

CHOIR ANTHEM *There is a Balm in Gilead* Traditional / arr. Jeff Wachter

SCRIPTURE Numbers 21:4-9  
John 2:13-22

HYMN (*remain seated*) *Hymn of Promise* No. 707

SERMON JOURNEY TO SUNRISE: Rev. Mary Birgelaitis  
Life Ahead

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
Offertory *Cornerstone* Myrin, Morgan / arr. Mark Hayes  
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Old 100th Hymnal, No. 95

\*CLOSING HYMN *Because He Lives* No. 364

\*BENEDICTION

Light has come to us in Christ.

**We go forth as light for the world.**

Love has come to us in new and unexpected ways.

**We go forth as love for the world.**

Grace and mercy are ours to share.

**We go forth as givers of grace and peace!**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Grace Alone* (verse 2) TFWS #2162

*Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,  
everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.*

*Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,  
every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace.*

*Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.  
Chris in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.*

POSTLUDE *Be Thou Exalted* Chester Nordman

\*Please stand as able.

Music Director: Julia Burns Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Organ: Brad Bettencourt

## Today's Scripture

### Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

### John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Today's Liturgist: Robin Isakson



UMCOR Sunday gifts ensure UMCOR can respond swiftly to disasters around the world and as a source of hope and healing for those left most vulnerable.

| WEEK   | ATTENDANCE |       |           |       |       | GIVING   |
|--|------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|----------|
|  | 8:30       | 10:30 | IN-PERSON | VIDEO | TOTAL |          |
| 02/11  | 32         | 69    | 101       | 28    | 129   | \$ 6,793 |
| 02/18  | 33         | 65    | 98        | 14    | 112   | \$ 4,092 |
| 02/25  | 32         | 55    | 87        | 32    | 119   | \$ 1,212 |
| 03/03  | 40         | 65    | 105       | N/A   | N/A   | \$ 7,692 |
| Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038  |            |       |           |       |       |          |
| STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received \$229,194 Budgeted \$206,056. |            |       |           |       |       |          |

### HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:

Membership Care

Next Sunday, March 17

Finance



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



**First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande**  
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March 10, 2024

10:30 AM

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### UMCOR Sunday

PRELUDE *What Wondrous Love is This?* William Walker/arr. Melody Bober

INTROIT *Grace Alone (verse 1)* TFWS #2162

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks and sing of mercy and grace.  
**We celebrate the amazing love of God.**  
Offer praise and rejoice, for Christ is here.  
**We celebrate Christ Jesus with us yet.**  
Walk in light and live in redeeming love.  
**God's Spirit transforms us and our world.**

\*OPENING HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No 384

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**Good and gracious One, hear our prayers  
as we seek your love and abide in You.  
Lift us up by your great love  
and offer us the light of grace.  
May your mercy flow through our lives,  
as we reach out to others with compassion.  
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer Sanctuary TFWS #2164  
Prayer/Lord's Prayer  
Choral Response Sanctuary TFWS #2164

|            |               |   |  |
|------------|---------------|---|--|
| <b>Mon</b> | <b>Mar 11</b> | 6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class -CH.  | <u>Abbreviaton Legend</u>                |
| <b>Tue</b> | <b>Mar 12</b> | 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study-CH, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 7:00 PM Trustees-MMR. | CH--Criswell Hall<br>S--Sanctuary        |
| <b>Wed</b> | <b>Mar 13</b> | 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 9:00 AM Church Work Morning - CH, 10:00 AM UWF Steering-L, 1:30 PM Missions-MMR, 6:30 PM Worship-PS.                            | K--Kitchen<br>L--Library---<br>Room #123 |
| <b>Thu</b> | <b>Mar 14</b> | 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary.   | MMR--McMillen<br>Room #113               |
| <b>Fri</b> | <b>Mar 15</b> | 10:30 AM UWF Book Club-Library.   | PS--Pastor's Study                       |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>Mar 17</b> | 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Sanctuary<br>10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary.   |  |

**TODAY!**



### Sun Mar 10 UMCOR Special Sunday

When we support UMCOR, we become part of something much larger than ourselves. UMCOR specializes in solutions that help people become self-reliant. Offering received at both services.



*No altar flower dedications this Sunday.*

*For information on dedications and ordering flowers, please contact the church office.*



Sunday March 24 Palm Sunday  
8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
10:30 AM Traditional Service

Thursday March 28 Holy Thursday  
6:00 PM in the Sanctuary  
following 5:00 PM soup supper

Friday March 29 Good Friday  
6:00 pm in the Sanctuary  
Ritual of Tenebrae, A Service of Shadows

Sunday March 31 Easter Sunday  
8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service