



First Sunday in Lent
March 9th, 2025, 8:30 & 10:00 am

Pre-Service Prayer in Preparation for Worship

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Music

J. Chris Moore

Handbell Call to Worship, 10:00 am

Byron Farrell

Prelude

The Old Rugged Cross, Arr. John Innes

J. Chris Moore

Welcome, Announcements & Invitation to Worship

Ed Brandt

***Passing the Peace**

All

May the Peace of Christ be with You!
And also with you!

***Congregational Response**

All

**Amazing Grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see.**

***Call to Worship, from Psalm 91`**

Ed Brandt

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
Praise the Lord!
The Lord's name be Praised!

***Hymn 264**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathbun

**Please Stand, If Able*

Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession

All

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayer

All

Assurance of Pardon

All

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

A Message for All, 10:00 am

Difficult Words of Jesus: Sell All that You Own

Ed Brandt

Reception of New Members, 10:00 am

Sally Cage

Hank & Marcia Bilsland
Jim & Glenda Bertelsmeyer

Kevin & Kathy LaGrow

Special Music, 10:00am

Who But the Lord?

Chancel Choir

Celebrating Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Ed Brandt

United Church will Present a Check to Our Daily Bread Food Pantry

Offering baskets are located by the doors to the narthex. Your gifts are appreciated.

***Doxology 34**

All

**Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow: Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

Joys & Concerns of United Church

Christy Gallup

Special Music Be Thou My Vision (SLANE), Arr. Joel Raney

Susan Udell & Cherly Nelson

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

All

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Scripture Reading

Mark 10.17-27

Pew Bible, Page 822

This is the Word of the Lord, for us, the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Difficult Words of Jesus: Sell All that you Own!

Ed Brandt

***Hymn 258**

At the Cross

Hudson

***Invitation to Discipleship & Benediction**

Ed Brandt

**Please Stand, If Able*

***Congregational Blessing**

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

***Postlude**

To God Be the Glory, Arr. Tim Doran

J. Chris Moore

A Special Thank You:

8:30 | Deacons – Linda Fox & Elysee Marshall

8:30 | Greeters – Gene & Carolyn Leman

8:30 | Scripture Reader – Pastor Ed Brandt

10:00 | Deacons – Jim & Paula Fox

10:00 | Greeters – Judy Hattendorf & Elysee Marshall

10:00 | Scripture Reader – Jack Nutting

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Sunday, March 16th, 2025 at 4:00 pm

An Afternoon with Tenor Arnold Rawls

Currently the Artist in Residence at White's Chapel Methodist Church in Southlake, Texas, his program will be of familiar opera and light classics showcases his "Powerful, clarion-sounding tenor." Tickets are \$20 at the door or online at www.ucmarco.org/concerts



A Mission of United Church of Marco Island Since 1975

Saturday, April 5th, 2025, 4:00-7:00 pm Bargain Basket Presents "Thrifty & Fifty" at Veteran's Park. This an event open to everyone to celebrate Bargain Basket's 50 years of giving back to the community. There will be music, food trucks, giveaway's and much more. **There will be NO Saturday Night Service on April 5th due to this event.**

**Please Stand, If Able*

Life & Work of United Church of Marco!
Riedel Chapel open for prayer Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm

Bargain Basket Hours

Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm
Saturday 9 am-4 pm

Medical Supplies

Monday-Thursday 12pm – 3 pm

Sunday, March 9, 2025

- 8:30 am | Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:00 am | Adult Education with Shannon Benedetti & Marty Roland, Riedel
- 10:00 am | Worship, Online or In-Person in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 am | Fellowship & Refreshments, Disseler
- 11:00 am | Bargain Basket Development Committee Town Hall, Disseler

Monday, March 10, 2025

- 9:30 am | Staff Meeting, SRCR
- 11:30 am | Women's Fellowship Lunch, Disseler
- 1:00 pm | Women's Fellowship Program "Ruth", Disseler

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

- 10:00 am | **No Sermon Musings!** (Resumes March 18, 2025)

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

- 11:00 am | Mending Hearts Together, Riedel Chapel

Thursday, March 13, 2025

- Bargain Basket Committee Meeting, BB
- 10:00 am | **No Bible Study** (Resumes March 20, 2025)
- 2:00 pm | Handbell Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 3:15 pm | Choir Practice, Music Suite

Friday, March 14, 2025

- **Church Office Closed**

Saturday, March 15, 2025

- 3:45 pm | Prelude to Saturday Night Worship with John Toussaint Jazz Group, Disseler
- 4:30 pm | Saturday Night Worship, Disseler

Sunday, March 16, 2025

- 8:30 am | Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:00 am | Adult Education with Shannon Benedetti & Marty Roland, Riedel
- 10:00 am | Worship, Online or In-Person in the Sanctuary, Music Theme "Be Thou Our Vision"
- 11:00 am | Fellowship & Refreshments in Narthex
- 4:00 pm | An afternoon with Tenor Arnold Rawls, Sanctuary

**Please Stand, If Able*

In the Cross of Christ I Glory 264

B \flat B \flat D F7 B \flat B \flat D E \flat B \flat F F B \flat Gm C7 F

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow - ering o'er the wrecks of time;
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de - ceive and fears an - noy,
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and love up - on my way,
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and pleas - ure, by the cross are sanc - ti - fied;

B \flat B \flat D F7 B \flat B \flat D E \flat B \flat B \flat F F7 B \flat

all the light of sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 nev - er shall the cross for - sake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
 from the cross the ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 peace is there that knows no meas - ure, joys that thro' all time a - bid.

WORDS: John Bowring (1792-1872)
 MUSIC: Ichamar Conkey (1815-1867)

RATHBUN
 8.7.8.7.

**Please Stand, If Able*

At the Cross

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E♭ *E♭* *A♭* *E♭* *B♭7* *E♭* *B♭*

1 A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov - ereign die?
 2 Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned up - on the tree?
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in,
 4 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;

E♭ *A♭* *E♭* *Fm* *E♭* *B♭7* *E♭*

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
 A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
 when Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for his own crea - ture's sin.
 here, Lord, I give my - self a - way—'tis all that I can do!

Refrain *E♭* *A♭* *E♭* *E♭* *B♭* *B♭*

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, and the

B♭7 *E♭* *B♭7* *E♭* *A♭*

bur - den of my heart rolled a - way, rolled a - way, it was there by faith

E♭ *Fm* *B♭7* *E♭*

I re - ceived my sight, and now I am hap - py all the day!

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); ref. Ralph E. Hudson (1843-1901)
 MUSIC: Ralph E. Hudson (1843-1901); ref. melody John H. Hewitt (1801-1890)

HUDSON
C.M.Ref.

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