

Altar Flowers given by Victoria Hanson. Love is All in All or Love is Nothing.

Flower arrangements are in loving memory of Bill Olson  
who went to be with the Lord on March 5th.

**Prelude** Phil Haga, organist  
*In the Garden.....by C. Austin Miles*

**Words of Greeting** Rev. Casey Irwin

**Call to Worship** Sue Dietz

*A Vineyard Call to Worship*

God is the True Vine, **And we are the branches.**

Connected to God; **Connected to bear fruit!**

Connected to God; **Or we wither away.**

Connected to God; **Or useless!**

We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.

**God, teach us how to remain connected so that we might  
bear good fruit!**

**Hymn of Praise** Phil Haga  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* **UMH 298**

*At this time, we invite you to bring forward your weekly offering  
to the plate and your missions giving to the basket.*

**Doxology** **UMH 94**

**First Scripture Reading** Sue Dietz  
*1 John 4:7-21* *Common English Bible*

**Prayer Concerns** Rev. Casey Irwin

**Silent Prayer**

*We invite you to name aloud additional persons you are praying for.*

*Prayer request cards can be brought to the altar  
rail, or left at the exit near the bulletins.*

**Pastoral prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer* **UMH 895**

**Responsive Song**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.**

**When I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.**

**Come and listen to me. (repeat once)**

**Gospel Reading**

*John 15:1-8*

*Common English Bible*

**Sermon** Rev. Casey Irwin  
*To Love and Be Loved*

**Hymn of Benediction** Phil Haga  
*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* **UMH 361**

**Benediction** Rev. Casey Irwin

**Postlude** Phil Haga, organist  
*O Jesus, I Have Promised.....by Arthur H. Mann*

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**Announcements**

**Chancel Choir is back!** Easter Sunday, April 9th, will be the first presentation. Rehearsal dates are **March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd.** We will rehearse in the Sanctuary for less than 1 hour immediately following worship. All are welcome to participate! We will also premier our new choir robes. Contact Phil with any questions or rehearsal conflicts.

In an effort to sustain the expenses such as housing and school tuition, the **Help for Haiti Children's Home** Board is hosting a **Donor Dinner and Auction on Sunday April, 23 at 5 PM.** Join us as a volunteer or a donor for an authentic Haitian meal, opportunities for a silent auction, and a presentation about the ministry. Volunteer opportunities will be posted later in March. In the meantime, spread the word, bring a friend, and let's continue our care for these students in the name of Christ.

Missions Committee is sponsoring a peppermint and tissue collection drive for Anderson, Middle and Tennessee High schools. Students receive a peppermint at every standardized test. **Please bring individually wrapped peppermint candy or boxes of tissues by Sunday, April 2nd.** Want to help deliver? Contact Pastor Casey or a Mission Committee member.

**Church Office Hours:**

Sundays 2-6 PM  
Tuesdays 5-8 PM  
Wednesdays 5-8 PM

**Weekly Schedule**

Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting  
Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting  
Thursdays 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

**Upcoming Dates**

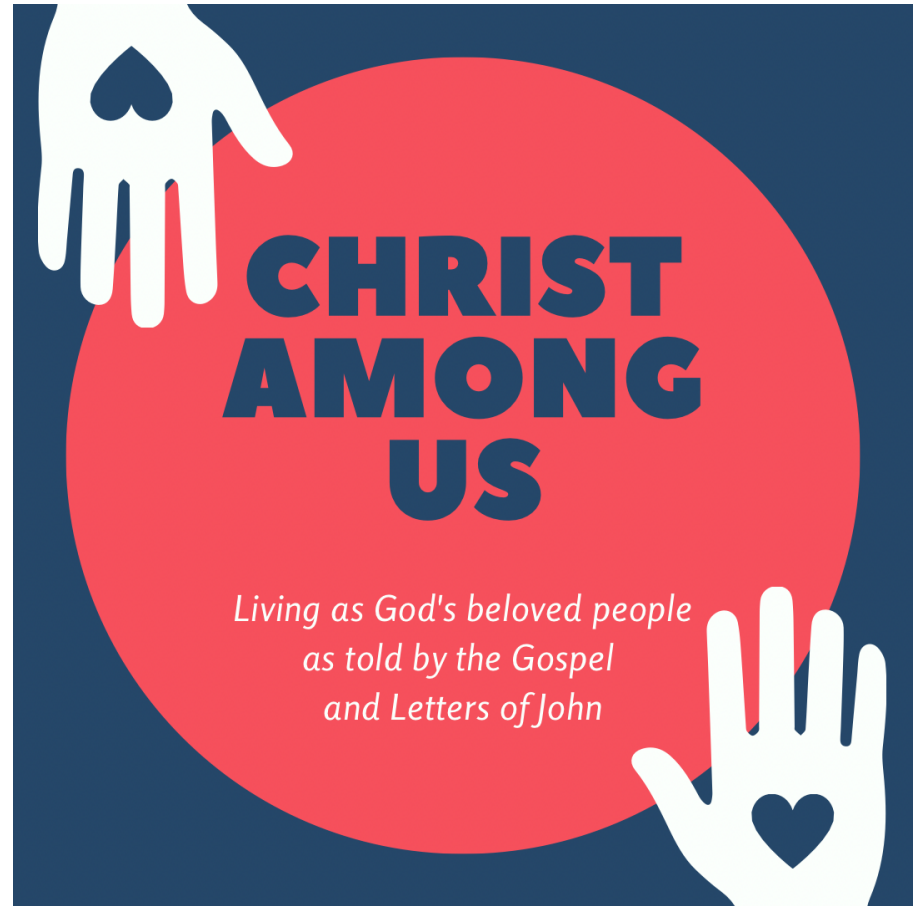
Tuesday, March 14 5:30 p.m. United Women in Faith Meeting  
Sunday, March 19 12:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting  
Sunday, March 26 12:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, April 2 12:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, April 9 11:00 a.m. Easter Worship  
Sunday, April 16 12:15 p.m. Administrative Board Meeting  
Sunday April 23 5:00 p.m. Help for Haiti Donor Dinner and Auction  
April 24-26 Jubilation "Saints & Sages" Retreat In Pigeon Forge

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**First United Methodist Church, Bristol**

**11:00 AM Worship**

**March 12, 2023**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Children's worship boxes are available in the West lobby.  
Coffee and other hot beverages are available in the East lobby.

**Please excuse our mess while our audio/visual renovation of the sanctuary is in progress.**