Anthon Community Methodist Church

4th Sunday in Lent **Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson** March 10, 2024 10:00 AM

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Lenten Candle Journey ~ We Extinguish the Fourth Candle Marilyn Hladik

Opening Song "Rock of Ages" UMH #361

Call to Worship Liturgist: Marilyn Hladik

L: We gather to share in our love of God.

P: Lord, open our hearts and let us share your Good News.

L: We gather to share our witness to God's goodness.

P: Lord, let our lives bear witness through service to your people.

L: We gather to praise God whose love is eternal.

P: Lord, open our hearts today to sing your praises. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord, as we gather here, on this day of sharing, remind us that you have shared with us your most precious gift, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to model our lives after his messages of compassion and service to you and to all your world. In Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading John 3: 14-21 Children's Story JoLynne Reimert

Hymn of Preparation "Grace Alone" **TFWS #2162**

Second Reading Ephesians 2: 1-10

Today's Message "Business As Usual" Tim Hoy

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns) The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #95,

Prayer of Dedication

All: Holy One, you have given us all that we have and all that we are. Through these gifts and in our lives, help us be the shepherds and healers and lovers that you are calling us to be. AMEN.

Closing Hymn	"Because He Lives"	UMH #364
Ministers		EVERYONE!
Liturgist		Marilyn Hladik

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Nina Osborne, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, David Beach, Ed Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Brady Gothier, Eleanore Lewis, Jean Petersen, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Roberta Houlsworth, John Hodgdon, Roger Nelson, and Peggy Hansen. Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

March 10: Visitation and Prayer Service for Ralph Diamond 2-4

March 11: Funeral for Ralph Diamond 10:30am

March 11: Ad Board and Finance meeting at 7pm.

March 16 & 23: Come and enjoy Saturday, March 16th matinee featuring Season 1, Episodes 1-3 of "The Chosen" @ 3pm. A potluck will be served during break after episode 1. Marach 23 @ 3 pm matinee will show Episodes 4-5 with potluck during break after episode 4. Please share your favorite dish.

March 24: Palm Sunday

March 31: Easter Sunday, Breakfast at 8:30 am & Worship at 10:00 am.

March Readers: 17-Lisa Kerns; 24-Marilyn Hladik; 31-JoLynne Reimert; April 7-Eileen Klindt.

<u>March Children's Story:</u> 17-JoLynne Reimert; 24-Rhonda Beeson; 31-Kathy Hodgdon.

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Walter Hill (10); Marge Speirs (16)

March Mission Project: The Gospel Mission is in need of Men's, Women's, and children's clothing, coats, shoes, all wearable items. You name it.... they need it. Now is a good time to get a jump on cleaning your closets and donate any extra clothes you may have to those who are less fortunate than we are. You can drop off clothes in the foyer of the church. We will start leaving the front doors unlocked for the month of March.

Mar/Apr. Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

<u>Anthon Military:</u> To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You!

If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.

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