

PRELUDE, GATHERING, Just as I Am, Without One Plea. 357

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Today, Sunday March 10 - UMCOR Sunday. Envelopes available.
Easter Flower orders .
Thu., Mar. 14 – 12:30 – Consultation re: steeple work
Thu., Mar. 21 - Wesley Chapel Council meeting at .7 pm.
See Insert Also – Re UMCOR*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ps 107

paraphrase by dwh

*O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
for God's steadfast love endures forever.
The Lord has gathered his people,
from distant lands where they had been scattered.
The Lord paid the price to get them out of harm's way.
Let those the Lord has redeemed tell the story.
May they be forever thankful for God's Love,
and for all God has done for humankind.*

**In Thanksgiving, we bring our gifts.
We tell the story through our hymns of praise.**

HYMN To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done! 98

PRAYER

FIRST LESSON Numbers 21:4-9

GOSPEL John 3:14-21

EPISTLE Ephesians 2:1-10

HYMN Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us 381

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

alt from GBoD/DM

**Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that
we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives
– that which is beautiful and good,
and that which is hurtful and hateful.
We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.
We love with condition. We judge and condemn.
We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.
We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.**

**Forgive our sin, we pray; and empower us
to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.
{silent prayers}**

from Presbyterian Outlook

*“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
'I will put my laws in their hearts, and
I will write them on their minds,'
'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'
Where there is forgiveness of these,
there is no longer any offering for sin.”
Believe the promise of the Gospel:*

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!**

CHOIR Amazing Grace 378

SERMON

HYMN For the Healing of the Nations 428

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.*

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

Ps. 107

FotW

Merciful God, we thank you for
your wonderful works among humankind.
Accept this offering with the dedication of our lives and
help us be for the world an emblem of your steadfast love,
in Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

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PRAYER & SENDING

O God of light and love, thank you for sending Jesus
into the world to show us the extent of your love.
May the light of your love shine
into the darkest corners of our lives.
May we be beacons of your light in this dark world,
so that all know they are loved by you. Amen.

*Beloved people of God; in the name of Christ
I invite you to continue to observe a holy Lent
by self-examination and penitence,
by prayer and fasting, by works of love,
and by meditating on the Holy Scriptures.
May the grace, hope, peace and love of God
our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
be with us all, now and forever.*

Amen

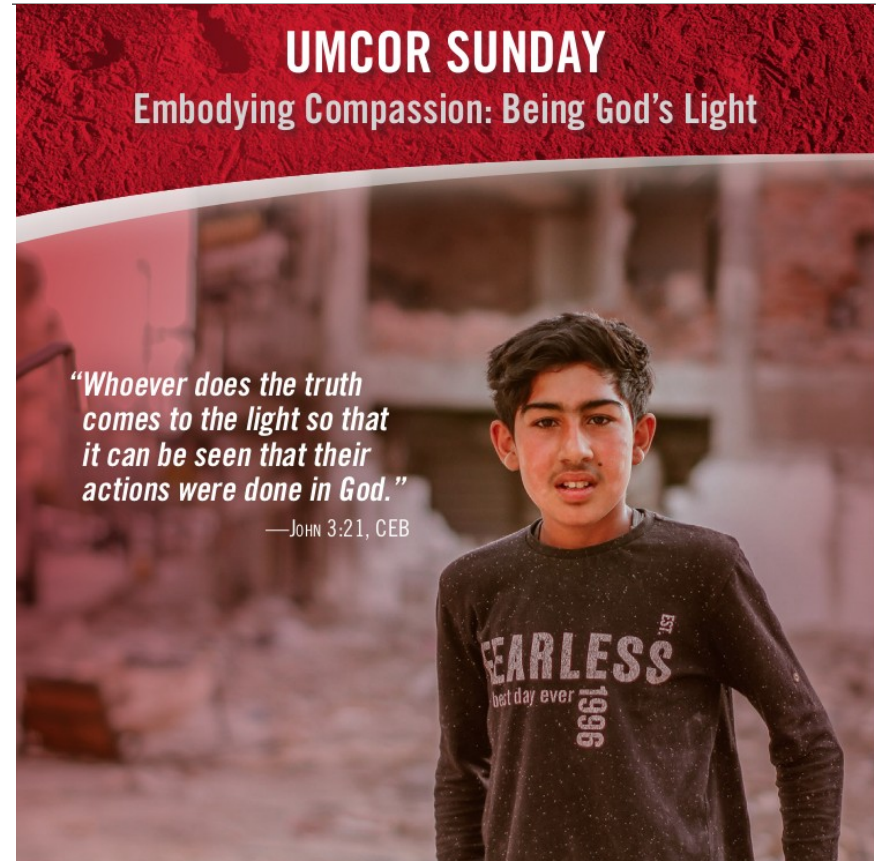
POSTLUDE

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

Year B – Season of Lent; March 10, 2024

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Scriptures

Numbers 21:4-9

Ephesians 2:1-10

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

John 3:14-21

Questions for Reflection:

The gift of God's law (Exod. 20:1-17)

What does the light of God's truth reveal
about your life?

Are there parts of your life
that you want to hide from God?

Can you imagine what it would be like to live
completely transparent to God's piercing light?

Morning Prayers:

Loving God,
draw me to your light,
that I may avoid the dangers of sin
and receive the freedom of your grace
in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Lord Christ,
as shadows of night draw near,
sustain me by the light that banishes the fearful claim
of death.
Help me believe in you with all my heart
that I may know the freedom of salvation
and at last receive the joy of eternal life. Amen.

UMCOR SUNDAY

Today, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), an organization that acts on our behalf when there is a crisis.

The funds we receive today join with those of millions of other United Methodists to help cover the costs of doing business. The UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly and to stay for the long term when disaster strikes.

For example, since Hurricane Ian made landfall near Cayo Costa, Florida, in September 2022, 69-year-old Jane* and her 31-year-old son John* have been living in a donated RV until their house can be made livable again.

**Names changed to protect identity*

Thanks to the generosity of United Methodists, a \$2 million UMCOR long-term recovery grant is assisting survivors like Jane and John. It is also providing aid to people affected by Hurricane Nicole, which followed two months after Ian in November 2022.

Forrest White, director of missions of the First Methodist Church of Lakeland, Florida, is among the volunteers who assisted Jane and John.

In addition to digging trenches, Forrest also took time to help Jane through the heartbreaking process of sorting through a lifetime of water-logged keepsakes. He listened to Jane's stories and chatted with her son.

"When the next storm comes," John told Forrest, "I would like to help."

"I believe we left them better than we found them," says Forrest of his time spent with Jane and her son. "And, as always, we were better, too, because of them and what they shared with us."

HOW TO GIVE:

You can support this Special Sunday by giving online at [UMC.org/SSGive](https://www.UMC.org/SSGive),
or through your local United Methodist Church
or mail a check to: GCFA, P.O. Box 340029, Nashville, TN 37203

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