

PRAYER REQUESTS

Erin Baddour
Donna Beard
Evelyn Chapman
Elise Mathis Eads
Joan Erwin
Mary Ann Gulley
Jackson Hughey
Cheri Jones

Sonny Leem
Kelly Mayfield
Family of Mike Morrison
Dot Peyton
Frank Racy
Susan St. John
Carolyn Scruggs
Marlyn Seagrave

Adam Shelley
Melissa Surles
Hazel Townsend
Lois Twohig
Brad & Paige Warmath
Bart White

Condolences to the family of Michelle Johnston

Condolences to the family of Robert Miller, father of Sandy Burgess



Calendar for March 15-21, 2020

Sunday, March 15

8:30 am Morning Song Worship - CLC
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
11:00 am Radio Broadcast of Traditional Service-WKBL 1250AM
3:00 pm Youth Praise Team Practice-CLC
5:30 pm Youth High School Group-Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 18

8:30 am Women's Bible Study- New Beginnings Classroom
4:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
5:30 pm The Gathering - CLC
6:00 pm Wednesday Night Programming
6:00 pm Handbell Practice
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 19

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 20

6:00 pm KIDS FIRST Serves-CLC

Saturday, March 21

8:00 am Bread of Life Food Pantry-Covington



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Covington First United Methodist Church



“He Had To Go”

John 4:5-30

Sunday, March 15, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent
Liturgical Color - Purple

We welcome you all to this service of worship!

Everyone is encouraged to print your name and register your attendance in the pads near you.

If you are visiting and would like to learn more about Covington First United Methodist Church, please provide your email and/or home address and we will send you more information.

PRAISE and ADORATION

PRELUDE *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone* Justin Hanson, Organ
arr. Wells

WORDS OF WELCOME Carole Mathis

*CALL TO WORSHIP Carole Mathis

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**Surely, God is in this place
and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

God's love is for you
and for all people everywhere.

**That we may share God's love and life,
may we be renewed**

in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

The living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *May Jesus Christ Be Praised* UMH 185

- Children Dismissed to Children's Church -

NAMING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Carole Mathis

RESPONSIVE PRAYER (WITH WORSHIP SONG *As the Deer*) TFWS 2025

It is easy for us to go through the motions of spirituality. We want to say the "right" prayers, and think that we have found the magical key to make holiness appear in our lives.

But we are empty, Lord. We hunger and thirst for something that will sustain us through all the times of our lives.

We chase after things that will disappoint and hurt, and look past the very thing that will heal and cleanse our lives.

Help us Lord. Help us to look to You, the One who will quench our thirst and nourish our souls.

*As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone, are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone, may my spirit yield.*

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

As we have lifted up names of people and situations which lay heavy on our hearts today that need your healing touch, help us to remember that we, too, stand continually in need of your healing mercy.

Bring us to you, with open and repentant hearts, for your loving care.

As we receive the wondrous gift of Your spoken Word today, may we truly be reminded that Christ nurtures and feeds us with his own life.

When we have been nourished, may we go from this place in renewed commitment to serve you, O God, with our very lives. Amen.

You're my friend, and you are my brother, even though You are a King.

I want You more than any other, so much more than anything.

You alone are my strength, my shield;

To You alone, may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

You alone are my strength, my shield;

To You alone, may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Carole Mathis

OFFERTORY *God Leads Us Along* Justin Hanson, Organ
arr. Young

*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.**

ANTHEM *Devotion* Choir
arr. Beck Bonnie Wright, Director

PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE

*SCRIPTURE John 4:5-30

MESSAGE "He Had To Go" Rev. Dan Camp

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Have Thine Own Way Lord* UMH 382
Verses 1, 2, & 4

*BLESSING Rev. Dan Camp

*POSTLUDE *Sing to God with Heart and Voice* Justin Hanson, Organ
arr. Williams

**Please stand as you are able.*