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 Grizzar**d**

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"** UMH#159

***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 UMH#95

SERMON: Rehab: The Wilderness Rev. Andrew Wolfe
Scripture: Mark 1:9-15 page 812

***"O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO"** UMH#480

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.