

**Large print bulletin 2-26-2023**

**WELCOME**

Steve Brockman

**PRELUDE**

Organ - piano

"God So Loved the World" Stainer/arr. Smith

The prelude is offered on behalf of the congregation.  
Quiet meditations and private prayers are encouraged.

**\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*GREETING**

Norma Grizzard

Leader: Sisters and brothers, we come together to worship God who offer us freedom through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: For Christ has set us free from sin and death that we might live to God's glory and praise.**

Leader: We have not received a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear;

**People: We have received the living Christ that we might be children of God.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!

**\*"LIFT HIGH THE CROSS"**

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*GLORI PATRI**

UMH#71

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Peter 3:18-22 page 985 Liturgist: Norma Grizzard

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER/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.**

### **OFFERING**

*Tables are set up at the back of the sanctuary to receive your offering and mission basket donations.*

**"GO NOT FAR FROM ME, O GOD"**

Zingaerlli

St. James Chancel Choir

### **DOXOLOGY**

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**SERMON: Rehab: The Wilderness**

Rev. Andrew Wolfe

**Scripture:** Mark 1:9-15 page 812

**\*"O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO"**

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### **COLLECT**

**God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and**

**you know our deepest desires, fears, and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

### **Mission Basket**

Our February Mission Basket will assist with our 2023 Community Garden project.

**Kid's Club (3K to 5th grade): 4-5:30pm**

**UMYF: No youth activities today**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Lenten sermon series: The Spartanburg District is hosting Lenten services each Wednesday at noon during March, followed by lunch.**

March 1: Central UMC

March 8: Bethel UMC

March 15: Silver Hill UMC

March 22: St. James UMC

March 29: Trinity UMC

**Listening session:** In light the current dialogue about disaffiliation and the future of the United Methodist Church, St. James will hold a churchwide meeting Sunday, March 5 after church in the sanctuary.

Everyone is invited to attend.

**Easter Eggstravaganza:** Sunday, March 26, beginning at 4pm, we will have an afternoon of fun learning about the Easter story. Invite your family and friends. We need nut free candy to put in the plastic eggs for our egg hunt. Donation boxes will be out at the church office and in the narthex. We need all donations by March 19.

### **In Our Prayers**

Shirley Anderson  
Nancy Becker  
Phyllis Bird  
Nancy Bishop  
Joe Brooks  
Iris Browning  
Bob Clark  
Michael Crawley  
Clay Emory  
Elouise Faulkner  
Fred Fullerton  
Pat Harris  
Sara Gaulden

Sandy Hall  
Marge Hart  
Peter Heer  
Lorelei Hightower  
Betty Hughes  
Nancy Hughston  
Shirley Lupton  
Anne Lutz  
Gwynn Radaker  
Todd Ramella  
Jeffrey Rhodes  
Irene Ruskin  
George Ricker

Ira Snead  
Irene Stone  
Darlene Stacy  
Mary Stork  
Linda Taylor  
Ivy & Jude Thomas  
Dotty & Jim Tubb  
Barbara West  
Chloteel Woofter  
Jenny Woofter  
Bob Williams  
Lois West

Sympathies to the family and friends of Suzy Taylor  
who passed away February 11, 2023.