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Fourth Sunday of LENT

March 30th, 2025

8:00 am ~ Early Service of Worship
9:15 am ~ Sunday School / Small Groups
10:30 am ~ Late Service of Worship

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Pre-service Music

Charlotte Gingrich

Welcome and Announcements

A Call to Worship

Leader: We gather this day, keenly aware that we struggle to live as you call us to live.

***People :* Even then, O God, your steadfast loves surrounds us.**

Leader: When we fear what will happen if we speak the truth, and so we keep silent...

***People :* Even then, O God, your steadfast loves surrounds us.**

Leader: When we are willing to let down our guard, and let the truth of our sorrows, our sin, our joys, and our doubts flow freely...

***People :* Even then, O God, your steadfast loves surrounds us.**

Leader: When we yield to Your grace that teaches and guides us into a life of trust and joyful obedience...

***People :* Your love, O God, surrounds us, and empowers us, and helps us to face the day.**

***ALL :* Lead us, O God, in ways that bring life, and joy, and peace beyond measure.**

** Opening Hymn

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" I've Got Peace Like A River "

** Opening Prayer

ALL: As we come before you this day, O God, forgive us our grumblings and our distractions. Open our hearts an understanding of Your majesty and Your greatness. Through the power of Your Spirit, give us wisdom - that we might know the height, and the breadth, and the depth of Your love for us. Empower us to live out our lives filled with righteousness and power - that we might be like a beacon of light, drawing others to Your side. Be with us in this hour, we pray, Amen.

** *Bump elbows, or wave to those around you !*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Doug Rubendall

from Psalm 32

A Song of Praise

Charlotte Gingrich

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Sharing Our Joys and Prayer Concerns

Morning Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 270

Our Father, who art in heaven - hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done - on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses - as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings

UMH 420

" Breathe On Me, Breath of God "

750 Peace like a River

The peace of God will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
2. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an
3. I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a

riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul; I've got
o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my soul; I've got
foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul; I've got

peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,
love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,
joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain,

I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul. (my soul.)
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul. (my soul.)
I've got joy like a foun - tain in my soul. (my soul.)

TEXT: Traditional
MUSIC: Traditional

PEACE LIKE A RIVER
7.7.10.D.

Our Prayer of Thanksgiving

ALL: Gracious God, You are a refuge and a strength for all who face times of trial. Bless these gifts that we bring this day, and help us to use them wisely - that we might be a source of help and hope to those in need. Open our eyes to see those who struggle, and our ears to hear the cries of those in need - that we might be a channel of Your grace to those around us. We ask these, and all things this day, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

The Morning Message

Pastor Alan Atchison

" The Power of a 'Selah' "

from the text of Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

** Closing Hymn

UMH 430

" O Master Let Me Walk with Thee " *(tune 408)*

** Benediction and Sending Forth

**Indicates the congregation standing, if you are able.

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## **This Week's Announcements**

**Fresh, Homemade Soup** will be available from the youth **TODAY** following worship. Your choice of Ham and Bean; Turkey and Noodle; and Cheeseburger soup. Quarts available for a donation towards upcoming mission work.

**Easter Flowers** - In lieu of purchasing flowers for the sanctuary this Easter, we invite you to make a gift to missions in memory or in honor of someone. Please see the form on the back page.

## **This Week's Announcements** (con't)

**2025 Easter Egg Production** - wraps up this week. Please check with Larry Bellis for work times.

**Tuesday Morning Bible study group** will meet in the Library at 10am. Deb Goudy is leading the study.

**The Tuesday afternoon Bible Study group** will **NOT** meet this week.

**Grace UMC Choir** - will practice on Wednesday at 6:30 in the chapel.

**Women of Faith Chocolate Goodies** - will be available for pick-up **next Sunday**.

***Please make your checks out to Tina Fetter.***

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** - Come join us for a morning of fun on **Saturday, April 12th!** Enjoy breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 8 - 10am, and our annual Egg Hunt at 10am. Help is needed to fill and hide eggs. Please contact Tracy Wertz to volunteer.

**Candy for Filling Eggs** - Candy Donations are being sought for filling easter eggs in preparation for our Easter community outreach event. They can be dropped off in the box in the church entryway.

**GUMC Monthly Calendar of Events for April** - is available in the church entryway, along with the current month's birthday lists. If you would like to receive them via email, please let pastor Alan know by sending your requests to: [pastoratchison@gmail.com](mailto:pastoratchison@gmail.com) Thank You !

**Ad Council Meeting** - There will be a **BRIEF** Administrative Council meeting **NEXT SUNDAY MORNING at 11:45 in the Library** following the 10:30am worship Service.

# People To Be Lifted Up for Prayer this Week ....

## Continuing Unspoken Requests

- Shelby - hospitalized for extremely high blood sugar
- Donna Beer's niece, Kristen - upcoming surgery
- Madison - undergoing brain surgery this week
- Lexi Riden - growth on knee
- Vicki Wommer - recovering from heart valve repair/surgery
- Becki Jury - recovering from lung infection
- Bill Schoffstall - kidney cancer surgery
- Kim Sitlinger - moved to Hospice Care
- Stacy - gallbladder surgery this week
- Miriam and Polly Rubendall - slowly declining health
- Kathy Weiss - recovering from intestinal surgery
- Alvin and Donna Baker - recovering from fall, heart issues
- Tara Tyson - ongoing knee issues
- 4th Grade student at Halifax - septic shock
- Deanna Savidge - currently under hospice care
- Wanda Radel - upcoming stomach surgery
- Sue Turnbaugh - continued healing from ulcerative colitis
- Robin Davis' friend, Linda - recovering from surgery
- Carson Kauffman - Continued emotional /behavioral struggles
- Gary & Kay Matter - recovering at home
- Patti from our York family - throat cancer treatments
- Tanya from our York family - upcoming cancer testing
- Jeri Zimmerman, York family - COPD, heart failure,
- Mary Lebo - blood clots
- Kylie Fetterhoff - upcoming pancreatic surgery
- Don Lebo - dialysis challenges
- John Haines - continuing health challenges
- Delroy Straub, Jr. - diagnosed with throat cancer
- Linda Walters - recovery from surgery
- Barbara Moore - young mother of 3 diagnosed with cancer
- Arlene Sedesse - radiation treatments

# People To Be Lifted Up for Prayer this Week ....

Dawn Powers' Brother, Artie - end-stage cancer  
Pat Moyer - continuing health challenges  
Damien Erdman - continuing health challenges  
Larry "Hap" Barnhart - continuing health challenges  
Richard Servello - back and spine issues

# Joys and Praises Shared Last Week ....

Lori Michaels - declared cancer-free  
Trisha Snyder's daughter, Holly - secured new home  
Amelia Orr - recovered from throat surgery  
Jayden (12) - recovering from spinal surgery, wound healing  
Arlo (11) - home and recuperating  
Bowie Gingrich doing exceptionally well with cochlear implant

## Our Attendance Last Sunday : Mar 23rd

Early Service ~ 42    Sunday School ~ 26  
10:30 Worship ~ 48    Online Worship ~ 11

## Our Stewardship - Mar 23rd

|              |          |                          |          |
|--------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| General Fund | 2,792.00 | Faith Promise / Missions | 190.00   |
| Building     | 82.00    | Designated Outreach      | 2,283.00 |

## In Lieu of Easter Flowers

A Gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is being given for Mission Outreach  
In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

by: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND DROP IN OFFERING PLATE OR OFFICE WITH YOUR DONATION