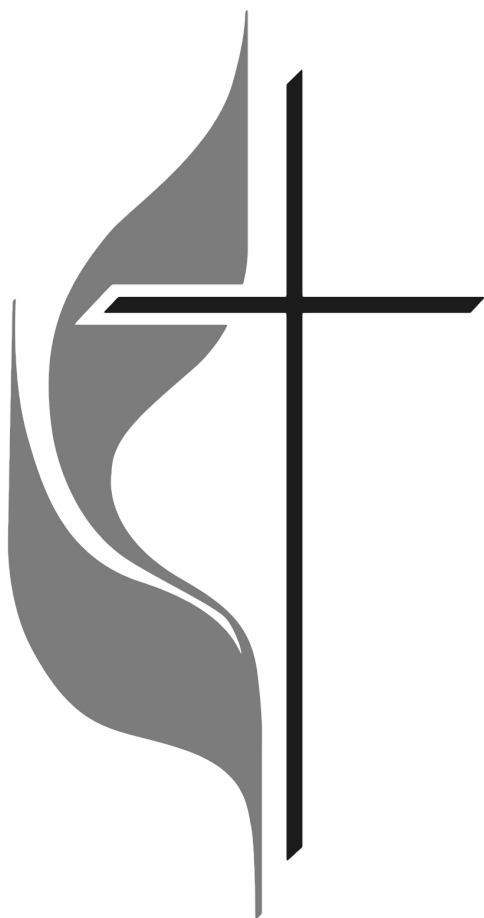




An Order of
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

March 8, 2026 | Third Sunday in Lent

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome. We're glad to have you with us today. We seek to be a church that welcomes all people. Regardless of who you are, where you're from, what you've done, or whom you love, you are welcome here. All are welcome, and all means all.

Gathering of the Congregation

Intrada | *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* | Mary Ann Buhler

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude | *Forty Days and Forty Nights* | Mary Ann Buhler

CALL TO WORSHIP | Brian Strouts, Worship Leader

As a community of faith,
we will strive to live together in ways
which demonstrate these guiding values:

**community, compassion,
dignity, discipleship,
hospitality and spiritual growth.**

College Avenue United Methodist Church appreciates
the diversity within God's people.

**We will strive to uphold a nurturing
and peaceful environment.**

Opening Prayer | Pastor John Collins

HYMN | *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* | UMH 117

Scripture Reading | John 4:5-26 (NRSVue)

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the
plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶

Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.), ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when

the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

RESPONSE TO THE SCRIPTURE READING

Let us take to heart what the Holy Spirit has spoken through this scripture reading. **Amen.**

SONG | *Jesus Loves Me*, verse 1 | UMH 191

A Time for All God's Children

When the children's message has concluded, children aged three to second grade are welcome to join us in the education room, located in the basement, to attend Children's Church. For children under three, our nursery is available.

SONG | *Jesus Loves Me*, verse 3 | UMH 191

Scripture Reading | Exodus 17:1-7 (NRSVue)

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to

stone me.”⁵ The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go.”⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Sermon | Pastor John Collins

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I commit myself to God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I set my heart upon Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I place my trust in the Holy Spirit,
the holy church universal,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

RESPONSE | *Gloria Patri* | UMH 71

Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

Sin is both a sickness that afflicts us and the ways we wrong God and one another. We're all both victims and perpetrators. Forgiveness and healing begin when we come clean. Clean to God, and clean to ourselves.

Words of Assurance

HYMN | *In Christ Alone* | WS 3105

Intercessory Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory | *Shine, Jesus, Shine* | Mary Ann Buhler

RESPONSE | *Doxology* | UMH 94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude | *Postlude on “God of Grace and God of Glory”*

A note from Pastor John: I write very few prayers completely from scratch. Instead, I usually start with prayers from general sources, such as *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, and adapt them, often quite extensively, for use here.

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Please note that **bold type** indicates congregational participation. “UMH” stands for *The United Methodist Hymnal* (red book); “FWS” stands for *The Faith We Sing* (black book); and “WS” stands for *Worship & Song* (green book). For those with small children, a nursery is available, located north of the sanctuary in Room 207. Another option is our comfort room, also located north of the sanctuary in room 201. This room has a television for watching the service. All-gender (single stall) restrooms with baby changing stations are located north of the sanctuary at the end of the hallway and at the bottom of the central staircase.

NEWSLETTER

Ogden Friendship House Of Hope (by Sheryl Fjell) — We have contacted the director of Ogden Friendship House of Hope for items that they are in need of for their clients. We are going to collect bar soap, deodorant, and toilet paper to help stock their shelves. Please place your donations in the wire cage in the South Narthex.

Thank You (by Susie Shaw) — By the time you read this, Alex Fraire and I will be leaving rural Panama, having been there with our medical mission team since February 27.

If you didn't know this already, our church family is "over the top" in generosity! Once again, I feel amazed, and my heart grateful, for all the donations, prayers, and support you sent with me. You are all ministers in Christ representing our church, as together we are glorifying God by sharing what we have with "the least of these." Thank you.

UWF Update: During the last 6 weeks, our circles have served three funeral courtesy luncheons. Two of the families asked for food to serve more than 150 people. All of the circles supported this ministry by providing food donations, money for sandwiches, salads, & desserts, assisting with table decorations, providing help in the kitchen and drink station and with clean-up (which includes washing dishtowels and tablecloths). Some members participated in one, two or all three events. The money donated for our services amounted to \$2,175. This is amazing! The money will be used in payment for mission projects suggested by the circles at the end of the year.

Please remember that we offer the leftover food to the family, otherwise the food is taken to the Emergency Shelter. So, our donation of food serves those in our community who need these resources.

I thank all of our members for their support to make this life transition for families a little smoother.

Blessings, Betty J. Beach, Chairperson UWF

Online Lenten Bible Study (by John Collins) — We started our online Lenten Bible Study on February 25, 2026. If you haven't already received a link to attend, reach out to me however works best for you, and I'll get it to you.

Prayer Requests — Do you have a prayer request? Please visit our website at www.CAUMC.church, click on the "Contact Us" tab, and select the "Prayer Request" option to submit your requests and concerns.

K-12 Teachers Fund (by Gary Beach) — Thanks to your generosity we have reached our goal to provide our members who are teachers to receive a check for \$250 each to help them purchase classroom supplies for the spring semester!

Email Blog Updates — Pastor John Collins uses Google Groups to send out blog posts by email every day or so. This way, you can keep up with the blog at revcollins.com by checking your email. You can even reply with an email of your own. Sign up by sending an email to john@revcollins.com with the word "Subscribe" in the memo line.

Worship Streaming Online — If you can't make it to church, but would like to watch the service online, you can find us by going to www.CAUMC.church, clicking on the Worship tab, then clicking on the Worship Online arrow, or by heading directly over to www.youtube.com/c/caumcMHK.

Donations Needed (by Sheryl Fjell) — When Harvesters deliver food to Ogden, many patrons walk to get the food. They need reusable shopping bags to carry the food home. If you have some that you are not using, please donate them to the wire basket in the South-ex hallway of the church. Members of our church who volunteer with Harvesters will deliver them to Ogden. Thank you so much.

Giving to CAUMC — Visit our website at www.CAUMC.church and click on the Give button in the upper right corner to explore ways to support our ministries financially.

Newsletter Submissions — If you would like to submit an article to the weekly newsletter, please contact the office at 785-539-4191, email caumc.info@gmail.com, or visit us in person. Please note that all submissions must be received by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 8 (Daylight Saving Time Begins)

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship
5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon

Tuesday, March 10

All Day	Pastor's Day off
9:00 a.m.	Agape
9:30 a.m.	TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)
6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Eve Kaleidoscope

Wednesday, March 11

10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m.	CFO
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal
5:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.	Children's <i>"Learning to Use My Bible"</i> Class
7:30 p.m.	Pastor John's Lenten Bible Study Online

Thursday, March 12

9:30 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom

Friday, March 13

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

Sunday, March 15

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, March 17

All Day Pastor's Day Off

9:30 a.m. TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)

9:30 a.m. Harvesters Mobile Food Pantry (Set Up)

10:00 a.m. Harvesters Mobile Food Pantry (Distribution)

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 18

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:00 p.m. CFO

Thursday, March 19

9:30 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom

Friday, March 20

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

Sunday, March 22

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

3:00 p.m. Care Team Meeting

4:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Sunday, March 22 (Continued)

- 4:15 p.m. Christian Family and Friendship Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Church Council
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, March 24

- All Day Pastor's Day Off
- 9:30 a.m. TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 25

- 9:00 a.m. MAREA Board Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. UWF Book Club
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Children's *"Learning to Use My Bible"* Class
- 7:30 p.m. Pastor John's Lenten Bible Study Online

Thursday, March 26

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Meadowlark Gathering
- 5:30 p.m. TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury Support Group)

Friday, March 27

- 12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes
Young Christians' Weekend in Silver Dollar City

Sunday, March 29

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, March 31

All Day Pastor's Day Off
9:30 a.m. TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 1

9:00 a.m. MAREA
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal
5:30 p.m. Adult Choir
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. Children's *"Learning to Use My Bible"* Class
7:30 p.m. Pastor John's Lenten Bible Study Online

Thursday, April 2

9:30 a.m. Willing Workers
6:00 p.m. Church Ladies Dinner

Friday, April 3

8:00 a.m. First Friday Men's Breakfast
12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

Sunday, April 5

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, April 7

All Day Pastor's Day Off
9:30 a.m. TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

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