

Faith United Methodist Church

March 21, 2021

I Am



Centering

¹⁴God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you. The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations. Exodus 3:14-15

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Holy God, be present with us as we come to know you more deeply in our lives. Help us to see your work in the world in ancient days and this day. Draw our hearts and minds closer to you so that we will be committed to doing your work in your world. Through Jesus Christ, who showed us the way, we pray, **Amen.**

Music

Prayer of Illumination

O Lord open our hearts and lives to your word so that we may be transformed into faithful disciples. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

John 8:12; 9:1-5

⁸ ¹²Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

⁹ ¹As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'

The Word of God, for the People of God. Thanks Be to God. **Amen.**

Special Music

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee
(please reflect on these words silently)*

*Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.*

*Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Witness

I Am: The Light of the World

Music

Joys & Concerns

Prayer of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. You are the Way, the Truth and the Life, as your children, draw us all closer to you in our daily life and work.

Lord God, you are the bread and the wine as your body in the world help us work for justice, freedom, and peace in all that we do.

Lord God, you are the light of the world, shine through us as we love and care for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Lord God, you are the Good Shepherd, guide & protect all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; comfort the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Lord God, you are the Door, so help your Church, all who proclaim the Gospel, our Bishop Scott, our Superintendent Romonica, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, for all who serve you to welcome your people.

Lord God, you are the Resurrection and the Life, so grant eternal life to those who have died and hope for all who grieve.

In silence we name our own needs and the needs of others...

For your mercy is great so we gather all these prayers that have been spoken and those written on our hearts to you through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Offering & Prayer for the Gifts of the Community

O God, our hope, transform our gifts and the acts of giving into ministries of love and compassion to all the persons this church serves in your name. **Amen.**

Music

Benediction

Go forth from this time and place, knowing I Am The Light of the World shines in us and through us so we may share that light with others and know that God not just bothers but never lets us go. May the blessing of God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Prayer List

Margaret Arceneaux
Paul Arceneaux, Jr.
Sidney Arceneaux
Kim Craigen Ard
Lucian Adams
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Vee Battaglio
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Roland Blanchard
Bonnie Blankenship
Donna Suppa Bolton
Jo Bordeaux
Pat Borel
Glenda Brooks
Jean Brooks
Kent Broussard
Ann Campbell
Norma Campbell
Robert & Roxie Castilaw
Jared Castolenia
Matthew Cerda
Tana Champeau
Rebecca Chance
Billie Cherry
Kim Wilber Conn
Derick Cooper
Kyle & Beth Craigen
Dakota Crutchfield
Jimmy & Emily Davis
Bobbie Dean
Mary Delafosse
Tammy Dufour
Julie Duplichan

Keven Dupre
Marli Dupuy
Joe Floyd
Sheila Frederick
Lorene Green
Rachel Grimmett
Robert Hargraves
Connie Hebert
MaryJo Hebert
Susie Hesselteine
Edna & Raymond Jones
Selwyn Jones
Alice Kethley
Kristi Key
Ray & Tammy Lake
Bud Landry
Clyde Landry
Dora Mae LeDaux
Fred Ledesma
Alice & Louis Loftin
Orianna Marchand
Matt Markos
Barbara Martin
Randy & Shannon Mayfield
Gary & Vicky Minaldi
Linda Meyers
Ron & Michelle Mueller
Joyce Murphy
Eric Neal
Arnold Northcut
Kelly Simmons Owens
Jim Padgett
Jimmy & Ruby Parker
John & Candance Perkins
Family of Danny Phillips

Melva Phillips
Harlan Phipps
Mercedes Pierson
Justin Plake
John Pool
Kenny Puckett
Charles Quinn
Beverly Reese
Buddy Renkema
Nikki Castilaw Rice
Edward Rivet
Randy & Darlene Rivett
Floyd Roche
Ezekiel Romero
Joann Savelle
Shawna Shaw
Loretta Shearer
Brooke Simon
Harriet Simpson
Family of Smitty Smith
James Sowell
Kim Streed
Bob Taylor
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We are called to be:

Transformed by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

Engaged with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

Celebrate, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

Share the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

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