

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.

Please join us for **Shadows to Sunrise, an organ concert** by Jillian Gardner, tracing a journey from darkness into light. It will be presented Thursday, March 19 at noon as part of the American Guild of Organists Spring Festival.

Join the **Huntsville Sacred Chorale** for an evening of powerful sacred choral music that celebrates new beginnings, timeless faith, and the stunning beauty of the human voice. Featuring stirring works by Dan Forrest, Handel, Moses Hogan, and more, this concert launches a new chapter of professional sacred music in our community on March 26 at 7PM in the Sanctuary.

The **Huntsville First Family Egg Hunt** is March 28 at 10AM in Big Spring Park. We are in need of 15,000 pre-filled eggs. Visit huntsvillefirst.org/events/ to find a link to order.

Mark your calendars for these Holy Week events:

- **Palm Sunday services**, March 29, 9 and 11AM Traditional; 10AM Chapel; 9AM New Song; 11AM Exalt. **Children's Lenten Choirs** sing during the 11AM Traditional service.
- **Maundy Thursday service**, April 2, 6PM, Sanctuary.
- **Good Friday service**, April 3, featuring the Sanctuary Choir, soloist and chamber ensemble, 6PM, Sanctuary.
- **Easter services**, April 5, 9 and 11AM Traditional; 10AM Chapel; 9AM New Song; 11AM Exalt.

Lilies given in honor or memory of a loved one will beautify our worship spaces on Easter. Cost is \$20 each and the order deadline is March 29. Visit huntsvillefirst.org/events for the link or pick up a form in the back of the Sanctuary and return it with payment to the office.

March 31 is the deadline for high school seniors to apply for the **Bob Forgey** and **Clara and Elizabeth McAlister scholarships**. It also is the deadline for college students to apply for the **Amanda Taylor Watson Graduate Award**. Applications are available at huntsvillefirst.org/scholarships/



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.

Wednesday

Pastor Bill's **Bible Study**, 10AM, Room 129. Zoom Meeting ID: 878 4887 6070. Passcode: 842281.

Music ensemble rehearsals: **Heavenly Honkers**, 6PM, Room 212; **First Family Singers**, 6PM, Room 220; **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. Rachel McKelvy Boggs, Rev. Bill Crosby,
Rev. Coy Hallmark, Rev. June Wilson



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

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COMBINED WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

15 MARCH 2026 | 10AM

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 | EXALT

Who You Say I Am | Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH 152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God | FOREST GREEN

*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.

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

HYMN SING | led by NEW SONG

UMH 140 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (v. 1, 2) | FAITHFULNESS

UMH 451 *Be Thou My Vision* (v. 1, 3) | SLANE

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

Center of My Joy | Richard Smallwood / Bill and Gloria Gaither
James Jackson and Reid Rainwater

*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.

*SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (pew Bible, page 253, Old Testament)

ANTHEM | SANCTUARY CHOIR

Search Me, O God | Heather Sorenson
Rachel Gregory, cellist

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Search me, O God, and know my heart.
Search me, O God, and know my heart. Search me, O God, and know my heart.
See if there be any wickedness in me. Is there strife? Is there pride?
A transgression that is hidden from my eyes?

Search me, O God, and know my heart.
And lead me, lead me in the path eternal.
And lead me, lead to life that's everlasting, everlasting, everlasting, eternal.
Search me, O God, and know my heart.
Try me, know me. Search my heart.

SERMON | Rev. Bill Crosby

*CLOSING HYMN UMH 98

To God Be the Glory | TO GOD BE THE GLORY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Power of Life | Mons Leidvin Takle
As the music plays, you may depart or remain seated in prayerful meditation.

THE CARILLON



SERMON NOTES



Clergy Assistant
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Exalt Worship Leader
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