

We're so glad you're here!

Please **register your attendance** using the pad on your pew or the QR code on the bulletin cover.

Our **Lenten Devotionals**, Out of the Wilderness, Into New Life, are now available on our website. You may access them using this convenient QR code. We pray these meditations will bless you during your Lenten journey.



Friday is the deadline for **high school seniors to apply for college scholarships awarded by Huntsville First**. It also is the deadline to receive applications for the **Amanda Taylor Watson Graduate Award**. Information and applications for both are available on the church website.

Join us for a pre-Easter meal at our **First Wednesday Supper** on April 2. We will enjoy delicious ham and all the fixins and children will once again eat for free. Registration is easy on our Events page.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and services:

- **Palm Sunday Worship**, April 13 at 9, 10 and 11AM
- **The Living Last Supper**, April 17 at 6 PM, Wesley Worship Center
- **The Seven Last Words of Christ** by Theodore Dubois, featuring the Sanctuary Choir, guest soloists, and chamber orchestra, April 18 at 6PM, Sanctuary
- **First Family Easter Egg Hunt**, April 19 from 10AM-Noon, Big Spring Park
- **Easter Worship**, April 20 at 9, 10 and 11AM



## HUNTSVILLE FIRST

United Methodist Church

*called to influence our community to know the love of Christ*

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OFFICE HOURS  
Monday-Thursday 8:30AM - 4PM  
Friday 8:30AM - Noon  
Sunday 8AM - Noon



### Today

**Nursery** is open for children through age 3. Register children ages 4 (as of September 1) through second grade for Children's Church at the Welcome Desk in the Wesley Center. Sermon Notes for third through sixth graders are in the back of the sanctuary.

The **church library** is open from 9:20 to 10:50AM.

Student Ministry, **Sunday Night United**, 6PM, Wesley Center.

### Monday

**CLT meeting**, 6PM, Room 203, Wesley Center.

### Wednesday

**Pastor Bill's Bible Study**, 10AM, Room 129.

Music ensemble rehearsals: **Children's Lenten Choir**, 4:30-5:30PM, Room 204; **First Family Singers**, 6-7PM, Room 220; **Heavenly Honkers**, 6-7PM, Room 212; **Sanctuary Choir**, 7-8:30PM, Room 204.

The **church library** is open from 1 to 3PM.

### Friday

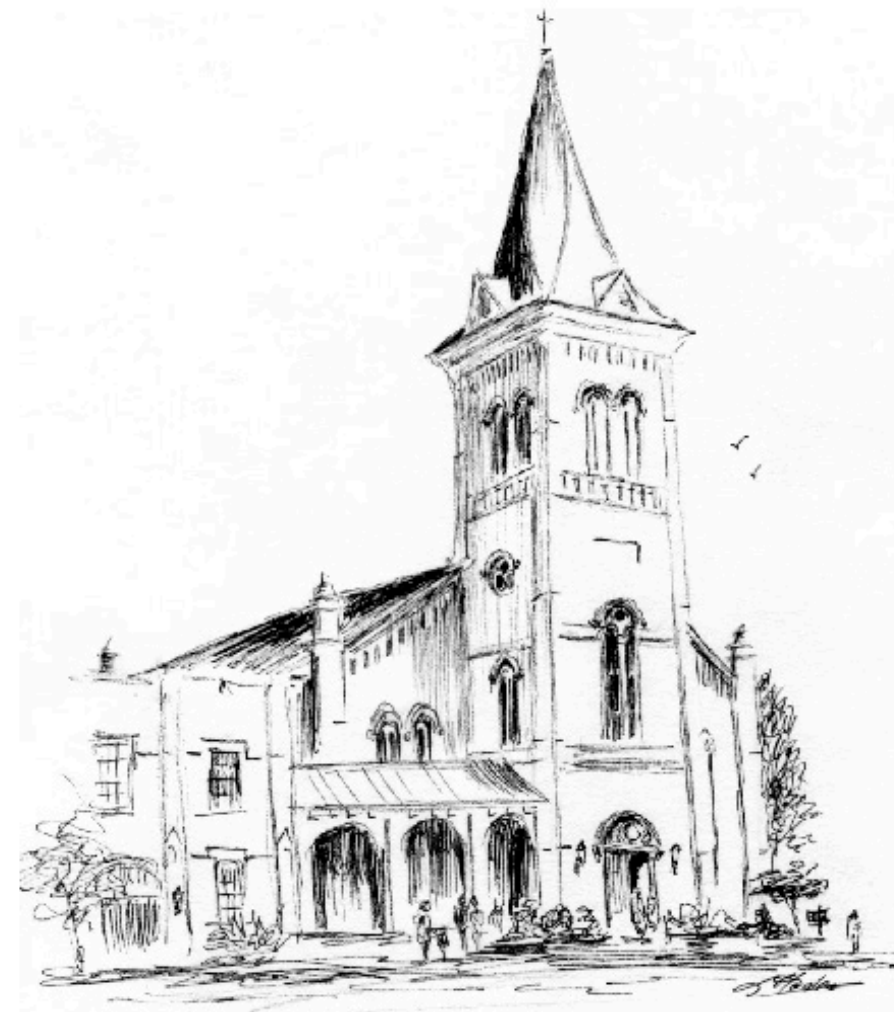
**Men's Breakfast Group**, 7:30AM, Room 129. Cost is \$10. Email Dick Titus at [rctitus@cowboys.uwyo.edu](mailto:rctitus@cowboys.uwyo.edu) for details.

SENIOR PASTOR  
Rev. Byron Vance

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Rev. Bill Crosby, Rev. Coy Hallmark,  
Rev. June Wilson, Rev. Joe Vonderheide

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## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

*Third Sunday in Lent*

23 MARCH 2025 | 9 & 11AM

Using your smartphone camera, please scan the QR Code at right to register your attendance.

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# Welcome to worship

You are invited to read/sing the **bold print** appearing throughout the bulletin. Kindly silence all electronic devices.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

FWS = The Faith We Sing

\*please stand as able



## PRELUDE

*Aria* | Paul Manz

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 63*

Liturgist: Lord, you are our God.

**People: We will praise you with joyful lips.**

Liturgist: Lord, you are our God.

**People: Our souls thirst for you.**

Liturgist: Lord, you are our God.

**People: We behold your power and majesty.**

Liturgist: Lord, you are our God.

**People: We will bless you all of the days of our lives.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH 127

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* | CWM RHONDDA

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

**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 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.**

## \*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

### OFFERTORY | FIRST FAMILY SINGERS

*For Me* | Carl Nygard

### \*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION and BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

*Children ages 4 through second grade are invited to come to the back of the sanctuary and go with a “Shepherd” to Children’s Church (Wesley Center, Room 208/210). Pick up children in the Wesley Center after the service.*

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH 629

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* | GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

### \*SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-9 (pew Bible, page 650, Old Testament)

Luke 13:6-9 (page 72, New Testament)

### 11AM | **ANTHEM** | SANCTUARY CHOIR

*There is a Balm in Gilead* | Lloyd Larson

Jay Hendricks, soloist

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work’s in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.

Don’t ever feel discouraged for Jesus is your friend;  
and if you lack for knowledge He’ll never refuse to lend.

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can share the love of Jesus, and say,  
“He died for all! He died for all! He died for all! Christ died for all!”

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.  
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## SERMON

*Your Table is Ready* | Rev. Byron Vance

### \*CLOSING HYMN FWS 2282

*I’ll Fly Away* | I’LL FLY AWAY

*The light of Christ, symbolically carried by the acolytes, leads us into the world to spread the good news.*

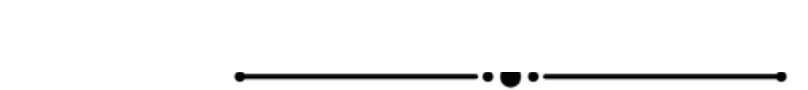
## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Carillon-Sortie* | Henri Mulet

*As the music plays, you may depart or remain seated in prayerful meditation.*

## 11AM | **THE CARILLON**



**Clergy Assist**  
**Director of Music/Organist**  
**First Family Singers Director**  
**Accompanist**  
**Acolytes**

**Ushers**

**Lay Liturgists**

Rev. Coy Hallmark  
Jillian Gardner  
Celese Kendrick  
Barry Sublett  
9AM Fox Holmes, Maggie Kate Layne  
11AM David Spradley, Russell Spradley  
9AMv Richard Demming, Henry Rigsby,  
Joe Spearman  
11AM Alan Bragg, Steve Cragon, Mark Shull  
9AM Richard Chesnutt  
11AM Dick Titus