

## Sunday, March 21, 2021

9am Contemporary Service, 10am Sunday School-all inside  
11am Traditional Service

We will all have to follow social distancing protocols

\*6 ft apart \*wear masks \*families can worship together

\*If you don't feel well, stay home, worship with us on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchdayton/live/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **JOB OPENING:** Little Learners has part time and full time Positions available call the office 423-775-0262 for info.
- **Upcoming Dates:**
  - Palm Sunday, March 28th
  - Maundy Thursday, April 1st– Seder Meal @ 7pm
  - Good Friday, April 2nd
  - Easter Sunrise Service– in the works
- Have you had your 2nd vaccination? Do you feel comfortable enough to schedule a visit from Pastor Layne? Contact the office for a day and time.
- **Available methods to give your tithes and offerings:**
  1. Offering Plates before or after the worship service - by cash or check
  2. Card readers located at the church - by debit or credit cards
  3. Mail to the church - by check
  4. Through the website ([firstchurchdayton.org](http://firstchurchdayton.org)) - by debit or credit cards or PayPal
  5. Autopay from your checking account

The last two options can be scheduled as a one time gift or repeated at the time interval of your choice.

Please continue to uphold our church ministries and programs in your prayers and faithful giving of your tithes and offerings.

## WEEKLY DATES:

1. TOPS– Tuesday Nights from 5-6, Ketchersid Classroom
2. Rotary Meeting: Lunch & Meeting- Every Friday.
3. Tri County Quilters meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 9 till 1.
4. Study the **1ST PETER** – Wednesdays from 11:00am – 12:00 using the Zoom app. For more info– text Cyndie (423-240-0187) or email Becky at [rebtck@charter.net](mailto:rebtck@charter.net)

# First United Methodist Church

"Advancing Christ's Kingdom locally and globally"

**March 21, 2021**



**Layne Pennington, Pastor**

Bailey Moore, Youth Director

**John Bamber, Lay Leader/Music Director**

John Blevins, Lay Leader

Elissa Wilcox, Administrative

9:00 AM Worship Service  
5th Sunday of Lent

Welcome  
Praise & Worship  
Prayers & Offering  
Announcement  
Blessing of the Children—  
Scripture  
Sermon  
  
Praise & Prayer  
Closing Worship

The Nursery is closed until further notice.  
Lamentations 1: 1-5, 10-16  
“Where is your Wailing Wall?”  
Pastor Layne

11:00 AM Worship Service  
5th Sunday of Lent

\*\* Please stand if you are able

Prelude  
Lenten Reading  
Invocation  
Hymn  
Welcome & Announcements  
\*\*Affirmation of Faith  
\*\*Gloria Patri  
Offertory Prayer  
Offertory

Steve Trotter  
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Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone— UMH 424  
- UMH 889

\*\*Doxology  
Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Pastoral Prayer  
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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Special Music  
\*\*Scripture  
Sermon  
  
Hymn  
\*\*Benediction & Response  
  
Postlude

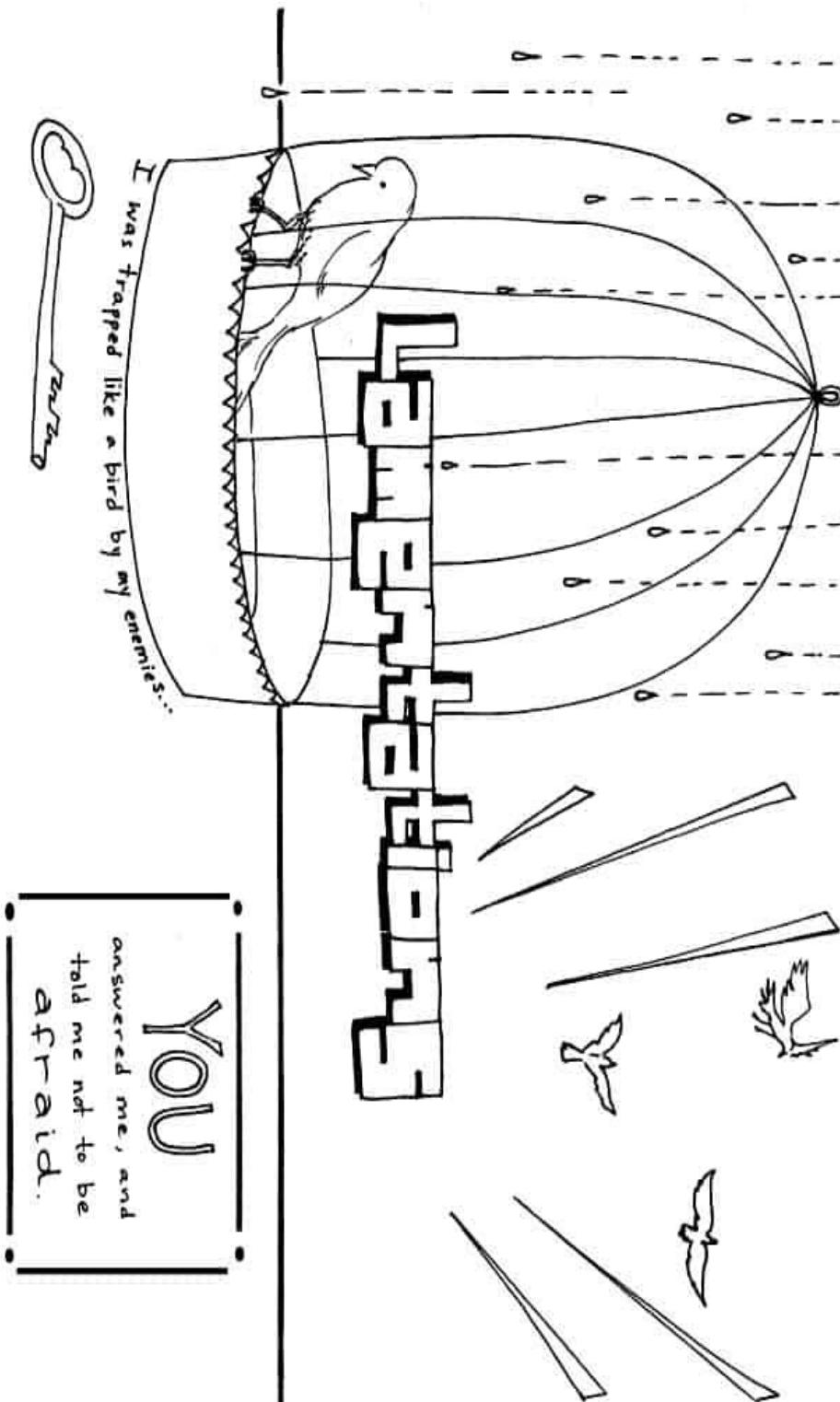
Lamentations 1: 1-5, 10-16  
“Where is your Wailing Wall?”  
Pastor Layne  
Rescue the Perishing— UMH 591  
God be with you till we meet again  
UMH— 672  
Faith Young

LAMENTATIONS CHAPTER ONE

|                                 |         |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| G N O M A S S T S E R U T S A P | AMONG   | MOURN   |
| A F R A P T E R G R E G N A P O | ANGER   | PASTURE |
| B A R R R E F H I M B M I R S D | BECOME  | PEOPLE  |
| P R E I S I O D I N T O O N K A | BONES   | PROSPER |
| S A K L E S A G E R H S I C E E | BOWELS  | PURSUE  |
| D S I R T N H C O N P A A R E R | BREAD   | ROUND   |
| P I C T U T D O V E N L D O H B | CALLED  | SINNED  |
| B E C A Y O S S R E L I C U C T | CHEEKS  | SKIRTS  |
| O W O M A N R S T E A R S N J S | COMFORT | SOLEMN  |
| N I S P L E E N D R I S O D H N | ENEMIES | SORROW  |
| E S U O L I V N G L O W L T R I | FIERCE  | SPREAD  |
| S O L O M E O R A R E F E I N G | FRIENDS | STRAITS |
| T R I E S T L U R K S P M O O R | HOST    | UNDER   |
| Z E N D W B O O X I E L N O R I | JUDAH   | VIRGINS |
| B E Q U O O W M R E D N U I C V | LOVERS  | WEEPETH |
| E U S R U P B I W S T I A R T S | MIGHTY  | WOMAN   |

LAMENTATIONS CHAPTER TWO

|                                 |         |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| G U S T L E F I L E S D O T E S | ANGER   | ISRAEL  |
| O S T T L E R A L F E Z H O S T | APPLE   | KILLED  |
| M E E T E S A D L D O G I N G S | BREACH  | KINGDOM |
| B O T H D E E R R L U U I O E N | BROUGHT | LIKEN   |
| D O D A C R R I S O E G N C N N | BURDENS | MOUTH   |
| H E E G S T G T R I R N A D O N | CAUSED  | PALACES |
| T H L I N F A B S I G L R I S E | DESTROY | PRINCES |
| U V A L E I P W V B A R S E W K | DRAWN   | RAMPART |
| O P R A I R K E E P U I O P O I | ELDERS  | STREETS |
| M U S H I K R R D O V R P U O L | ENEMY   | SWOON   |
| S T U N H O T E A W E D D N N E | FALLEN  | THROWN  |
| S A C E A C S H H M E A W E N D | FEASTS  | VIRGINS |
| K E E P N T A O R S P A N G N S | FOUND   | VISION  |
| S U P E R E L E U O R A N G E S | GIRDLED | WATCHES |
| B L O O P E M A R D W A R N E D | GROUND  | WHOLE   |
| E S Y A R N C Y O B I N E T E R | HEADS   | ZION    |



## AFFIRMATION FROM I TIMOTHY 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16 (UMH #889)

**Leader:** There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

**People:** This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

### Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Our Lenten collage bears symbols of events in the life of Jesus during Holy Week: first the palm branches and the triumphant entry he had into the city of Jerusalem, then the money bag and the betrayal by a trusted friend, the basin and towel representing his service and concern for others, and finally the grapes and wheat symbolizing his continuing presence with us.

This fifth Sunday of Lent we think of the Jewish authorities seeking Jesus' crucifixion and the Roman leader, Pilate, submitting to their wishes and to his desire to have this man out of the way. Jesus was led away by the soldiers, who made a crown of thorns and placed it on his head, proclaiming him "King of the Jews." They could not believe this humble man to be the Christ.

By not taking Jesus seriously, we still hurt him today. We find it hard to accept the Good News and to become part of his Kingdom here and now. We find it easier to wait until tomorrow, we have our own things to do today. We want to believe, yet we are still troubled by our unbelief.

We now place a crown of thorns on our living collage.

#### Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:28-31

They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

**Prayer:** O, Lord God, we raise our humble prayer this day asking for forgiveness as we find it easier to put off doing that which you have called us to do today. May we move forward in accepting your call to commitment today. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Bible Reading Plan

Answers from last week      No questions

### Scripture reading for March 21st thru March 27th

|           |                                 |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Jeremiah 34 thru 36             |
| Monday    | Jeremiah 37 thru 39             |
| Tuesday   | Jeremiah 40 thru 42             |
| Wednesday | Jeremiah 43 thru 45             |
| Thursday  | Jeremiah 46 thru 48             |
| Friday    | Jeremiah 49 thru 51             |
| Saturday  | Jeremiah 52 thru Lamentations 2 |

### Questions

1. Write in sentences, the details of the New Covenant in Jeremiah.
2. Which prophet does Jeremiah say was twice imprisoned?
3. Which King conquers Jerusalem?
4. Who probably wrote Lamentations?

## PRAYER LIST

Please Pray for Health and Healing for Skip Griffin, Amy Ballentine, Ruth Gibson, Linda Messer, Nina Sue & Judi Crowell, Pastor Bill & Angela Akers, Johnfred & Jane Carlton, Carolyn & Darlene Davisson, Scout, Clara & Gene Chadwick.

Pray for Encouragement for Alina, Dima & the rest of the Hamilton Family.

Pray for comfort for the Levengood Family.

Praise Jesus! Great news for Paul Cate— He received a clean bill of health!

If you would like to add a prayer request – there is a clipboard hanging up to your right, as you enter the workroom—or you can email [fumcdayton@gmail.com](mailto:fumcdayton@gmail.com) with your request

Beginning April 1st– we will begin picking up from Walmart everyday for Feed America.

**We are in need of volunteers to assist in the pick up and sorting of the food.**

If you can spare an hour or so during the mornings—it would be a great blessing.

Pick up time is at 9:30am

Sorting usually begins at 10:00am and lasts an hour—sometimes more— sometimes less.

Please pray about helping in the ministry of feeding the hungry. You can let Pastor Layne know of your interest— or call the church office. Thank you!



Food  
Pantry  
Ministry



### WISHLIST

\* 2 Laptop computers- for the director and assistant director. The one currently in the office is having some struggle keeping up. It would still be used as a teacher computer to look up resources to use in their classrooms.

\* 2 tablets (must have windows operating system for our procure system)- teachers will use this to clock in and out and send out messages to parents on the parent engagement app.

\* Camera Systems- I have a quote for site 1 at \$275 and Site 2 for \$150. (Site 1 would have to be a different set up due to the layout of the building and would require an extra camera)

\* Dehumidifier for upstairs at site 1.

\* Small sofa for creating a teacher break room upstairs at site 1.



Hey there!

Our next pop-up VBS will be March 28, from 2 to 4 @ the Housing Authority.

We will be doing an Easter egg hunt for the kids. Prefilled Easter eggs are needed and they can be put in the workroom.

Also

The annual church Easter egg hunt will be April 3, 1:00 at The Sneed's barn, 580 Illinois Ave. Each child that participates, will need to bring 24 prefilled Easter eggs. If everyone will bring a prepackaged snack to share.

We would love everyone to attend.

Thank you!

## Seder Meal Observance,

Thursday, April 1 at 7 PM  
in the Fellowship Hall



You are invited to observe Passover by participating in a Seder meal service. This is a symbolic meal and will include Matzo crackers, horseradish, parsley, a leaf of romaine lettuce, a wedge of boiled egg, a couple of bites of roasted lamb, a sweet apple mixture and some grape juice. The service will be an hour or less.

Please complete this form below TODAY, so that we can have preliminary numbers (we need to begin ordering supplies for the service).

Please drop this in the collection plate or in the basket at the altar railing.

Deadline is March 24th.

### Tear Here

YES, we will attend

Family name:

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email or text message number \_\_\_\_\_

If you need to cancel later—please notify the church office

# What's on the Seder Plate?

Although the history of the Seder goes back thousands of years, each item on the Seder Plate still has deep significance to our personal lives today.

## EGG

Reminds us to **mourn** that we can no longer offer the **Korban Chagigah** (Holiday sacrifice) since we no longer have the Temple. An egg is a sign of **mourning** because it is round, symbolizing the cycle of life from birth to death.

We yearn for God to redeem us from our present exile so that we will be able to serve God in the most optimal way.

## LETTUCE

A form of Marror. Lettuce is not always bitter, but it can become hard and bitter if left in the ground for too long before being harvested. This hardening process parallels the **transformation in attitude** that the Egyptians had toward the Jews: Just as lettuce starts out soft and ends up hard and bitter, so too, the Egyptians originally welcomed Jacob and the Jewish people to Egypt with open arms, but later turned their backs on the Jewish people and subjected them to backbreaking labor.

The lettuce reminds us to remain loyal and appreciative toward the people who help us. We should not be like the Egyptians and the lettuce, which are soft at first but later become hard and bitter.

## ROASTED BONE

Reminds us of the **Korban Pesach** (Paschal Lamb) that was eaten at the seder in the times of the Temple. Since we no longer have our Temple, we can't offer the Korban Pesach any more, and we don't eat this meat, either.

The Korban Pesach was **roasted** because roasted meat is considered something eaten only by **royals**; poor people are more likely to just boil their meat. The Korban Pesach reminds us to celebrate that God elevated us from a nation of slaves to a **holy nation of royalty**. We are not just regular people, we are **children of the King!**

## CHAROSET

A mixture of apples, cinnamon, nuts, and wine. Its appearance reminds us of the **bricks and mortar** the Jews used in Egypt.

We dip the bitter Marror into the Charoset to sweeten the bitterness of the Marror. This is a reminder that we can always find a spark of **goodness** and something to appreciate within every challenge we face in life. Every dark cloud has a silver lining.

## KARPAS

A vegetable like celery or a potato. We dip the Karpas into **saltwater** to remind us of the **salty tears** the Jews shed from the backbreaking labor in Egypt.

When God saw the Jews' tears and heard their cries, God's mercy was aroused and He brought the Jews out of Egypt. The salty tears therefore remind us of God's tremendous mercy, and the power of prayer to save us from even the most difficult of circumstances.

## HORSERADISH

Reminds us of the **bitter enslavement** of our forefathers in Egypt. Many people eat **LETTUCE** (see above) for Marror instead of horseradish.

We dip the Karpas into saltwater