



Ellijay First United Methodist Church

75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472

Ellijay, GA 30540

Dr. John Brantley

March 12, 2023 Third Sunday in Lent

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship - The Color is Purple

The Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: Water in the desert flows from the rock of our salvation. The living water of Christ is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Prelude “Awaken the Dawn” *by Stuart Gerrard/Larry Shackley*

***Call to Worship** “Were You There”

† The Greeting

Leader: Worship the Lord and sing God’s praises.

People: We come into the Lord’s presence with songs of thanksgiving.

Leader: Make a joyful noise for the rock of our salvation.

People: We rejoice in our time together.

Leader: Drink of Christ’s living water.

People: We thirst for God’s love!

† The Invocation

† The Hymn of Praise “O How I Love Jesus”

UMH 170

† **The Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles Creed

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.

† **The Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

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**

† **The Hymn of Preparation**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

UMH 138

† *Congregation Standing (as able)*
**11:00 am Service Only*
8:45 am Service Only

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS-The Faith We Sing

You Are Welcome Here

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the men and women who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this historic place of worship and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with prayer and praise. Beseech His blessings on those who love this house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out and your coming in.

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music

“Christ Be in My Waking”

by Townsend/Brading/Shackley

† The Presentation and Doxology

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

The Anthem

“There Is a Garden”

by Lee & Susan Dengler

The Scripture

John 4:5-34

NRSV

The Sermon

“Happenstance”

Rev. Allan Tarr

† The Closing Hymn

“There’s Something About That Name”

UMH 171
(sing twice)

† The Benediction

***† The Choral Benediction**

“O How He Loves You & Me”

by Kurt Kaiser

The Postlude

“Holy Ground”

by Geron Davis

*Our Service of Worship has ended
Our Worship through Service begins*

Invitation to Church Membership

Anyone wishing to join this church by profession of faith or by transfer of your membership, please come forward during the closing hymn or speak to the pastor following worship. Know that you are always welcome.

John 4:5-34

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work."



Easter Egg Hunt Eggs Needed!!

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be after the 11:00 a.m. service on April 9th. We need your help by sending in a dozen or so filled eggs. You may fill them with candy or a special treat. There will be a box outside the office by the staff mail slots.

Thanks for your support as this is a special treat for our children!

Our Presence

March 5 - Total - 170
8:45 - 51
11:00 - 119

“UMCOR Flood Buckets”

The Blue Buckets at each entrance are there to collect donations for the UMCOR flood buckets that will be assembled Wednesday night, March 29. UMCOR estimates that it will cost approximately \$75.00 per bucket. We have purchased 50 buckets and hope to be able to fill all of them.



Stephen Ministry Support

But I call to God, and
the Lord saves me.
Psalms 55:16

- Betty Ann Archer
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Grace in Him Ministries
Presents a workshop for women

VICTORY IN JESUS

When: Saturday, March 18, 2023
8:30am - 2:00pm

Where: Ellijay First United Methodist Church

Cost: \$20.00 (preregistration required)
Breakfast snacks and lunch provided

To Register: Call Geri Worley (706-273-3204) or text
(706-889-0152)

What's Happening This Week at Ellijay First United Methodist Church

Prayers For The Week

- Megan Atkinson
- Phil Bennett
- Diana Butram
- Raven Calhoun
- Rose Chastain
- Mary Thelma Cole
- Jo Jo Davis
- Todd De La Rosa
- Emma Ford
- Shelby Graham
- Caleb Grizzle
- Ron Hall
- Rosie Haney
- Gwendolynn Hanish
- Marie Holt
- Barbara Johnson
- Lanny Lane
- Shannon Leeper
- Jackie Leva
- Ethelyne Lingle
- Sandy Locklear
- Tom & Mary Jo Lowery
- Brittany Martin
- Lynn McKibbin
- Jeanne Munson
- Andrea O'Connor
- Patrick O'Donnell
- Bill Patton
- George Paxson
- Phil Perry
- Ansleigh Richardson
- Pat Roller
- Sam, Hannah, Alex & Jordyn Schaich
- Scott
- Kevin Seligmann
- Bob Steif
- Ryan Summers
- Jerry Tuso**
Ukraine
- Bryan Urquhart
- Karen Vitelli
- Kay Willis
- Our World

Calendar for the Week March 12, 2023

- Sunday, March 12th**
8:45 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
2:00 p.m. Single Mingle
St. Paddy's Party - FUMC
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
- Tuesday, March 14th**
11:00 a.m. Bible Study
3:00 p.m. NOGS
- Wednesday, March 15th**
3:30 - 5:00 LIJ Kids
5:00 p.m. Firestarters
- Thursday, March 16th**
4:00 p.m. Zumba
- Saturday, March 18th**
8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Grace In Him
- Sunday, March 19th**
8:45 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Group



Firestarters' Prayer for the Week

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."



Seder Meal

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On April 6, Maundy Thursday, at 5:00 p.m. we will celebrate the Last Supper Seder meal as did Jesus and his Disciples. After the meal there will be foot washing, if you feel led to participate, or you can leave the dining area in a symbolic walk to Gethsemane toward our sanctuary and remain there in silence to pray with Jesus before Holy Communion is served. Come share this sacred last meal, the breaking of bread and the wine in remembrance of the last night of Jesus' life which he sacrificed for us. We will have a full meal this year and will request reservations at a later time.

Single Mingle Activities

- Mar 12: St. Paddy's Party
EFUMC 2:00-4:00
- Mar. 17: Fish Fry
Catholic Church 4:30-7:00
- Mar. 19: Grape Vine Wreaths
Acree Farm 2:00-4:00
- Mar. 24: Fish Fry
Catholic Church 4:40 -7:00
- Mar. 26: Gilmer Arts Playhouse
2:00-4:00



- Mar. 14: Ann Hanline
- Mar: 14: Peggy Puckett
- Mar: 16: Carson Purvis
- Mar. 16: Kinsleigh Purvis

LIJ Kids News



All children ages 4 years thru 5th grade are welcome to join us for LIJ Kids!
You are invited! Bible Story, Crafts, Games, Music, Fun

"WHERE KIDS CAN HAVE A BLAST LEARNING GOD'S WORD"
A GREAT PLACE TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, BRING FRIENDS, PLAY, PRAY,
LAUGH AND LEARN ABOUT GOD Wednesdays 3:30-5:00

Save the Date: Mission Wednesday, March 29th
We will be packing hygiene kits to go along with the flood buckets.

Save The Date

- March 29: Kenya Mission
Dinner and Flood Bucket Packing
- April 2: Palm Sunday
10:00 Cantata - One Service Only
- April 9: Easter
7:00 Sunrise Service at Logan's
Funeral Home Pavilion
9:00 Pot Luck Breakfast
11:00 Worship followed by
Easter Egg Hunt
- April 22: High Tea
- June 19 - 23: Vacation Bible School

Stellar VBS

"Shine Jesus" 'Light'
SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 19-23 9:00 -12:00
Planning meetings for VBS are
March 22nd at 5:00 OR
March 29th at 1:00 in the Big Youth
Room
Interested in helping, teaching,
crafting, snacking, planning, or
decorating?
Please come join us as we plan for a
wonderful VBS!!!!

Our Gifts of Time

Church Lock-up

- 3/6-3/12 Katherine Meyer
Miriam Niemira
- 3/13-3/19 Lloyd Vautrot
Bill Munson

Greeters

- 3/12 8:45 Narthex
Portico
Office
- 11:00 Narthex Lynn McKibbin
Portico Linda Werner
Office Nathan Grice
- 3/19 8:45 Narthex Judy Leonard
Portico Dean Carlsen
Office Donna Carlsen
- 11:00 Narthex Sandy Williams
Portico Allan Tarr
Office Gene Evans