

HEBRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
February 21, 2021
First Sunday in Lent

WELCOME

WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP + - Dr. Dan Staten

L: Christ is calling us to be his disciples

P: Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.

L: We will be led into fields of mission and service.

P: Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.

L: Listen for Christ's call to us.

P: As we worship, we will listen. As we follow, we will serve.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus on whatever path he leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us to trust wholly in you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR EACH OTHER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN # 399 Take My Life, and Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move, At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be, Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be, Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use, Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be, Ever, only, all for Thee.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 1: 43 – 51, 21: 1 – 2

MORNING MEDITATION *Unbelievable!* Pastor Char Hoffmann

WE MAKE OUR CONFESSION BEFORE GOD AND EACH OTHER +

God, you call to each of us. Discipleship is difficult. Forgive us, patient and persistent Lord, for the very many times we turn our backs on serving you and focus on our own comforts. Forgive us when we look the other way when people are in need. Forgive us our angry attitudes and actions which hurt rather than heal. Wrap your arms around us, healing our wounds, binding us to you. Gently move us into service in your name.

WE RECEIVE ASSURANCE +

Do not be afraid. God is with us! That is good news. We do not have to go through life alone, wondering if anyone cares about us or knows our heart. God knows and God loves us. Rejoice for thus it is, has always been, and will continue to be. God's love for us is eternal. **AMEN.**

WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING

As the disciples walked with Christ so long ago, walk with Christ in your hearts and spirits. Feel the power of the Holy Spirit guiding your path. Know the love of God which is poured out for you and rejoice. Go in peace and may God's peace go with you. **Amen.**

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Prayer by Thomas Harding, 1990

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The Summons - Kris Bottlemy

Words & Music: John L. Bell @1987 WGRG c/o Iona Community Glasgow, Scotland

Take My Life, and Let It Be - Accompanied by Kris Bottlemy

Words: Frances R. Havergal Music: Louis J.F. Herold arr. by George Kingsley

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You are encouraged to print this page and read it once daily during this Lenten Season.

Psalm 51:10-17 NRSV

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Prayer

Gracious God, you have brought us to this season of Lent, this time of preparation for crucifixion and resurrection. Give us courage to examine ourselves, to be honest about who we are and to what we are called, that, on Easter morning, we might meet our Savior with joy; to whom with you and the Spirit, one holy God, be honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

(Thomas Harding, 1990)

Give thanks for blessings and pray for: the worldwide church, the HUMC congregation, leaders and those in power, those who are hurting (sick, injured, grieving, depressed), those who care for us and keep us safe, teachers and students, our enemies, other joys and concerns, ourselves.

Our Prayer List for February 21, 2021

Dear Lord, please hear our prayers for the following:

Jeanne and Marlo Johnson as Jeanne is undergoing chemo

Debbie Arnold's dad, Dick Border, experiencing health problems

Dawn Nelson's nephew, Donnie, undergoing chemo for Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma

Dave Dickey experiencing health problems

Alberta Austin at Crossroads Care Center

Pastor Char & Glenn's daughter-in-law, Julie, as she deals with effects MS

Jack Proesel at Burr Oak Manor

Nora Winn at the Fair Oaks Nursing facility

Luke Moore

Anita Landry, her son-in-law, Emil, on oxygen 24/7, & her daughter, Cora, as she takes care of both

Our former Pastor Jim and Char

Our former Pastor Paul and Lynn

Dorothy Peterson's family

Betty Garrett's son-in-law, Doug Schneiderman, having back surgery on Feb. 18th

Arlyne Mummer

We pray for all who have suffered as the result of natural disasters.

We pray for protection and safety for all those who defend and protect us.

We pray for the victims and families of all who have been affected by and from violence.

We pray for the return of goodwill and unity among all people.

We pray for all those affected by COVID-19 and their families; and we pray for the safety of all medical staff and personnel during the care of all patients.

We pray for our church, the Village of Hebron, and all leaders - local, state and national; our church leaders in Hebron, our Elgin District Sup't., our Bishop and the entire UMC.

We pray for the names in our hearts that they will be kept safe from harm. God bless us all.
Amen

If you wish to have someone added to our Prayer List please contact Shirlee on our Nurture Team at (815) 648-5009 or at offcqueen@aol.com.

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