

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.




If you would like to place an **Easter lily** in memory or honor of a loved one, you may do so on our website or by filling out a form found in the back of the Sanctuary. Cost is \$20 per lily and deadline is April 11.

Join us for a pre-Easter meal at our **First Wednesday Supper** from 5:30 to 7PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy delicious ham and all the trimmings. Please register on our website Events page.

SAGES will meet April 10 at noon in the Small Dining Room. The menu is lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Cost is \$12. George Hamilton, a retired NASA biomedical engineer, will present the program "Farming on the Moon." Register online or email berke54@aol.com by April 8.

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 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



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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.

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 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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

30 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

Meditation on Wondrous Love | Wayne Wold

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Happy are those who are honest with God.

People: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.

Leader: Therefore, let all who are faithful

offer prayer to the Lord in times of distress.

People: For God is our refuge and protects us in times of trouble.

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

People: Let us shout for joy! Let us worship God!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH 384

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling | BEECHER

9AM | SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Cleary Thomas Beasley, daughter of David and Katie Beasley

*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.

11AM | *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.**

9AM | BAPTISM SONG

Cleary, Cleary, God claims you,

God helps you, protects you and loves you, too.

We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be.

Cleary, Cleary, God claims you,

God helps you, protects you and loves you, too.

9AM | CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

With God's help, we will so order our lives

after the example of Christ, that Cleary,

surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith

and confirmed and strengthened

in the way that leads to life eternal.

*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

Prelude on The Lamb | Neil Harmon

*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 383

This is the Day of New Beginnings | BEGINNINGS

*SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 32 (pew Bible, page 488, Old Testament)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (page 171, New Testament)

11AM | ANTHEM | SANCTUARY CHOIR

What Wondrous Love is This | arr. Jack Schrader

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,

to God and to the Lamb I will sing!

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I Am,"

while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing,

while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, sing on!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,

and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity, I'll sing on!

SERMON

New Creation | Rev. Bill Crosby

*CLOSING HYMN UMH 160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart | MARION

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

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven | John Rutter

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



Clergy Assist
Director of Music/Organist
Acolytes

Rev. Coy Hallmark

Jillian Gardner

9AM Ben Hardy

11AM Nora Braden

Ushers

9AM Charlie Bishop, Richard Demming,

Loren Gross, Harwell Eleazer, Mary Kate Layne

11AM John Blue, Alice Ozier, Johnnie Ozier,

Harper Holden

Lay Liturgists

9AM Debbie Overcash

11AM Thomas Wells