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WELCOME TO

First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



In the  
**FOOTSTEPS**  
of the **SAVIOR**

*Garden Moments:  
Following Jesus When You Are Afraid*

FOUNDATION SERVICE

MARCH 26, 2023

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

*"Jesus Is All the World to Me" - No. 469*

Opening Prayer

Choir Anthem

*"Savior, Healer, Friend" - Don Marsh*

Scripture

*Mark 14:32-42*

Small Group Handbell Anthem

*"What Wondrous Love is This"*

Sermon

*"Garden Moments: Following Jesus When You Are Afraid"*

Hymn

*"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" - No. 526*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Closing Hymn

*"Trust and Obey" - No. 467*

Benediction

Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

Accompanist..... SOW, Gail Leinhos

Sound and Media.....Ken Rapp, Jim Murdoch, Jason Kichline

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A landscape photograph showing a body of water in the foreground, a line of trees, and hills in the background under a blue sky with light clouds.

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**THE GATHERING SERVICE**

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Praise & Worship

*"Death Was Arrested"*

*"God So Loved"*

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

*"In Christ Alone"*

Scripture

*Mark 14:32-42*

Sermon

*"Garden Moments: Following Jesus When You Are Afraid"*

Pastoral Prayer

*Announcements and Offering*

*"Living Hope"*

Benediction

Postlude

## ***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Sarah Pugh

Worship Team.....George Canonizado, John McHenry, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker,  
Abby Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media..... Ken Rapp, Jim Murdoch, Jason Kichline

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## ***THIS WEEK***

### **Rejoicing Spirits**

Sunday, 4 p.m.

### **Covered In Love**

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

### **Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

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## ***NEXT WEEK***

### **Handbell Sub Pick-Up**

Sunday, 12 p.m.

### **Men's Group**

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

### **Passion Play Experience**

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

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more details on all  
of our upcoming  
events!***



# WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

## ***WEEK OF MAR. 26***

**Sunday**      Worship "Following Jesus"

**Monday**      Isaiah 50:4-9

**Tuesday**      Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

**Wednesday**      Matthew 21:1-21

**Thursday**      Matthew 26:14-75

**Friday**      Matthew 27:1-66

**Saturday**      Rest and Reflect

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*This week's flowers are given to the glory of God  
an in memory of Robert and Mildred Shannon  
and Jimmy Shannon by The Shannon family.*

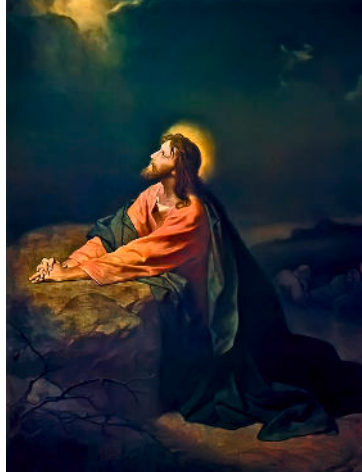
## **MACHE BASKET**

*This week's flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Gayle Ann Elder by  
Anabelle Elder, her mother.*

# TEACHING NOTES

## “Garden Moments: Following Jesus When You Are Afraid”

Mark 14:32-42



1. Jesus experienced fear.

*<sup>32</sup>They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” <sup>33</sup>He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be **distressed and agitated**. <sup>34</sup>And he said to them, “**My soul is deeply grieved, even to death**; remain here, and keep awake.”*

Mark 14:32-34

2. Jesus took his fears to God in prayer.

*He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want.”*

Mark 14:36

- Jesus' prayer was personal: *Abba, Father*
  - ◊ "Jesus' garden prayer is a child's prayer." – Max Lucado
- Jesus' prayer was trusting: *for you all things are possible*
- Jesus' prayer was specific: *remove this cup from me*
  - ◊ "Be specific about your fears. Identify what 'this cup' is and talk to God about it. Putting your worries into words disrobes them. They look silly standing there naked." – Max Lucado
- Jesus' prayer was surrendered: yet not what I want but what you want.

*<sup>1</sup>"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe[a] in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that **I go to prepare a place for you?** <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.***

John 14:1-3

3. Jesus shared his fears with a trusted circle of friends.

"The next time you find yourself facing a worst-case moment, do this. Verbalize your angst to a trusted circle of God-seekers. This is an essential step. Find your version of Peter, James, and John. The big deal (and good news) is this: you needn't live alone with your fear." – Max Lucado

Questions for Reflection:

1. What role does fear play in your life?
2. How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus experienced fear?
3. What difference has it made for you to take your fears to God in prayer?
4. How do Jesus' words, "I go to prepare a place for you" help you with your fears?
5. Who are your Peter, James, and John?

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LIFELONG LEARNER

### **In the Footsteps of Jesus: A Passion Play Experience | Thursday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for a reimagined Passion Play Experience! Be sure to invite friends and family to this interactive telling of the Easter story. No tickets are required for this free event!

### **In the Footsteps of the Savior: A Study for Lent**

Dive deeper into our Lenten sermon series! Study groups have already begun, but you can still jump into any group at any time. Contact Tina Eaton ([717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611) or [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)) for more details. You can also find teaching notes, reflection questions and our customized daily Bible reading plan in our weekly bulletin and on our website ([fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com)).

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## PRAYING FOLLOWER

### **Share Your Prayer Requests**

To share joys and concerns, visit our Prayer Station under the balcony to share joys or contact Janice Bowen ([wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112). While you're there, help yourself to a devotional book or journal to enhance your personal prayer time.

### **Good Friday Prayer Walk | Friday, April 7, 10-11:15 a.m.**

Join our brothers and sisters in Christ as we walk and pray in our community! Meet at First Church or another participating prayer site for a special hour of guided prayer throughout Mechanicsburg, followed by closing prayer and worship at First Church of God (28 E. Main Street) from 11-11:15 a.m. Children and their families are then invited to a Community Easter Egg Hunt at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (132 E. Main Street) at 11:30. Contact Lori Hoffnagle ([l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com)) with questions.

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## PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

### **Online Worship**

Worship with us and invite others to join us any time of the week! Check out our livestream at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays or watch recorded messages on our YouTube and Facebook pages 24/7. If you're unable to access online worship services, contact Janice Bowen ([wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) for other ways to connect to First Church.

### **Central Pennsylvania Handbell Festival | Saturday, April 1, 4 p.m.**

Support our Handbell Choir and several others at this beautiful concert! This event is free and will take place at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mechanicsburg.

### **Greeters and Ushers**

We are looking for more greeters and ushers to greet those arriving on Sunday mornings with a smile and a warm hello. If you want more information or can volunteer for one Sunday a month, please contact Judi Buddenbaum ([ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net](mailto:ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net)).



## **DEDICATED MISSIONARY**

### **March Mission Focus: New Digs Furniture Ministry**

This month, First Church highlights our partnership with New Digs, which helps provide furniture and household items to those in need of a fresh start. Check out our display in the main entrance hallway to learn more about how you can support this local ministry!

### **New Hope Ministries Need**

Our partners at New Hope need your empty egg cartons! Drop off your cartons at the collection area by the main entrance door, and we will deliver them to the Mechanicsburg center along with food donations. Thank you!

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## **RELATIONSHIP BUILDER**

### **Indoor Pickleball | Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m.**

Whether you're a single player or double, whether you play pickleball frequently or have never played before, we invite you to join us for some fun and games in the multipurpose room! Contact Janice Bowen with questions ([717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. [112](tel:717-766-4611) or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)).

### **Mount Asbury Senior Day | Wednesday, April 19, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Celebrate "Welcome Spring Day" at Mount Asbury Retreat Center! Enjoy a delicious lunch and receive supplies and instructions to plant flowers or paint a flower pot windchime. Cost is \$20, and transportation will be provided from the church parking lot. Please contact Janice Bowen ([wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. [112](tel:717-766-4611)) if you're interested in attending.

### **Holy Week Church Office Hours | Good Friday and Easter Monday**

The church office will be closed on Friday, April 7, and Monday, April 10. The First Church staff wishes you and your loved ones a happy Easter!

### **Summer Camp Registration is Open!**

Register online ([suscrm.org](http://suscrm.org)) and send your confirmation to Camp Coordinators Deb Noss ([sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com)) and Amy Ortiz ([amy.ogden7@gmail.com](mailto:amy.ogden7@gmail.com)) to be paired with a prayer partner and receive financial assistance from First Church. You can also contact our Camp Coordinators to become a prayer partner, support a camper financially, sign up for a campsite workday, or learn more about the Camp and Retreat Ministry.

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## **GENEROUS GIVER**

### **Giving to First Church**

We're so grateful for all the ways you support First Church – through your prayers, time, talents and resources. Everything you give to First Church helps us build disciples and love our neighbors. You can place any tithes or offerings in the baskets as you exit the sanctuary, send them into the church office, or give online via our website ([fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com)) or on the Church Center app.

## KIDS

### Stay Connected!

Want to know more about First Church Kids? Check out our landing page or contact Director of Children and Family Ministries Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com).

### Wee Worship and Kid Worship | Sunday mornings

We offer special worship programs during our Sunday services for kids in pre-K through fifth grade, as well as a nursery for infants and toddlers. Stop by the children's wing to learn more!

### Passion Play Experience | Thursday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.

Sign up on Church Center or reach out to Miss Katie if you'd like to be involved with this interactive portrayal of the Easter story!

## YOUTH

### Keep in Touch!

Help us connect with you so that you don't miss any of the fun!

- Join our Remind text list (text @4Gyo to 81010).
- Follow our Instagram (@fourgyouthministry).
- Like us on Facebook (4G — First United Methodist Youth Group).
- Email Lisa to receive emails about all things First Church Youth.

### Coming Up

Passion Play Experience | April 6

Lock-In | April 22-23

Summer Mission Trip to Mayfield, Kentucky | July 1-8

*Thanks for joining us in worship!*

8:30 a.m.	FOUNDATION SERVICE (Traditional)
9:45 a.m.	SUNDAY SCHOOL (View classes at <a href="http://fumchurch.com">fumchurch.com</a> )
11 a.m.	THE GATHERING SERVICE (Modern)
4 p.m.	REJOICING SPIRITS (Fourth Sunday of each month)

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**Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors**

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# EASTER FLOWERS

Honor your loved ones and beautify our sanctuary this Easter! To order your lilies, fill out this form and return it to the church office or call or email the office (office@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611) by 12 p.m. on Monday, March 27.

Flowers cost \$11 each. Checks can be made out to First United Methodist Church (with "Easter flowers" on the memo line).

**Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Placed by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please pick up your flowers between Easter morning worship on Sunday, April 9, and Wednesday, April 19. Flowers not claimed by April 19 will be disposed of.





HOLY WEEK

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS

(FIND MORE DETAILS AT [FUMCHURCH.COM](http://FUMCHURCH.COM))

### **PALM SUNDAY**

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP // 8:30 AND 11 A.M.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS: A PASSION  
PLAY EXPERIENCE // 6:30 P.M.

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

PRAYER WALK (WITH MECHANICSBURG AREA CHURCHES)  
// 10-11:15 A.M.

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

SUNRISE WORSHIP (MECHANICSBURG CEMETERY)  
// 6:30 A.M.

EASTER BREAKFAST (FELLOWSHIP HALL) // 7-8:30 A.M.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP // 8:30 AND 11 A.M.