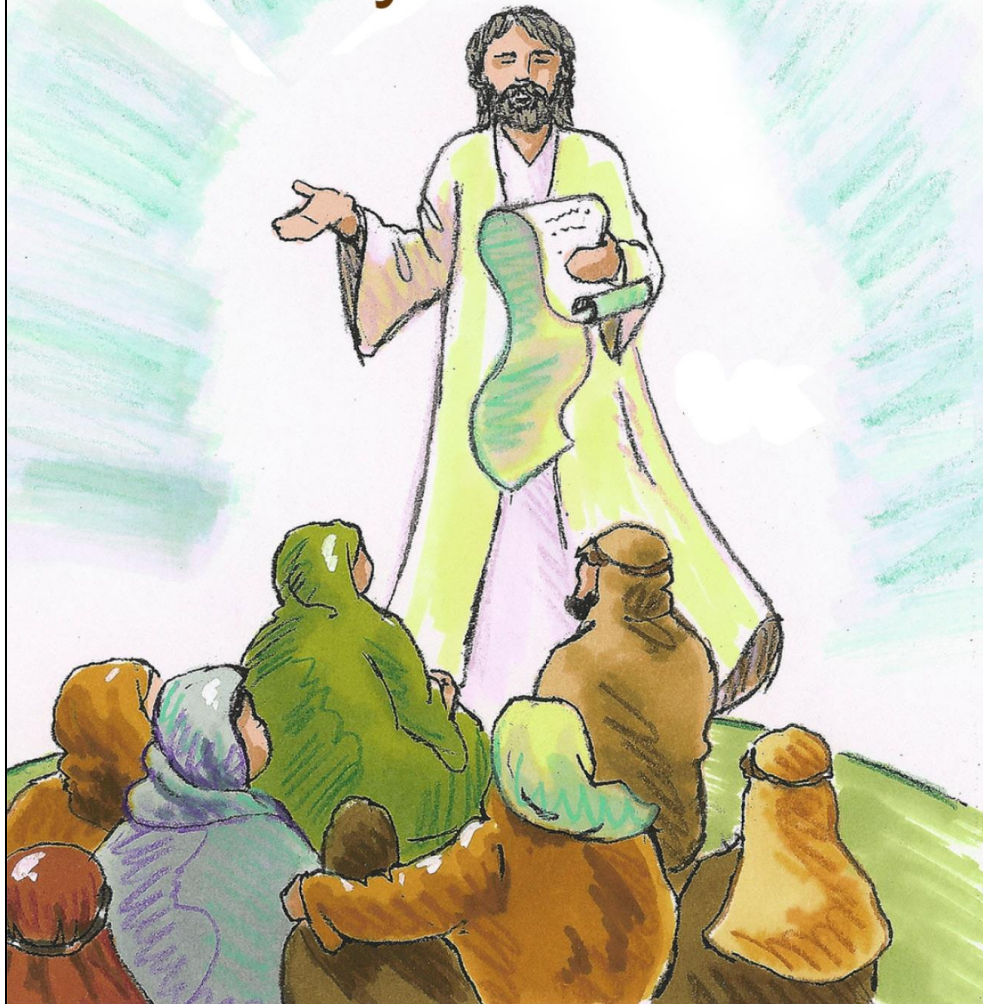


SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Lord GOD has
given me the tongue
of a teacher, that I may
know how to sustain
the weary with the word.



APRIL 7, 2024

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!
If you are worshipping with us for the first time, **WELCOME**.

If you are worshipping again, **WELCOME BACK**.

Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon, Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome ...

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.
Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**

We prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Now Let Us Rejoice

Public Domain

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! ***He is risen!***

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! ***He is risen, indeed!***

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! ***He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!***

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

***He wash away our sin and
all that separates us from God.***

Empower our witness to the resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

***We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen.***

Please turn to the doors of the sanctuary to acknowledge the empty cross.

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Elvey/OneLicense #3014186



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

GREETING

We gather for worship on this Easter Resurrection Sunday
in the name of the Father, and ✠ of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE

Augsburg Fortress #SB153820



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Almighty God, keep us steadfast in your word. Keep us centered on you, even though the world tries to keep us busy. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

Luke 11:29-54

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation; it asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. ³⁰For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this generation. ³¹The queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! ³²The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here!

³³No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. ³⁴Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness. ³⁵Therefore consider whether the light in

you is not darkness. ³⁶If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays."

³⁷While he was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him; so he went in and took his place at the table. ³⁸The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. ³⁹Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you.

⁴²But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practiced, without neglecting the others. ⁴³Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honor in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces. ⁴⁴Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it."

⁴⁵One of the lawyers answered him, "Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us too." ⁴⁶And he said, "Woe also to you lawyers! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them. ⁴⁷Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your ancestors killed. ⁴⁸So you are witnesses and approve of the deeds of your ancestors; for they killed them, and you build their tombs. ⁴⁹Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,' ⁵⁰so that this generation may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation

of the world, ⁵¹from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this generation. ⁵²Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering."

⁵³When he went outside, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile toward him and to cross-examine him about many things, ⁵⁴lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

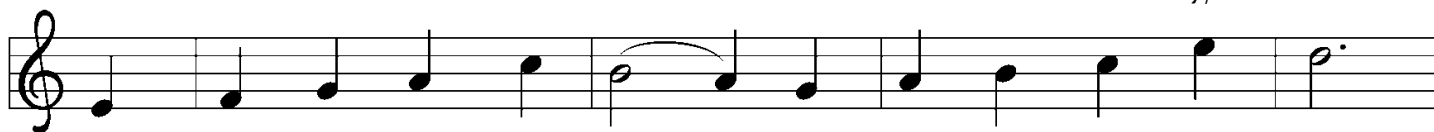
SERMON

We stand.

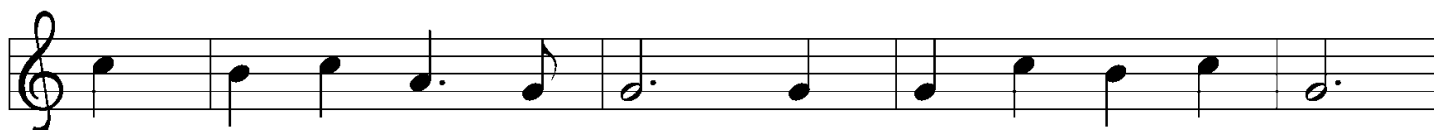
HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Barnby/CCLI#4750633



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,***

*was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

After each petition:

God of grace, *hear our prayer.*

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

We sit.

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

Friendship pads have returned to the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.

ANTHEM

How I Trust Him

Kirkpatrick, Hayes/OneLicense#1027478

We stand.

OFFERTORY

There is a Redeemer

Green/CCLI #11483

1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son,

pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.

Refrain

Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and

send - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.

*We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE MEAL

*Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

We gather around these elements consecrated by Pastor Gina.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

***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 and ever. Amen.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Please come forward using the center aisle to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second chalice of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation.

MUSIC

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia
Public Domain

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.

Gracious God,

in you we live and move and have our being.

With your word and this meal of grace,

you have nourished our life together.

Strengthen us to show your love

and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation. *Amen.*

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ is Risen! *He is risen!*

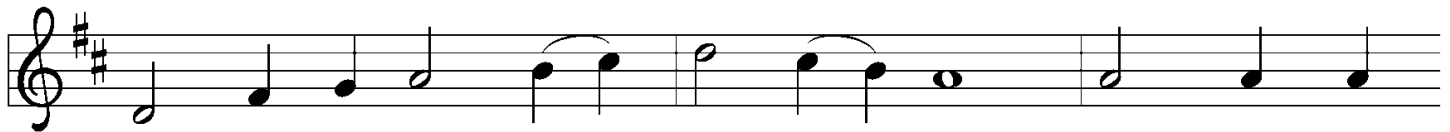
Christ is Risen! *He is risen, indeed!*

Christ is Risen! *He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

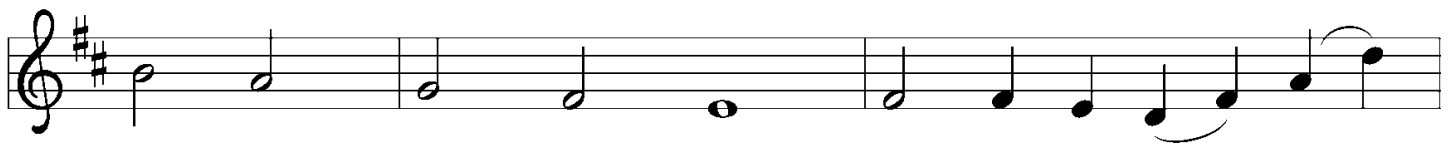
HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Hatton/Public Domain



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

SENDING

Go, Make Disciples

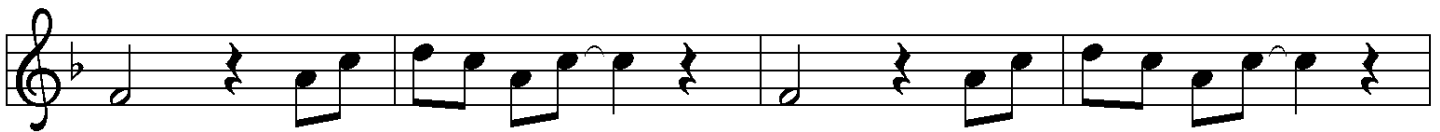
Hanson/OneLicense #118476



"Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples."

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed.

Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our 28th Wedding Anniversary on April 6th by Al & Laura Stevens.



The Outreach Team is continuing children's clothing for Cayce Elementary and Springdale Elementary. Items needed are new and gently used clothing sizes 5/6 through 16/18. New underwear is also needed. Containers are located outside the church office for this clothing.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

TODAY AT 5:00 PM~ Jade Watford will be the speaker. Jade is the sister to Taylor Watford who died from a fentanyl OD. She is coming to speak to the youth on drugs, prom, etc.

APRIL 21ST ~ Youth will meet at the church for a **NIGHT OUT!** The youth will be going to an Escape Room and dinner!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
VBS will be June 23rd-27th



We are planning another grief support group for anyone that wants to share stories, vent, ask questions and grieve in a safe and supportive environment. If you are interested in joining us, please email Sheila Starkey at Starkey.sheila@gmail.com or call or text at 803-315-2990

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

03/31/2024

Maundy Thursday In Person 81 + Live Stream 78 = 159

Good Friday In Person 81 + Live Stream 69 = 150

In-person 6:30 Sunrise 67

9:00 In Person 173 + Live Stream Worship 135 = 308

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,423.06
Building Fund	Received	\$2,287.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$130.00

Honorariums and Memorials

In memory of **Sarah Busby** by Terry & Allison Swygert, Angie Hydrick

In memory of **Gene Schofield** by Ann Addy, Terry & Allison Swygert, Angie Hydrick

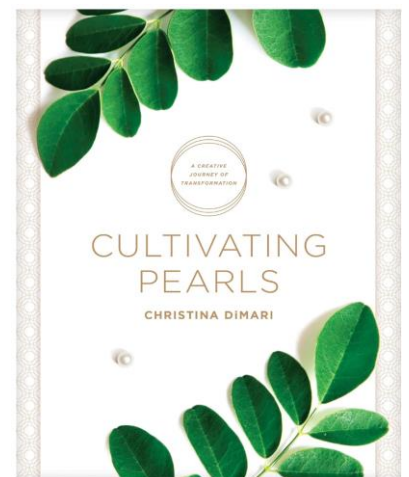
In memory of **Gale Garrett** by Ann Addy, Lynn Bouknight, Terry & Allison Swygert, Danny & Jenny Scott, Angie Hydrick

Cultivating Pearls / Bible Journaling 101

Ladies are invited to join a 7-week Bible study beginning TODAY through June 2 from 3:00-5:30 pm in the

Mt. Hermon Education Wing (no meeting on Mother's Day, May 12) centered on Revelations 21 & 22. This study will incorporate creative coloring, journaling,

and Bible analysis. Necessary materials consist of purchasing the "Cultivating Pearls" book, colored pencils, and a Bible. Some supplies will be provided. For additional details, reach out to Jessica Goodwin at gracefullyaltered@gmail.com.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Worship Asst:	Ronnie Fulmer	Joel Price, Sr.
Ushers:	Joel Price Jr Cindy Price	Blake & Jack Allen Jeff Price
Crucifer:	Hayden Eargle	Hayden Eargle
Acolyte:	Brayden Morris	Cameron Bucknam
Lector:	Angie Hydrick	Alyson Price
Communion Assts:	Cindy Price	Hayden Eargle
	Joel Price Jr	Cameron Bucknam
	Brayden Morris	Connor Eargle
	Hayden Eargle	Marie Gardner
	Angie Hydrick	Sherwood Garrett
Nursery:	Noah Swygert Cassie Swygert	Alyson Price Brittany Allen
Flowers:	Al & Laura Stevens	Teddy Koon

SERVING IN APRIL

COUNCIL REP: Cyndi Leaphart

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price, Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Diane Boulware, Ann Bouknight

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Marie Gardner, Brandon Donaldson

Copyright © 2023 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SB153820. New Revised Standard Version Bible, Copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Copyright © 2023 OneLicense.com. Annual License A-730945 Used by permission Reprinted / podcast / streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-730945. All rights reserved. Revised Common Lectionary, Copyright © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts, admin Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission. Copyright © 2023 Christian Copyright Licensing International. Annual License #2016869. All rights reserved. Copyright © Concordia Publishing House, cph.org. Used by permission. NewsletterNewsletter.com; graphics

MT HERMON PRAYS

**family of Gale Garrett*

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*
Dot Mathias, *home*
Alberta Berry, *home*
Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*
Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home*
Georgianna Gray, *home*
James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*

Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*
Gene & Jane Sexton, *Phoenix Asst Living*
Gloria Mathias, *home*
Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*
Tom Roof, *home*
Cyndi Thurman, *home*
Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Bonnie Bouknight Chris Carroll Easton Donaldson Jim Whitaker

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Nigel Tetley, *friend of Sherwood Garrett*
Paula Miller, *friend of Brittany Allen*
Wayne Kneece, *uncle of Michelle Gantt*
Derwin Rish, *friend of Michelle Gantt*
Jody & Libby Ortmann, *lost their daughter, Sallie, on Christmas Day, Sallie was the "adopted daughter" of Fran Bouknight*
Roger Spires, *friend of Chris Carroll*
Quentin Oswalt, *Angie Hydrick's nephew, deploying to Iraq*
Phil Dennis, *brother of Lavonne Roof*
Sandra Watson, *aunt of Courtney Bucknam*
Joyce & Doug Gilbert, *coworkers of Courtney Bucknam*
Sarah Harmon, *friend of Courtney Bucknam*
Hannah Pierce, *friend of Jaquelyn Haulik*
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family, *friends of Debra & Dave Butts*
Cindy Maples, *mother of Jennifer Miller*
Wes Hopkins, *nephew of Jennifer Miller*
Will Pickett, *friend of Jennifer Miller*
Paul Garner, *friend of Robert Haygood*
Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn), *friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*
Jaimie Womack, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*
Cynthia Mallard, *friend of Sheila Starkey and Beth Jordan*
Blase Rhine, *grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight*
Cynthia Rabon, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*
Connie Furtick, *friend of Kim Fulmer*
Josh Jackson, *friend of Joel Price, Jr.*
Brannon Yonce, *friend of Michelle Gantt*
Katy Madigan, *friend of Marie Carroll*
Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*
Jamie Spell, *friend of David Marsh*
Louise Cooper, *Kelli Mills*
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*
John Catoe, *family of the Ellisors*
*Jillian Stover, *friend of Erin Rose*

*Please note that this prayer list
has been updated. If you wish to
add someone back to this list,
please send an email to
office@WeAreMtHermon.com*

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, April 14th

- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Council Meets
- 3:00 pm Cultivating Pearls/Bible Journaling 101

Monday, April 15th

- 6:00 pm CR: Outreach Team

Tuesday, April 16th

- 6:00 pm CR: Finance Team

Wednesday, April 17th

- 9:00 am Food Pantry (Parker & Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease)
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Life Group at The Jacksons

Saturday, April 20th

- 9:00 am Food Pantry (Wayne & Charlene Corley)



WeAreMtHermon

www.WeAreMtHermon.com

3011 Leaphart Road,
West Columbia, SC 29169
803.794.6430

Rev. Gina D. Metze, *Pastor* 803.951.3784
Svetlana Royal, *Director of Music*
Breanna Metze, *Parish Administrator* 803.794.6430

PastorGina@WeAreMtHermon.com
Music@WeAreMtHermon.com
Office@WeAreMtHermon.com

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Frankie Jackson, *President* Terry Swygert, *Vice President*
Sheila Eargle, *Secretary* Frank Bouknight, *Treasurer*
Annette Price/Karen Nicholson, *Financial Secretary* Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, *Sextons*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, April 7th

9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Sunday School

Monday, April 8th

5:30 pm CR: Dot Mathias

Wednesday, April 10th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)
12:05 pm OneBody – meal and fellowship
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 13th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Al & Laura Stevens)

Pastor Gina will be on vacation:

April 6th through April 16th

If you have an emergency,
please contact your care team leader.

