



# TRUE LIGHT

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ~ Psalm 119:105

March 28, 2021

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY

Worship:  
8:45 a.m. (masked)  
Sunday School 9:50 a.m.  
10:30 a.m. (masks optional)

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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*"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

Psalms 118:24

**We Welcome You  
To All Of Our  
Services**

## LET LOVE LEAD THE WAY

Lakelyn doesn't fully understand that Megan isn't just like her. Of course, "adoption" and "Down Syndrome" are not new words to her, but I don't think her little mind has fully grasped what they really mean. All Lakelyn knows is that her best friend loves to play dress-up and dolls, and sometimes speaks a little more slowly than she does.

Everyone has a story. Some stories might be laced with anger and years of people taking advantage of them. People are hurting.

Maybe your race is a sore subject and people view you through narrowed eyes, assuming you have ill intentions. But you don't. They have no clue how MUCH you love their people, how one of your best childhood friends looked just like them. Perhaps their childhood hero was yours, too. Maybe your most inspirational teacher was born in their country.

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Everyone has a story. We don't know someone's story, however, unless we take the time to lovingly listen as she or he tells it.

Adoption can be a beautiful thing, but it can be the result of deep brokenness - of a life suddenly torn from its own place, sometimes spending months or years in an orphanage or foster care. Many times the abandonment and rejection become woven into a child's DNA.

All of our experiences in life are so real, and it's extremely difficult to understand the person next to us when both of us feel defensive. Protective. Sharp.

I think one of the underlying sinister elements of this whole virus is the way we were programmed to view people as the enemy. The lady in the grocery store aisle ducks her head and hurries past, muttering angrily when my cart came a wee bit too close to hers. People yelling mask orders across crowds of people, private information, and numbers screamed across a long pharmacy line.

People peer suspiciously over masks at each other: you and I are now the threat. Far more damaging than a physical virus has been the suspicion of people around us. Maybe you have the germ. Or maybe because your skin is a different color than mine you hate me. Maybe you think I'm indifferent because I don't have the same bumper sticker or hashtag you do. What about those who get the vaccine, or those who don't. Must they be enemies? Just because people don't agree or see eye to eye on a subject, must they draw swords?

Sharp. So many jagged edges these days. We all need to spend days in a rock tumbler, thrown and tossed against other hard objects till our broken edges are softened and our hearts are reawakened. Till the dead flesh has been deeply pruned away so love can grow again.

Megan's beautiful chocolate eyes have light in them now. She croons over her baby dolls like a good mother should, even though we don't know if she was ever crooned over as a baby. Megan has absolutely blossomed under the nurture and love of her new family. She belongs.

Love changes people.

Labels. Let's do away with them. Sharp edges and prejudices, let's toss them in the rock tumbler and let the grace and the many forgivenesses given to us by Jesus wear them down. Christ went to the cross and died for us, His arms stretched wide in love for all humankind. His arms were open, in a posture of deep vulnerability, and He knew the price.

Love costs all. It also covers all. We have all sinned and fallen short. We all need forgiveness from God, and from each other.

Start a movement of grace. Assume the best in people. Believe in their story, in the calling God has on their life. Join me in this community at the foot of the cross, where all are needy, and all are forgiven. Be a part of the community of grace. Let your love be known to all people. Let love lead the way.

Melissa Troyer

**SLUM SONGS**

Cateura is a small slum in Paraguay, South America. Desperately poor, its villagers survive by recycling items from its rubbish dump. But from these unpromising conditions something beautiful has emerged - an orchestra.

With a violin costing more than a house in Cateura, the orchestra had to get creative, crafting its own instruments from their garbage supply. Violins are made from oil cans with bent forks as tailpieces. Saxophones have come from drainpipes with bottle tops for keys. Cellos are made from tin drums with gnocchi rollers for tuning pegs. Hearing Mozart played on these contraptions is a beautiful thing. The orchestra has gone on tour in many countries, lifting the sights of its young members.

Violins from landfills. Music from slums. That's symbolic of what God does. For when the prophet Isaiah envisions God's new creation, a similar picture of beauty-from-poverty emerges, with barren lands bursting into blooming flowers (Is. 35:1-2), deserts flowing with streams (vv 6-7), castaway war tools crafted into garden instruments (2:4), and impoverished people becoming whole to the sounds of joyful songs (35:5-6, 10).

"The world sends us garbage," Cateura's orchestra director says. "We send back music." And as they do, they give the world a glimpse of the future, when God will wipe away the tears of every eye and poverty will be no more. Sheridan Voysey

**WATCH ME!**

"Watch my fairy princess dance, Grandma!" my three-year-old granddaughter gleefully called as she raced around the yard of our cabin, a big grin on her face. Her "dancing" brought a smile; and her big brother's glum, "She's not dancing, just running," didn't squelch her joy at being on vacation with family.

The first Palm Sunday was a day of highs and lows. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, the crowds enthusiastically shouted, "Hosanna!...Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matthew 21:9). Yet many in the crowd were expecting a Messiah to free them from Rome, that same Savior who would die for their sins that same week.

Later that day, despite the anger of the chief priests who questioned Jesus' authority, children in the temple expressed their joy by shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David" (v 15), perhaps leaping and waving palm branches as they ran around the courtyard. They couldn't help but worship Him, Jesus told the indignant leaders, for "from the lips of children and infants [God has] called forth [His] praise" (v 16). They were in the presence of the Savior!

Jesus invites us to also see Him for who He is. When we do, like a child overflowing with joy, we can't help but revel in His presence.

Allyson Kieda

**CELEBRATING THIS WEEK**

**BIRTHDAYS**

April 1 - Cassie Summers

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

March 31 - Gabe & Brooke Smith

April 3 - Ron & Gaye Miller



**CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS**

Cleaning Supplies (non-aerosol) \* Furniture Polish \* Grape Juice (bottled) \* Small Freezer Bags \* Spaghetti Sauce \* Taco/Burrito Mixes

PICK-UP DATE APRIL 26

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Currently operating on an individual basis. Funds to help support this program is always needed and appreciated

Attendance for March 21: 124

Contribution for March 21: \$4686

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

"...I was sick and you visited me..." Matthew 25:36

**Remember:** Kristi Altman had a change in chemo and is not doing well \* Don Jackson has been moved to Cypress Point for rehab following knee cap removal surgery \* Jeanie Robinson recovering from COVID \* Dana Jo Jackson scheduled to returned home \* Janie Mouser (Gloria Moore's daughter-in-law's mother) had emergency surgery Thursday and 10 inches of her colon was removed \* Fannie Averett (Jeanie and Jane's mother) diagnosed with COVID and not doing well \* Sonja Mays has been moved from assisted living to the nursing home at Winchester and is in room 202

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** Louella Akers \* Kristi Altman \* John David Barnett \* David Burleson \* Janie Burleson \* Pam Claeys \* Scott and Judy Flannery \* Sue Flowers \* Patsy (Hardy) Gregg \* Grant Howard \* Don Jackson \* Morris Karnes \* Sonja Mays \* Darlene McGowan \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* Kevin Mickey \* Reba Owens \* Ida Roberts \* Gayle Rodgers \* Waynetta Rodgers \* Elwood Rush \* Jane Smith \* Leon Smith \* David Terrill \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson \* Sharlette Watson

**Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :**

Cathy Bennett \* Gina Bogle \* Roxanne Carson \* Sherry Chambers \* Randy Cravens \* Bill Fitzpatrick \* Jo Carolyn Flowers \* Kim Goins \* Ronnie Goins \* LeAnn Jacques \* Tommy Jacques \* Pam Jeralds \* Holly Johnson \* Andy Kelley \* Connie Lemmons \* Annette Lumsden \* Ponna Mahan \* Paula Mason \* Betty Nicholson \* Keagan Owens \* Tammy Telker \* Bobby Thornton \* Paula Walls

**Other health issues (non-congregational):**

DeeDee Burch \* Mary Burke \* Diana Gavel \* Jerry Grimes \* Lem Hubbard \* Dana Jo Jackson \* Clyde Jacques \* Lola Johnson \* Beckie King \* Nikki Lawrence \* Jerry Don McGowan \* Paul Maddox \* Brenda Robinson \* Gene Rowland \* Kevin Steed \* Traci Suiter \* Paige Tanner \* Heather Whitehead \* Eva Latham

**Our Shut Ins**

Pauline Allen \* Fern Botsch \* Pam Claeys \* Travis Cooper \* Sue Flowers \* Don Jackson \* Shirley Johnson \* Sonja Mays \* Elwood Rush \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson \* Joy Watson

**Easter Potluck**

An Easter potluck dinner is planned for Sunday, April 4, following morning services. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you would like

Attention 2021 seniors/parents: It's time to start compiling pictures for our senior appreciation night. Please submit 30 to 50 photos via hard copy or flash drive/email to the church at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

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CRUCIFIXION	DISCIPLES	EASTER
FORGIVENESS	HEAVEN	JESUS
MAGDALENE	NICODEMUS	REDEMPTION
RESURRECTION	ROMANS	SALVATION
SINS	THORNS	TOMB