

Hospitalized: Doug Perry
Rehab: Sue Rector

Flowers in worship today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Michael Lane's 6th birthday by proud grandparents Mike and Jane Willingham.

Flowers in worship today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her wonderful dad, Wallace T. Cripps, by Barbara Tracy.

Please pray for church members, their friends and families

Church Family			
Brianna O'Rouke	Bill Donnell	John Konsowitz	John & Dot Gallagher
Kathy Beggs	Sue Rector	Pat Salmon	Sheila Fraser-Derfler
			Doug Perry

WELCOME to worship at Level Creek UMC!

We are glad you are here. Restrooms are located out the doors to the right of the front altar. Worship activity bags are available for children who stay in worship and a loving nursery is always provided. Children's Sunday School is offered during the 11:00 am worship hour.

Learn more about Level Creek UMC. Are you new to the church? Have you been visiting for a while? Join Rev. Elaine at 12:00 p.m. TODAY in the Fireside Room to learn more about our church, our values and how you can get connected.

Pop-Up Lenten Study. Join Rev. Elaine for a conversation about the meaning behind Holy Week. We'll discuss pertinent Bible passages and how we can better understand why the cross and crucifixion are so important. Tuesday, March 28 at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm. Register on your Connection Card or at www.lcumc.net.

Palm Sunday Festival will be on Sunday, April 2nd at noon. A fellowship gathering for all ages! We'll have The Varsity Food Truck here serving lunch (\$8/person). We'll also have Easter Egg hunts and other activities for the kids.

Holy Week and Easter

- **Maundy Thursday Worship** is April 6th at 7:00 pm with a Soup Supper at 6:00 pm before worship. This quiet and reflective service recounts the journey of Christ towards the cross and is a helpful and important way of marking the sacrifice that Christ makes on our behalf. Mark your Connection card to RSVP for dinner.
- **Easter is Sunday, April 9th.** We will be offering 3 worship services.
 - **9:00 am and 11:00 am** in the Sanctuary with full choir and Easter music.
 - **10:00 am** simplified OUTSIDE service, weather permitting. Bring your own chair.

Mission Sunday on April 16. We will worship through service as we pack 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. This is a FUN service event for ALL AGES. We'll gather in the OFLC at 10:00 am. This will be in place of regular worship services. You don't want to miss this event! For more info, visit www.riseagainsthunger.org.

Miles for Mission 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, April 29th at 9:00 am. All proceeds benefit United Methodist Women's Missions. The running/walking loop begins and ends at the church and all abilities are welcome. Cost is \$30/person and includes an event t-shirt. Register and get more info at www.lcumc.net.

Electronic Giving During Worship. To make a financial gift to Level Creek UMC, text any dollar amount to 770-637-8941. You will receive a link to enter your card information.

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Rev. Elaine Wilder, Pastor	Tracie Ginsberg, Music Ministry	Paul Ellis, Finance Administrator
Crystal Barnes, Family Ministries	Andrei Gitan, Musician	Tracie Ginsberg, Office Administrator
Rev. DeDe Leetch, Pastor Emeritus	Beth Ann Wise, Musician	

Order of Worship
Level Creek UMC | March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude	Beth Ann Wise	
Welcome and Announcements	Rev. Elaine Wilder	
Entrance of the Light of Christ		
*Call to Worship		
As we gather today, we call out to you:		
Our Father, who art in Heaven.		
As we gather today, we lift up who you are and what you represent:		
Hallowed be your name.		
As we gather today, we seek your ways, not our own:		
Your Kingdom come, your will be done.		
As we gather today, we say sorry to you and one another:		
Forgive us as we forgive others.		
As we gather today, we need you:		
Give us this day our daily bread, lead us away from temptation, deliver us from evil.		
As we gather today, we pray.		
Amen.		
*Hymn of Praise	"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	(vs. 1-4) UMH 57
*Affirmation of Faith		
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.		
*Gloria Patri	"Glory Be to the Father"	UMH 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.		
Special Music	"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"	Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer Rev. Elaine Wilder
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 trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Scripture Matthew 4:1-11
Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’ But he answered, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” ’
Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ’ Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” ’
Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.” ’ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Hymn	“I Need Thee Every Hour”	(vs 1 & 2) UMH 397
Sermon	“And Lead Us, Not Into Temptation”	Rev. Elaine Wilder
*Response to the Word	“It is Well with My Soul”	(vs 1 & 3) UMH 377
*Benediction	Rev. Elaine Wilder	
*Recessional	“May the Road Rise to Meet You” May the road rise to meet you. May the wind blow at your back. May the sun shine warmly on your face. May the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.	

***Postlude**
*Please stand if you are able
Join us for Coffee + Connection at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.