

Prelude Phil Haga, organist

*Walk Hand in Hand.....*by Johnny Cowell

Words of Greeting

Call to Worship *Adapted from Faith and Worship, by John Birch*

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us a little child one of us,
flesh and blood, to share in our humanity

For God so loved the world that all might have eternal life.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as teacher
and opened eyes to truths that only the poor could understand

For God so loved the world that all might have eternal life.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as healer
and opened hearts to the reality of wholeness

For God so loved the world that all might have eternal life.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as prophet, priest, and king
and yet humbled himself to take our place upon the cross

For God so loved the world that all might have eternal life.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son
for the sake of me, and you, and other sinners too

**God so loved the world. Blest are you Lord Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer.
Amen.**

Hymn of Praise *O Jesus, I Have Promised* **UMH 396**
We invite you to bring forward your offering to the plate and your missions giving to the basket.

Doxology **UMH 95**

First Scripture Reading *Phillipians 2:5-11*

Prayer Concerns
Prayer request cards can be brought to the altar rail or left at the exit.

The Lord's Prayer **UMH 895**
Responsive Song *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

Special Music *Give Thanks* K.B. & Miriam Irwin

Second Scripture Reading *Luke 22:39-44*

Sermon *Desperately Seeking God* Rev. Casey Irwin

Hymn of Benediction *Here I Am, Lord* **UMH 593**

Benediction

Postlude Phil Haga, organist
*Take My Life and Let It Be.....*by Stewart Christianson



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Announcements

Wednesday, March 20, First UMC is hosting the Bristol Area Lent Worship and Luncheon at noon. Sign-up sheets are available in the sanctuary for food donations, set-up, serving, and clean-up. We are excited to share in this season with our fellow United Methodists.

Vision and Action Meeting Round 2 is today at 1:30. Join us in the sanctuary as we prayerfully seek God's next steps for our congregation reaching our community.

We have added refreshments back to Sunday mornings! If you are able to contribute snacks or juice one week, sign-up with Sue Dietz as we establish a rotation.

Bristol, TN Parish Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Worship- Aldersgate UMC 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Worship- Addilynn UMC 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Services will occur at both locations.

Prayer Requests

Dow Strader, Mary Tankersley, Helen Harkleroad, Tim Harkleroad, Charlotte Cox, Jack Ford, Kathy Wagner, Jim Riden, Edward Platz, Mike Teague, Gregory Cowan, Albert Colombo

Church Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Fridays 1-3 PM

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	9:30 a.m.	First UMC Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Common Ground Fellowship Worship (Chapel)
	10:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Addilyn UMC Bible Study
Tuesdays	10:00 a.m.	First UMC Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Virginia Avenue UMC Bible Study
Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting

Upcoming Dates

Sunday, March 17	1:30 p.m.	Vision & Action Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Annual Conference Briefing At First UMC Marion
	4:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, March 20	12:00 p.m.	Lent Luncheon Worship at First UMC
	2-4 p.m.	Virginia Avenue Food Pantry
Wednesday, March 27	12:00 p.m.	Lent Luncheon Worship At Beech Grove UMC
Thursday, March 28	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship At Aldersgate UMC
Friday, March 29	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Worship At Addilynn UMC
Sunday, April 7	9:30 a.m.	Breakfast Church Worship

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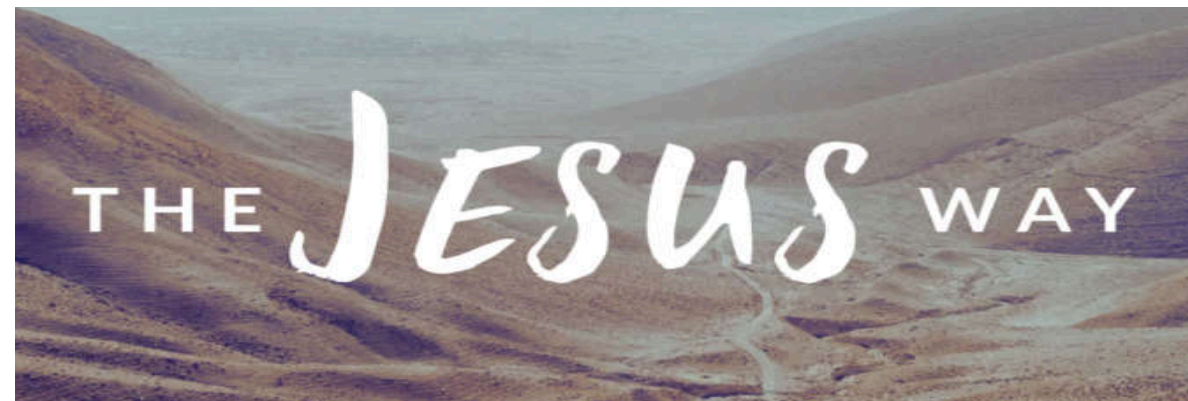
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First United Methodist Church, Bristol

Building A Community Where Anyone Can Become A Deeply Committed Christian



9:30 AM Worship

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to worship, both in-person and online!

All are invited to this time of worshipping God as a community of faith.

Refreshments are available at the Sanctuary entrance.

Children and Youth Worship Boxes are available in the West lobby.