn & Larry Dicks (Becky Marshall's parents), Jerry & Eileen Klindt, Lyle & Sally Schram, Roger Nelson, Will Hoy, Betty Nelson, and Connie Ashley.  
Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Easter Lillies Reminder:** Decorating the church with lillies this Easter. Start bringing your lillies in now.

**March 18:** Delivery of Meals by WOF

**March 29:** Palm Sunday

**April 2:** Maundy Thursday. Seder Supper 7:00 p.m Fellowship Hall

**April 3:** Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.

**April 5:** Easter Sunday with breakfast served at 8:30.

### **Mission Projects:**

We will be having our \$1 only rummage sale again this year, when the town is having their spring garage sales. Start gathering your donations now.

**March Liturgists:** March 22-Marilyn Hladik; March 29-Roger Hladik

**Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Marge Spiers (16); Cory & Bridgett Brown; Stephanie Johnson (19); Jennifer Adler (20); Finley Petersen (21), Phil Adler (31).

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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