

Spring Hill United Church of Christ

SECOND *Sunday* IN **LENT**



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*Building Abundant Lives
by sharing the Love of Jesus.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words for Meditation

*“May we have faith and courage to follow Jesus
when it is painful and frightening.”*

Acolyte—Riley Bradley

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

~ Jane Miller

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

All: The one who came to serve.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

All: The one who knows our need.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

All: Who leads us into life.

***Gathering Hymn**

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

#553

PRAYER OF CONFESSION IN UNISON *(please be seated)*

Lord, we are such stubborn people. We want to know all the answers. We find it hard to place our trust even in your Son. When Jesus proclaims that we can have a new life, we want to know how this is possible. How can we get rid of the old burdens and difficulties and start over again? Wouldn't it be just like climbing back into the womb to make a fresh start? How we have misunderstood what Jesus has said. New life is possible. We can place our trust in God's healing care. Forgive us, and help us, gracious Lord. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE IN UNISON

New life is given to us. We can place our trust in God and follow God's way. God is with us. AMEN.

The Psalm Psalm 34: 11-14 (CEB)

Special Music "God So Loved the World" Stainer

Time with the Children and the Child Within

Prayers of the People

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Choral Response "Cares Chorus" Copyright #1394661

***I cast all my cares upon You, I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet.
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon You.***

Morning Offering

Offertory "We Give Thanks to You, Lord Jesus" J. S. Bach

**Response* *Doxology*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heaven'ly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)*

Bless these gifts which we offer to your service, O God. May the offerings of our heart meet the needs of the world, so that all your children might know your love. Amen.

Hymn

“I’m so Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

#474

The Gospel Lesson Mark 10: 32-52

(CEB)

One: Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Word Interpreted

Rev. Robin DeAngelis

***Sending Hymn**

“Go Make a Difference”

(see insert)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

J.S. Bach

**please rise in body or spirit*

***SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TODAY TO VOTE ON REVISED BY-LAWS!***

Wherever you are, wherever you are on life’s journey, you are
welcome at Spring Hill United Church of Christ.

We pray that you would experience God’s presence
in our midst as we worship together.

Please sign the pad in the pew and pass it along.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Kurt Glacy

Greeters: Gloria Bulau

Door Greeter &

Offering: Gale Raucher & Lisa Stinnett

Ushers: Leni Butler, Janet Kaesemeyer

Acolyte: Riley Bradley

Liturgist: Jane Miller

WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS

If you are visiting for the first time today, please stop at the Welcome Table (in the narthex) to receive a gift bag.

Please plan to join us for Fellowship Hour hosted by Sharron Herzog and Betty Martin, following the worship service. All are Welcome!

Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God

*By Betsey Schalkham in Memory of
John Schalkham and Jack Duckworth.*

PRAYER CHAIN: If you have a request for our **Prayer Chain**, please call or text Jan Thayer at (608) 235-1612 or email her at snybrdjt@gmail.com or call Gloria Bulau at (352) 686-3312. Requests will remain confidential.

Are you receiving the weekly SHUCC E-mail News Blast? If the answer is no...please call the church office (352-683-4870) to be added to distribution list

BRING to CHURCH for RE-CYCLING:
ALUMINUM CANS—The Drop-off is the trash can in front of the shed by the dumpster.

USED INK CARTRIDGES & CELL PHONES—There is a drop-off bin in Fellowship Hall in the narthex.

PLASTIC BAGS—Including grocery bags, produce & bread bags, cereal box liners, ice bags, newspaper sleeves, bubble wrap, etc. drop-off in the Fellowship Hall narthex.

Attendance 3/1/20—140 Members & Friends
(including 5 children)

THIS WEEK ACTIVITIES

TODAY: Second Sunday in Lent
Special Congregational Meeting (to vote on Revised By-Laws)
12:00 noon -Holy Land Presentation

Monday 1:00 p.m.— “God Talk” Study Group (DH)
Tuesday 10:00 a.m.—Mission Team Meeting (FH Lib)
5:30 p.m.—Diaconate Team Meeting (FH Lib)
Wednesday 5:30 p.m.—Choir practice
7:00 p.m.—Lenten Prayer Service—(DH)
Thursday 10:00 a.m.—Shawls of Love Group (FH Lib)
Saturday 9:00 a.m.—Men’s Group Breakfast (FH)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Sun., 3/15 Receive New Members
Tues., 3/17 Primary Election Day—don’t forget to vote!
Thurs., 3/24 6:00 p.m.—Book Study—”*Inspired*”
by Rachel Held Evans (please note date change)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER..... Sherrie Raymond, Scott Harris, David Pulliam, Hazel McElroy, Cindy McElroy, Gail & Tom Calabro, Grace Wieser, Becky Bock, Myrtle Helpers, Michael Quinn, Nancy McKenney, Ann Miller, Betsey Ketcham, Bettie Kluesner, Cliff Tooker, Judith & August Dascenzo, Connie LaMorte and Lee Scott.

If you have a pastoral care need or are hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Pastor Robin at 813-570-9378 or email to shuccpastor@gmail.com.

HOLY LAND PRESENTATION

Following worship today at 12:00 PM, a special guest speaker, Harry Welton (w/ Journeys Unlimited), will present an inspirational sight and sound presentation on the Holy Land. This will fully showcase our planned journey to the Holy Lands in June. He can answer any questions trip participants or anyone who is wishing to know more about this exciting opportunity might have. All are welcome who would like to learn about the land 'Where Jesus Walked.' Be sure to attend this informational meeting to learn all about the life-changing experience that awaits us in our visit to Israel.

Please consider signing up for:

Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess: It is very simple, fill in your name on a Sunday that needs a host/hostess- keep it simple (i.e. cookies, muffins, sweet bread, or your specialty). We supply the drinks and help to clean up.

Chancel Flowers: This is a good way to celebrate important events in our lives, honor loved ones and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We request a donation of \$20.00 to help defray the cost. While in Fellowship Hall, we request only one sign-up per week. Please check if you'll take home or have them delivered to a shut-in.

(Sign-up sheets are in the hallway, across from bathrooms.)

Book Drive

On Sunday, March 1, the Missions Team kicked off their 11th Annual Book Drive for books for 125 first graders at **Spring Hill Elementary School**. These books are presented to the children at the end of school in May to help encourage their summer reading and improve their literacy. We will now be giving approximately 35 more books than in previous years. Our Book Fund balance is down to \$188. This is not enough. **We need \$800 more for the purchase of books.** Due to the amount of books we will now be purchasing and the high cost of hardcover books, we will no longer be able to give hardcover books. This saddens us. However, there are beautiful high quality paperback books

available for purchase, so this will be fine.

Please be as generous as you can in supporting this valuable mission of our church. Any amount, whether large or small, is appreciated. You may give your donation to me in church or put it in an envelope in the offering plate. **Cash is always acceptable. If you pay by check, please write Book Drive in the memo portion of your check. If you are out of state and would like to make a donation, please send it to the office.** Many of these children are needy and perhaps have never had a book of their own. This drive will be open for all of Lent. Please consider making a donation as a Lenten offering. Thank you in advance for all you do to support this valuable mission. You are very generous and always rise to the occasion to help the children.

Sue Mattson, Mission Team Leader