

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Ruby McGill

**OFFERTORY**

*"Mercy"*

Chancel Choir

arranged by Heather Sorenson, Janet Parker, soloist

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*"Bless the Lord"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: While we were still weak, Christ died for the ungodly.

**All: Praise the Lord for the love He showed on the cross.**

One: Even when we didn't deserve it, grace was poured out.

**All: Praise the name of Jesus for His self-giving love.**

One: Be grateful and worship God's holy name.

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

HYMN, # 87

*"God Is Love: Let Heaven Adore Him"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe love is patient. Love is kind. Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. We believe that as God's chosen-ones we should clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. We affirm our need to bear with one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another, to forgive each other just as the Lord has forgiven us. We believe we should clothe ourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony; and to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. Amen.**

BLESS YOUR NEIGHBORS The close of this time is signaled by singing the Gloria Patri.

**GLORIA PATRI, #33**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5: 38 - 48

Tina O'Bryant

HYMN, # 91

*"Here is Love"*

MESSAGE

Perfect Love

Pastor Andy

GIVING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Those wishing to join, please come forward during next hymn

**CLOSING HYMN, # 95**

*"O Love, How Deep"*

BENEDICTION

**SENDING OUT, # 688**

*"God Be with You till We Meet Again"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY MORNINGS:** refreshments served before 10:15am Disciple Hour. In the fellowship hall.

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, March 29, begins with breakfast at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Then we have a combined worship service at 10:00am. Mark Your Calendars.

**AMEN LENT MEAL DEAL:** in the food drive basket in the narthex are 2 gallon zip-lock bags containing a recipe and list of ingredients to complete a meal deal package for recipients at AMEN.

**CHICKEN SALAD PREP:** the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Volunteers on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday mornings make the chicken salad for the Methodist Men at Blue Hills.

**BLUE HILLS BBQ:** support Methodist Men by having some BBQ. Closes this coming Saturday.

**TUESDAY NITE LIVE:** starts at 5:30pm with dinner. By popular demand, we will rewatch the season 2 finale again, followed by a Bible study.

**EASTER SUNDAY** bring a flower to either worship service as we decorate our cross in celebration of Christ's resurrection. There will no disciple groups on Easter morning.

⇒ Come to the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am for special refreshments.

⇒ **Children's Easter Egg Hunt** begins at 10:20am. Gather in the Fellowship Hall.

**EASTER LILIES:** order forms to remember a loved one are available in the narthex. Cost \$12

**PRAYER TEAM:** meets on Wednesdays at 1pm for prayer in the Conference Room. Open to all.

**UM ARMY:** the UM Army Youth Mission trip this summer is in Boerne, TX, July 12 - 18. If you are a youth member or adult volunteer who would like to attend, please contact Jay Watson at 979-249-6201 or email [jwatson316@gmail.com](mailto:jwatson316@gmail.com) or call the church office.

**NEW MEMBERS DINNER:** celebrate our new members at a fun and casual hamburger dinner on Sunday, April 19, at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Please mark your calendars.

**GIVING:** thank you for funding the ministries of the church! Just a reminder that all electronic tithes & offerings to the are safe and secure through our website or church app. You can even give by text. Simply text the dollar amount to (979) 428-2257

**As Disciples of Jesus Christ...We Pray For:**

- \*For our Military & their families
- \*Nursing Home & Homebound members
- \*Sympathy to the Gray Family in the loss of Beverly's brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Donna Morgan
- \*Jon Ballard's celebration of Life is April 11 at 11am
- \*Twila Thurman (diagnosed with cancer)
- \*Linda Hartson (hospice care)
- \*Marie Allen (healing mercies)
- \*Gary Martyr (healing mercies)
- \*Ed Murphy (healing from stroke)
- \*Bill Wegmann (healing from broken ankle)
- \*Denice Fisher (heart tests)
- \*Donna Pyle (healing from hand surgery)
- \*Barbara & Frank Walla (healing mercies)
- \*Dustin Machinsky (healing from a tumor)
- \*Stephanie Bunch (healing from a brain tumor)
- \*Brenda & Ron Holcomb (healing mercies)
- \*Jack Anderson (breathing difficulties)
- \*E.J. and Beverly Gray (healing mercies)

**For Our Extended Family:**

- \*Cece Bryant (praise that she is out of NICU and home)
- \*Cathy Gillentine (struggling with COPD)
- \*Michael Ballard (cancer treatments)
- \*Randall Slinkard (healing from stroke)
- \*Mark Gillentine (fighting cancer)
- \*Sheila Traybig (Stage 4 colon cancer)
- \*Brea Laudano (recovering from back surgery)
- \*Merry Douberly (healing mercies)
- \*Ron Boggess (Sarah Janisch's dad, bone cancer)
- \*Adam Lively (Maxine Ballard's son-in-law, healing mercies)
- \*Paula Eppers (healing from broken hip)
- \*Freida Dallmeyer (Jennifer Golan's mom hip & knee surgery)

**Birthdays**

- \*Theah Fleck (3.22); \*Maxine Ballard (3.23);
- \*Myrna Thiessen (3.23); \*Sandy Smith (3.24);
- \*Heidi Stone (3.24); \*Randy Walker (3.25)

**Anniversaries**

- \*Ron and Carol Simons (3.24)
- \*Mchael and Anissa Menefee (3.26)

**JOINING THE CHURCH...**

We treasure the opportunity to be your church and invite you to consider joining through one of the ways listed below. Questions? Talk with Pastor Andy: andy@newlifelg.org Cell: 830-203-0881

\_\_\_\_\_ by **Transferring** your membership from your current church.

\_\_\_\_\_ by **Profession of Faith:** declare your belief in Jesus Christ and commitment to His church.

*A second baptism is **NOT** necessary, but if you have never been baptized, please contact Pastor Andy to make arrangements.*

\_\_\_\_\_ by **Restoration:** for former members of this congregation who wish to renew their commitment to commitment to Christ's Church.

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN CHRIST'S CHURCH TODAY**

(Come Forward during the final song and give this information to the Pastor)

NAME (S):

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Former Church: \_\_\_\_\_

**You will be asked to faithfully respond to these questions:**

1. Do you confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord?
2. Will you be loyal to Christ's church and strengthen its ministries by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, & witness?

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## Celebration of Worship

March 22, 2026

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Nursery available throughout Sunday morning.  
Childcare provided by Noreen Dopslauf & Martha Galindo