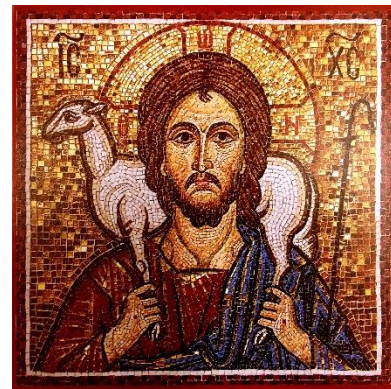


Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
The Fourth Sunday in the Season of Lent, March 19, 2023
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
200 Chapel Drive, P.O. Box 386
Crossnore, NC 28616



Prelude: Reflections of "Down At the Cross"

based on tune by John H. Stockton,
arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

~Kathy Hutcheson, Director of Music

Welcome and Church Family News

Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Choral Call to Worship # 626 *As the Deer*

AS THE DEER

<https://youtu.be/C99P37iLOCY> - Hal Leonard and Shawnee Press Church Choral

**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**

**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're my friend
And You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything**

**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**

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***Call to Worship:**

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We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,
And gives us refreshment of soul.

Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,
So that the name of God will be glorified.

Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid,
For the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.

We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord,
And we shall be with him for ever and ever. Let us worship God!

Hymn of Praise # 664 *Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

https://youtu.be/EFgB1-Von_g - Sina-drums & Emily Linge

**Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Black bird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!**

**Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!
Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.**

Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where God's feet pass.
Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning.

Born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's recreation
Of the new day!

Call to Confession:

In the season of Lent we are invited to consider how we live as followers of Christ – to look at our decisions and our actions, to hold them up to the example of Christ, and to make amends. Let us confess our sins before God and each other.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Our lives, O God, are busy and full of purpose, but our fullness of life can leave us exhausted. We confess to turning to self-help books and feel-good speakers for answers, when you are the source of our spiritual health, the giver of living water, that sustains. Forgive us for looking in the wrong places, when you promise to restore our souls and fill our cups. Grant us the rest and renewal we need (moment of silent confession). In Christ's name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives. God forgives our failures and calls us back into the flock.

Let us proclaim the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 418 *Softly and Tenderly*, vs. 1

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

<https://youtu.be/g1f-TXvRIMk> - First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, Charlotte, NC

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

Refrain:

**"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

**O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and
pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]**

First Lesson: John 10:11-16

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Choir Anthem: *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*

<https://youtu.be/sGVuHMUwoPs> - The Garment of Praise Quarter

words by Fanny Crosby
music by Glenn Calcote

Second Lesson: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Sermon: "Restored Souls, Overflowing Cups"

Rev. Field Russell

***Affirmation of Faith:**

All things will be renewed in Christ. In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation he has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way. We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected.

Hymn of Meditation # 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

https://youtu.be/5I_hAhyzhfU - The Choir of the Washington National Cathedral

**My shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.**

**Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows;
your oil anoints my head.**

**When I walk through the shades of death
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.**

**The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest,
but like a child at home.**

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone*

based on tune by George Allen, arr. by Donna Williams

Doxology # 606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

https://youtu.be/ILdeoa_2kdY - The St. Mary Magdalene Church Choir, Orange, California

**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.**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 767 *Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

https://youtu.be/WLPdfL_K23o - Dave Champe, Wesley United Methodist Church, Morgantown, WV

Together we serve,
united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray
through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.

We seek to become
a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred,
the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home
to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace,
we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve
in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Wounded for Me

tune by W. G. Ovens, arr. by Lari Goss

John 10:11-18

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father." *The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.***

Listen once again to the ancient words of Psalm 23
That have echoed through the centuries
And remain some of the most comforting words in the Bible:

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The image of the shepherd

Was part of ancient Jewish heritage and culture.

- Abraham, the father of the nation, was the keeper of great flocks.
- Moses was tending the flocks of his father-in-law, Jethro, when God called him into a special service.
- David was a shepherd boy called in from the fields to be the King of Israel.

The image of the shepherd

was also imprinted upon the literature of the day.

The 23rd Psalm is frequently referred to as the shepherd psalm.

When Isaiah spoke of the coming of the Messiah

he worded it by saying:

"He will feed his flock like a shepherd!

He will gather his lambs into his arms."

The tradition of the shepherd

was very much a part of Jesus' heritage.

The image of the Good Shepherd
comes more clearly into focus
in the New Testament.

Jesus once told a story
about a shepherd who had 100 sheep,
but one of them went astray.

In our way of thinking a 99% return on our investment
would be fantastic,
but not for this shepherd.
He left the 99 to go in search of that one lost sheep.

Later, when Jesus was speaking
to a great throng of people,
Mark tells us that he had compassion upon them
because they were "as sheep without a shepherd."

Throughout the Judeo-Christian faith,
the image of the shepherd
has been stamped upon our thinking.

In our scripture text for this morning
Jesus refers to himself as the good shepherd.
What does Jesus really mean by this image?

Jesus shared a story that tells us what he meant:
Now there are two shepherds.
Outwardly there seems to be no difference.
Both have been tanned by the sun
and weathered by the wind.
Both carry a shepherd's crook.
But one is a genuine shepherd
and the other is a counterfeit.
One is a shepherd in his heart;
the other is a shepherd for hire.

Let a pack of wolves appear
and then the difference comes out.
The counterfeit runs, because it is only money to him.
He has no ownership.
But the real shepherd stays.

Jesus said in our text this morning:
I lay down my life for my sheep.

As the early Christians strove to speak about Jesus,
trying to make sense of the "why" of his life,
his terrible death, and his glorious resurrection,
they used many images to describe the one
whose love was so great
that he laid down his life for them

and for those who came after them,
which includes you and me.

George Adam Smith, the 19th century biblical scholar,
tells of traveling one day in the holy land
and coming across a shepherd and his sheep.
He fell into conversation with him
and the man showed him the fold
into which the sheep were led at night.
It consisted of four walls, with a way in.

Smith asked him, "This is where they go at night?"
"Yes," said the shepherd,
"and when they are in there, they are perfectly safe."
"But there is no door," said Smith.

"I am the door," said the shepherd.
He was speaking from an Arab shepherd's viewpoint.
Smith looked at him and asked,
"What do you mean you are the door?"
"When the light has gone," said the shepherd,
"and all the sheep are inside, I lie in that open space,
and no sheep ever goes out but across my body,
and no wolf comes in unless he crosses my body;
I am the door.

Jesus, our Savior and Shepherd,
is the door,
He is the one who laid down his life for all;
He is the one who stays with us
and keeps us safe in the midst of our dark valleys
and dark nights.

I don't care how much trouble comes your way;
the good shepherd will never leave your side.
He will not desert you in times of trial.
That is news that will let you get you
Through the dark night of the soul—
The fears, the worries, the guilt, the pain...
that is news that will help you to keep your sanity
and your soul.

And Jesus, the Good Shepherd knows who we are.
I once saw a television special about middle-east shepherds –
people who live a life that isn't radically different
from that of their first century counter-parts.

It was fascinating to see the lives they led,
wandering endlessly in search of fields
where their sheep might graze.
Every night, the sheep were led into a protected area - a "sheepfold."

Sometimes, there would be three or four or five flocks gathered by a number of shepherds into the same area. The shepherds would take shifts staying up throughout the night, making sure that wolves or other wild animals weren't able to make their way into the protected area.

In the morning, a person would wonder if there was any hope of separating one flock from another. But interestingly enough, it was a very simple matter. Each shepherd went to opposite corners of the field, and began to call the sheep. As the sheep heard the shepherds' voices, they immediately began to move towards the one that belonged to their shepherd. After a few minutes, all the sheep were separated into their own flocks, and the shepherds lead them away. Sheep know the voice of their own shepherd, and they follow it.

Jesus says in our gospel today:
"I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me,
Just as the Father knows me
And I know the Father."

In her book *The Preaching Life*, Barbara Brown Taylor tells of a conversation she had with a friend who grew up on a sheep farm in the Midwest. According to him, sheep are not dumb at all. "It is the cattle ranchers who are responsible for spreading that ugly rumor, and all because sheep do not behave like cows. Cows are herded from the rear by hooting cowboys with cracking whips, but that will not work with sheep at all. Stand behind them making loud noises and all they will do is run around behind you, because they prefer to be led. You push cows, her friend said, but you lead sheep, and they will not go anywhere that someone else does not go first. Their shepherd-who goes ahead of them to show them that everything is all right." Sheep know their shepherd and their shepherd knows them.

He went on to say that it never ceased to amaze him, growing up, that he could walk right through a sleeping flock without disturbing a single one of them,

while a stranger could not step foot in the fold
without causing pandemonium.
Sheep & shepherds develop a language of their own.

What does the Good Shepherd give to the sheep,
to those who listen and follow?

Jesus says to everyone, I mean everyone:
"I have come that all may have life
And have it more abundantly."

What does it mean to have abundant life?
The abundant life the Good Shepherd offers
Is one that is revealed
When we realize we are loved and accepted.
It is made real for us
When we choose to share that love and acceptance
with others.

We show our love for Christ
by how we treat each other.
Not only by how we treat those closest to us,
but by how we treat all people,
those we like and those we dislike;
those we approve of
and those we don't;
we are to treat our neighbor and a complete stranger
with exacting the same love.

Jesus challenges his listeners then and now
to take a deeper dive into the gospel.
He says,
"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.
I must bring them also,
And they will listen to my voice.
So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

Jesus is not finished, yet.
There are so many people outside the church,
Outside society's comfort zone,
Outside of our comfort zone,
who Jesus is still calling,
and if we are obedient,
we are still open to reaching out to them.

Nicholas Bredyaev, insisted that it was not theology, or history,
nor the church that caused his conversion.
He was present at a concentration camp in Nazi Germany
when the Nazis were killing Jews in the gas chambers.
One distraught mother, whose first name was Maria,
saw that the officer in charge, Nicholas Bredyaev,
was really only interested in numbers.

So without a single word Maria was pulled aside
by an unknown woman who took her place.
So powerful was that image
that it turned Bredyaev toward the Christ
who sacrificed his life for all humanity.

Christ has no barriers that limit who he is calling...
They may speak a different language,
They may have different religious or political views,
They may have cultural norms that make us uncomfortable,
They may live lives we find that we disagree with...
It does not matter.

In the Body of Christ, there is no other.
Jesus expects us to listen and share,
And accept and include those whom he calls.

John Schmidt tells the story of a young boy
who lives in Zimbabwe.
This young man's name is Musumdiwa,
and he was rescued by a church mission
called the Love More House.

Listen to how this young African boy describes his life:
"My life was never very good.
Even my name Musumdiwa means 'unwanted child.'
When I was two weeks old
my mother dumped me in a stack of old tires.

The police picked me up
and took me to my grandmother
and when she gave me back to my mother,
she dumped me again.
This time wrapping me in rags
and leaving me in a beer hall.

No one ever really wanted me except my grandmother
and she was too poor to buy enough food
or pay for my school fees.

After I ended up on the streets,
some people at church told me about Love More House
and they asked me to come here.
I am going to finish school and become a soccer player
and later maybe I will have a job in a bank.

Inside my head I asked God to help me reach my goals,
to help me in school and with soccer
and especially to help me forgive others and not join in conflict.
Some day I think that God will give me another name, Amon;
it will mean someone good."

Thanks to the Love More House,
this young man knows there is the abundant life,
and even with his limited opportunities
he knows that this gift of (true) life cannot be earned.
It comes as a gift from God.
He prays that God will give him a new name, Amon, "Someone Good."
Let us pray that God give me and you new names—
names like: "Someone Good," "Kindhearted,"
"Generous," "Neighborly," and even "Christ-like."

Want more out of life?
Listen for the Good Shepherd and follow where he leads.

Let us pray:
Gentle Shepherd, we know Your voice.
We know Your call upon our lives.
Open our ears and our hearts to answer Your call and to follow You,
even when it is difficult, even when we do not want to.
Help us to turn away from the voices of the world
that call us to want more, to desire what others have,
to work for earthly success.

Call us again so we can hear Your voice and see Your face
in the faces of our neighbors near and far,
so that we can help lead others to still waters and green pastures,
where all have enough to eat and live.
May we work towards Your vision of justice and peace in our world.
In the name of Christ, our Good Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Gentle Shepherd:
Thank you for the way you have led us to green pastures and still water;
you've shown us beauty this week that has fed our souls.
The brilliant green of the budding trees glowing in the morning sun
the delicate symphony the birds sing each morning
the caress of the warm sun on our upraised cheeks,
the fragrance of lilac in the evening.

Some of us have walked through dark valleys this week,
and all of us know someone in a dark valley,
valleys of sickness, grief, uncertainty, fear.
You meet us there in the darkness, you protect us.

Our enemies are present in our lives;
forces that would take us away from you.
Pride, envy, hatred, selfishness,
all played out on an individual and corporate level.
We need your help in our lives.

You have heard the concerns of our hearts
that were spoken during our sharing time today,
and you heard the concerns that were unspoken,
which weight too heavily for us to share them.
We call on you for help; you guide us carefully.

You have provided for our basic needs this week,
thank you for the food we've eaten,
for the luxury of variety in our diet,
for the joy of cooking,
for the clean water that comes out of our taps.
We pray for those who are not so fortunate
that we may see them as our brothers and sisters
and work side by side with them
to provide the daily needs
that may life abundant for all.

You anoint us with oil,
you gift us with grace,
providing unexpected blessings over and over,
encouragement and new strength when we falter
tender compassion when we are spent.

Goodness and mercy is following us
all the days of our lives.
We give thanks for this good life,
for life and breath this day,
and gifts overflowing to share with others.
we want to stay in your Presence forever.
In the name of Jesus, our Gentle Shepherd,
We pray, Our Father...Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

(inspired by Psalm 23, 1 John 3)

The Shepherd cares for us,
providing all that we need in abundance.

The Shepherd calls us to love one another
in truth and action.
May our gifts reflect our trust in the Shepherd's care.
May our offerings show our willingness to love one another.

Announcements and Prayer Requests for Sunday, March 19, 2023

We welcome everyone to our worship service this morning. May you feel God's presence in this time of worship on this 4th Sunday in the Season of Lent. **We warmly welcome Rev. Field Russell as our guest preacher this morning.** Please join us for coffee and cookies following worship.

Please join us for our March potluck luncheon following worship today!

There will be congregational meeting following worship Sunday April, 2. The 2023 Budget will be presented, and the congregation will vote on the 2023 Pastor's Terms of Call.

Our Lenten Bible Study continues this Wednesday, March 22, at 3:00 p.m. (in person and on Zoom). Jim Taylor, Commissioned Pastor is leading the study. From Jim: I invite you to join me on a Lenten journey as we travel with Jesus through the Gospel of Luke using Adam Hamilton's newest book, *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*. I hope you will join us for a wonderful time of reflection, music, and devotion as we walk this lonesome valley with Jesus."

Guatemala Educational Scholarships will be the focus of our Lenten Mission Project. We hope to raise \$3,500. \$3,000 will be used to keep 30 students in Los Cerros, Guatemala, in school and \$500 will go for basic emergency food supplies. Our church is in partnership with El Libano Presbyterian Church, the administrator of the scholarships and food. This is our tenth year of funding this program. Please keep the students, teachers, and the El Libano congregation in your prayers and prayerfully consider making a donation. Checks should be made out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designated for Guatemala. We received a notebook with all the photos of the students, their grade levels from kindergarten to graduate school, the career they hope to have one day, and every receipt from every purchase that was made for each student! This continues to be an investment in God's future for these students and for their community.

Choir practices at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday in the fellowship hall. If you would like to join the choir, we would love to have you.

The "Raising the Roof" Capital Campaign is in full gear. A letter was sent this week to bring you up to date on the campaign, the funds raised, and the funds left to meet our campaign goal. The capital campaign committee will also give an update on the construction preparation for the beginning of the sanctuary structural repairs and the replacement of the sanctuary roof this summer.

Help Needed!!! Feeding Avery Families needs volunteers on Fridays—morning or afternoon. Since so many volunteers have left for the season, they really do need help!! Check out their website: <https://feedingaveryfamilies.org/> or call 828-783-8506.

Prayer Requests for Sunday, March 19, 2023

~If you need an address, please call the church office, 828-733-1939~

Austin Branker, a 12-year-old neighbor of the Linds in Charlotte, collapsed March 6 at track practice and went into cardiac arrest. Some of the parents did CPR until the ambulance arrived. He was taken to the hospital and is on a ventilator.

Frances Brown asks for prayers as she makes decisions about her treatment for BRCA triple negative breast cancer.

Linda Taylor fell March 1. She is at home recovering. Please keep her in your prayers for a full recovery.

Gaye Meade is seeing an oncologist and a radiologist this week to begin to discuss treatment for her brain cancer. She does not know at this time where she will be going for treatment. Please keep Gaye and Rick in your prayers in this time of discernment concerning her treatment.

Sally Wilhite's son, Bert Wilhite, has been diagnosed Stage 1V Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer—it is a rare, aggressive, and deadly cancer. He will be going into hospice care in the next few days. The family is devastated. Please keep Bert, Sally, and all the family in your prayers for comfort and peace. If you would like to send him a card, Sally has given permission to list his address: 815 Bridgeway Dr., Maryville, TN 37801. He looks forward to receiving cards and knowing that people are praying for him.

Karl and Pastor Kathy are still at home with a rebound from COVID-19. Please pray for their full recovery.

Bill Hassett had a successful surgery to replace right knee this past Thursday, February 23. Please pray for Bill and Bobbi as he continues to receive physical therapy.

Cheryl Lewis' friend, Pat Silver, has breast cancer and is working with doctors on her treatment. Please keep her in your prayers for comfort and healing.

Misty Johnson's mother, Debbie Puckett, is struggling with blindness and the doctors are struggling with a diagnosis and treatment. Please keep Debbie in your prayers for hope and healing.

Lou Ann Barrier, Bobby Taylor's daughter-in-law's mother, is fighting lung cancer. Please pray for her healing.

Cindy Beimer had a successful transplant February 10. She will know in three months if this will heal her c-diff infection. Please keep Cindy and Steve in your prayers for healing and patience.

Owen Lind, grandson of Bill and Laura Lind, is 11 years old and having severe gastric issues. He has not been able to attend school since before Christmas. The Linds would like us to pray for a proper diagnosis and treatment for Owen.

Wayne and Jennifer Pinter ask us to keep them in our prayers for comfort and healing. Wayne is back home after emergency surgery.

Bobbi Hassett is still being treated for her long COVID heart condition. Please continue to keep them in your prayers for healing.

Chip and Debbie Lyon's son and Lynn O'Meara's nephew, Justin Lyon, had a successful surgery for stage one melanoma. Please continue to pray for his complete recovery.

Jenny Kilgore has a student and a coworker who each lost a sister to cancer. Please keep their families in prayer after these devastating losses.

Megan Armstrong, Rick and Susan Crawford's daughter, is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Please keep the family in your prayers, including her husband, Daniel, and their three-year-old daughter, Elliott, and Rick and Susan, for peace and healing as she continues her chemotherapy.

John Luce, Nancy Cabaniss' brother, who lives in Melbourne, FL, is back home and in good condition after a major fall that injured his head and face. Please continue to keep him in your prayers for a full recovery.

Bonnie Vuolo asks for prayers for two friends: **John Neel** and **Joley Kennedy**.

Paul Lyon has just completed chemo and radiation. He will have a cat scan next week. Jane Lyon continues to care for Paul and to care for herself. Please keep Paul and Jane in your prayers for healing and gaining some strength and energy.

Peggy Halifax is struggling with a severe case of shingles after recovering from COVID-19. Please keep Peggy in your prayers for comfort and healing.

Trish Winger would like us to keep her sister, Jo, in our prayers. She is going through a difficult time with health concerns.

Bob and Kathy Hardee's friends, Gary and Nancy McCormick. Nancy has been in and out of the hospital for weeks with respiratory issues. Please keep them in your prayers for healing.

Abbie Brasse, Jonnie McBryde's sister, lost her husband, Doug, after a long battle with lung cancer. Please keep Abbie and family in your prayers in this time of grief and gratitude.

Kay Hodges, Gene Hodges' wife, wants to thank the congregation for their prayers and support during her chemo and radiation treatments. She is still struggling from side effects from the cancer treatments and asks that we keep the prayers coming.

Jenny Kilgore asks for prayers for one of her students from Mayland Community College, whose husband committed suicide. Please keep her in your prayers as she grieves and figures out how to go forward in her own life.

Laura Lind has asked us to pray for healing for **Oz Hefner's grandson, Aiden**, who has cancer and has begun a treatment plan which he will be on until 2025. He is also struggling with COVID-19. Please keep Aiden in your prayers as he faces a long journey of healing. Oz Hefner is a member of the Land Harbor community.

Carroll and Linda Berkley's friend, Steve Baker, had a kidney transplant awhile ago and is now struggling with his health. Please keep Richard and Steve in your prayers for comfort and healing.

Charlotte Davila's oldest daughter, Tracy is in need of prayers as she struggles with alcoholism and addiction. Her granddaughter, Ryan Watts, is undergoing electric shock treatment for her depression and is already feeling a difference. Keep her in your prayers for healing.

Bobby Taylor's dear friend, Joe Secret, is seriously ill. Please pray for his peace and comfort and healing.

Please continue to keep in your prayers: **June Bagby, Jennifer Watts, Linda Taylor, Boyd Barrier, David Ehmig, Barbara Swack, Tasha Reid, and Marta.**