

Bible Study

Come to the Waters

Wednesday, March 20
at 5:30pm in the library

Book Club

Third Thursdays at 11:00am



Upcoming books:

March 21: *The Frozen River*, by Ariel Lawhon

April 18: *The Benevolent Society of Ill-mannered Ladies*, by Alison Goodman



OHPC Easter Breakfast

Sunday, March 31 @ 9:15am

in our Fellowship Hall.

Members who are bringing breakfast casseroles or other items for breakfast, please notify

Robert Stull @ (210) 850-8575

Help Build A Home!

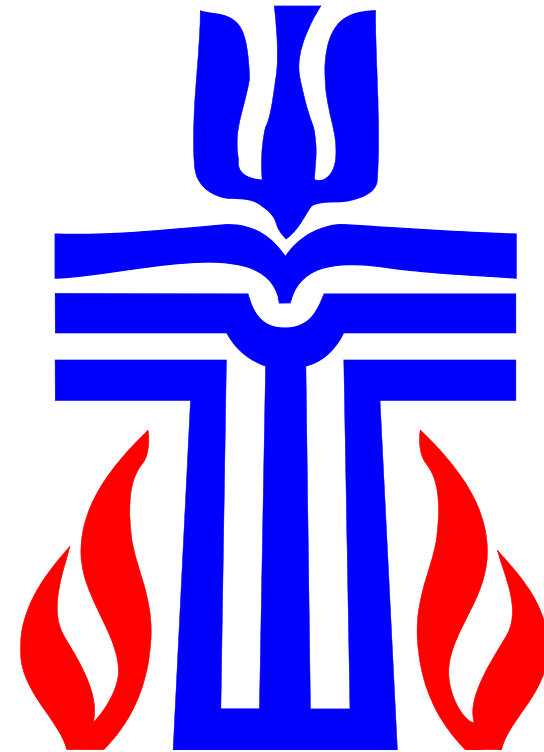
The Habitat for Humanity build is underway. It's the 40th house being sponsored by the Presbyterian Cluster.

Three of our members went yesterday, and the final build is April 13, 2024

If you'd like to volunteer, contact Connie Durocher at 210-364-9691 or cdurocher51@gmail.com

Liturgist	Robert Ebert
Greeters.....	Terri Slonaker
	Connie Durocher
Elders-in-Charge.....	Dan Clark
	Sherry Hagland
Live Stream Operator.....	Mayra Lopez

**We Welcome
to our Pulpit Esther
Russell-Hughes
in Pastor
Rachael's
absence.**



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MARCH 10, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Greeting: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prelude in E Minor* J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We worship in the season of Lent, a time to examine our hearts and our lives

All: and journey with Christ through the suffering of the world.

One: Let us watch for the coming sign of God's power,

All: a humble servant lifted up on a cross.

One: God has marked us as beloved dust

All: and called us together to worship.

*HYMN #610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*One: By the gift of your grace we are saved, O God,

All: from all that separates us from you.

One: Still, we would rather believe that we can earn your love.

All: Still, we would rather believe that we are in ultimate control.

One: Forgive us when we do not recognize the radical gift of your grace;

All: have mercy when we fail or refuse to share that grace with another.

(Time for personal prayer of confession)

One: Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.

All: Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of salvation!
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

*CHORAL RESPONSE: HYMN #551 *Lord, Have Mercy*

Lord have mercy,

Christ have mercy,

Lord have mercy upon us.(2x)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 21:4-9

ANTHEM

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Carl Mueller

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

SERMON

Do We Really Believe?

Esther Russell-Hughes, Lay Pastor

HYMN # 826

Lift High the Cross

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #708: *We Give Thee but Thine Own, v.1*

We give thee but thine own,

what e'er the gift may be;

all that we have is thine alone,

a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.

*HYMN #643

Now Thank We All Our God

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN # 741 *Guide My Feet vs. 1*

Guide my feet while I run this race (3x)

For I don't want to run this race in vain!

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E Minor

J. S. Bach

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;
 Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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Lift High the Cross 826

Refrain
Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

to Refrain

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

TEXT: George William Kitchin, 1887; rev. Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.
 MUSIC: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916; desc. Richard Proulx, 1985
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CRUCIFER
 10.10 with refrain

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high-est heav - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.