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2019 Missions – MARCH Special/Fourth Sunday Offerings: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING *T* hanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57 NRSV And thanks to all of you prayer warriors out there. We all pray in our own ways. I have shared many traditional ways of prayer. I think that music is also a means of prayer. Technology makes that so easy. Put a Christian music playlist on your phone or tablet. I'm not that techno-savvy. If I can do it, anyone can. I'm also volunteering our own personal technology whiz kid, Cynthia. You will need to buy the songs individually. Most songs are \$.99 - 1.29 plus tax through the iTunes store or Google Play. You put in your credit card number to make this happen. The first playlist I'm sharing is contemplative and inspirational.

- 1. We Will not be Shaken (live) Bethel Music & Brian Johnson
- 2. I Will Rise by Chris Tomlin
- 3. Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) by Hillsong UNITED
- 4. 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) by Matt Redman
- 5. The Motions by Jeremy Camp
- 6. Trust in Jesus by Third Day
- 7. Same Power by Jeremy Camp
- 8. Lord, I Need You by Matt Maher
- 9. Because He lives by Matt Maher
- 10. Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies) by Chris Tomlin
- 11. The Motions by Mathew West.
- Want more of a praise playlist? Try this.
- 1. Greater by Mercy Me
- 2. Jesus Saves by Jeremy Camp
- 3. Overcomer by Mandisa
- 4. Overwhelmed by Big Daddy Weave
- 5. No Turning Back by Brandon Heath
- 6. Laugh Out Loud by Jason Gray
- 7. Remind Me Who I Am by Jason Gray
- 8. The River by Jordan Feliz
- 9. Soul on Fire by Third Day (featuring All Sons & Daughters)
- 10. Say Yes by Michelle Williams (featuring Beyonce & Kelly Rowland).

Do you prefer traditional hymns?

- 1. Chief of Sinners Though I Be by Concordia Publishing House
- 2. Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus by Joslin Grove Choral Society
- 3. Thine is the Glory by Church of Christ Gospel Choir
- 4. All Glory, Laud, and Honor by 1 Voice
- 5. Holy, Holy, Holy by 1 Voice
- 6. A Mighty Fortress is Our God by Heartsong Cathedral
- 7. What a Friend We Have in Jesus by Alan Jackson
- 8. Standing on the Promises by Burl Ives
- 9. Beautiful Savior by Beyond 5
- 10. For the Beauty of the Earth by Laura Jewel and Steve Ivey
- 11. Sweet Hour of Prayer by Laura Jewel and Steve Ivey
- 12. God be with you Till We Meet Again by Selah
- 13. Guide Us Oh Thou Great Jehovah by BYU Men's Chorus

Do you prefer Gospel?

- 1. Victory by Yolanda Adams
- 2. What a Friend We Have in Jesus by Aretha Franklin
- 3. Oh How I Love Jesus by Anita Wilson
- 4. Precious, Lord, Take my Hand by Mavis Staples
- 5. Something About the Name Jesus by Kirk Franklin
- 6. Nothing but the Blood by The Jordanaires
- 7. I Smile by Kirk Franklin
- 8. Hold On, Help Is on the Way by Whitney Houston
- 9. God Will Take Care of You by Aretha Franklin
- 10. The Battle is the Lord's by Yolanda Adams

Don't like the playlist route? You can search many songs and listen to them for free. The iTunes store lets you pre-listen to a tiny bit of the songs. YouTube is another free option. I would guess that many of the musicians in our midst have great play lists. Mine may get you started on another way to offer our God our prayers and praise.



GOD surely listens, understands and know the hopes and fears you keep in your heart. For when you trust in His love, miracles happen!



Blessings to all of you, Sandy Keyser





ear Friends,

As you likely know, the season of Lent is nearly upon us. Ash Wednesday falls on the 6th of March this year, making Sunday March 10 the first Sunday of Lent. It will also be the first Sunday of the new combined worship service at Trinity United Methodist Church.

The forty days of Lent were originally set aside as a time to prepare new converts to enter fully into the life of the church through the sacrament of Baptism. The forty-day period recalls the forty days Christ spent in the wilderness before embarking on his public ministry and the forty years the Israelites spent wandering in the wilderness in preparation before entering the Promised Land. Both examples point to the necessity of spiritual training and preparation for the journey of discipleship. Therefore, Christians typically spend the forty days of Lent in prayer and fasting as a means of entering the grace that is Easter, the mystery of new life.

It is usually the case that before we can fully embrace the new life made available to us through Christ, we must let go of some of the things to which we currently cling. We see this in the story of the rich young ruler to whom Jesus said, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me" (Mt 19:21 NRSV). The Israelites had to give up the material security they enjoyed in the Land of Goshen before crossing the wilderness to the Promised Land. Jesus, though he was in the form of God, gave up that form and became obedient even to the point of death on a cross so that he might conquer death once for all.

This year the thing that you are being asked to let go of may well be your preferred time and style of worship. Due to a decline in worship attendance that has been ongoing for many years, the church board has, after a season of prayer and discernment, made the decision to combine our current 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. services into one service which will meet at 10:00 a.m. This change will take effect on March 10, 2019, the first Sunday of Lent. (Note that this is also the Sunday when daylight savings time kicks in). It is my hope and prayer that you will plan to attend this new 10:00 a.m. service and that you will do so with the open heart and mind that is appropriate to the season of Lent.

As always, I give thanks to God for each of you.

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Easter Cards We'll be making Easter cards with our friends from Unicorn on Tuesday morning, March 12, from 10 – 11 am. Everyone is welcome. Please bring along any old Easter cards, stamps, stickers, etc. For more information, please contact the church office or call/text Don Ketchum at 210/827-2527.



The **BOOK CLUB** has been reading books with a Christian and/or social justice emphasis. We meet on Mondays in Room 1 of the Null Building at 2pm. Our next meeting will be on March 11. We will do a 6-week study during Lent from Unbinding Your Soul by Martha Grace Reese.

