



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Preaching today: Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman
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These things I have spoken unto you,
that in me ye might have peace.
In the world ye shall have tribulation:
but be of good cheer;
I have overcome the world.

John 16:33



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March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m. Worship

Prelude Betsy Smith

Ministry Opportunities Pastor Mel

Words of Welcome Pastor Mel

***Call to Worship** Dave Talley

Leader: Jesus said, Come to me all that are wearied and carry heavy burdens for I will give you rest.

People: We feel so broken. We lay our burdens down.

Leader: Jesus said, I am the bread of life. Welcome to the banquet.

People: We fill-up our lives with things to do, places to go, people to please, but we are so hungry. We come to God's table of abundant love.

Leader: Jesus said, I am the living water; drink of me.

People: We get inebriated with anger, revenge, excuses and accusations, but our drunk dries us out. We thirst for mercy, forgiveness, and fresh starts.

Leader: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Walk where it leads.

People: We walk in the dark alley ways of our own pursuits and cower in self-protective measures that push others away. We come to let the light that shines on our shadows, so the truth will set us free.

Leader: Jesus said, The kingdom of heaven is in you! My life is in you. Let your light shine.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Opening Song** "Today is the Day" PraiseWorks

Opening Prayer (In Unison) Dave Talley
A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition UMH No. 607

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low by thee. Let me be full, let me empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Moments for All Ages Joan Leaman

First Scripture Lesson (pg. 5) Psalm 22 (selected verses) Dave Talley

Chancel Choir Anthem "Prayer at Gethsemane" Chancel Choir
Words and Music by Joel Raney

***Second Scripture Lesson** (pg. 5) John 16: 32-33 Pastor Mel

Morning Meditation	“How Heaven Handles Hell”	Pastor Mel
Song of Response	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”	UMH No. 89 (vs. 1)
Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of Glory, Lord of Love; Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee; opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness; fill us with the light of day!		
Sharing our Joys and Concerns	(All are invited to share)	Pastor Mel
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Mel
Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Mel
The Offertory: Giving Our Gifts	“Jesus, Messiah”	PraiseWorks
Dedication of Our Offerings		Pastor Mel
*Closing Song	“Lifesong”	PraiseWorks
*Benediction		Pastor Mel
*Postlude		Betsy Smith

*** Standing as able.**

Please join us in the Lobby/Narthex for a time of fellowship.

Please stand as you are able* **Bold Print = Say in unison

8:30 a.m. Worship

Prelude	Betsy Smith
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*Call to Worship	Karen Hruz
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Leader: Jesus said, The kingdom of heaven is in you! My life is in you. Let your light shine.	
ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.	
*Opening Song	"God, Whose Love is Reigning O're Us" UMH No. 100 (vs. 1,4,5)
Opening Prayer (In Unison pg. 2)	Karen Hruz
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The Offertory: Giving Our Gifts

Betsy Smith

Dedication of Our Offerings

Pastor Mel

***Closing Song** “O Day of God, Draw Nigh”

UMH No. 730 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

***Benediction**

Pastor Mel

***Postlude**

Betsy Smith

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First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 22 (selected verses)

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? ² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. ¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. They pierce my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. ¹⁸ They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garments. ²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen. ²² I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you. ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! ²⁴ For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help. ²⁷ All the ends of the earth will re-member and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, ²⁸ for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—those who cannot keep themselves alive. ³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. ³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

Second Scripture Lesson: John 16: 32—33

³² The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. ³³ I have said this to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution, but take courage: I have conquered the world!”

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At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in God's name.

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Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org Email us at info@westgroveumc.org

WELCOME, ONE AND ALL!

Faith, hope and love are gifts from God. May you find them here. If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. Please honor us by signing the Friendship Pad and we encourage you to join us again. For those who need them, there are hearing aids available at the sound booth. Please feel free to ask for them.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH: Our newly appointed interim, Janice Bowers, will be preaching beginning March 17th. One service at 11:00 am until further notice.

PALM SUNDAY CANTATA: Join us on Palm Sunday, March 24th at 11:00 for a beautiful Holy Week Cantata. Come enjoy the beautiful music and center on God as we prepare for Easter Sunday.

PRAYER CHAIN: Susan Paisley is our contact for the WGUMC Prayer Chain. You can call or email the church office at 610-869-9334 or office@westgroveumc.org. You can also email or call Susan directly @ sbrintonpais1@verizon.net, 610-529-8699.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Round up your kids and grand kids and get ready to Dive into the fun from July 15th-19th Call Xavier for all the details at 610-612-7377, or email him at Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org, or call the church office at 610-869-9334, or email us at office@westgroveumc.org.

UMW COLLECTION OF FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS: During the month of March, we will be collecting feminine hygiene products for our food pantry families. A tote will be located in the lobby for this collection. Please consider how you may help with these donations.

MEMORY BELLS DIRECTOR: WGUMC welcomes Lavenia Civitella, our new handbell director. Lavenia has rung handbells with the Quarter Ringers at Oxford UMC and has directed several community handbell choirs. Lavenia brings ringing and directing experience to our church, she also brings her contagious joy and exuberant passion for ministry and worship through handbell music. Welcome to West Grove UMC, Lavenia! May your leadership and ministry be **bell-essed!**

EASTER FLOWERS: Order Easter Lilies, tulips or daffodils to adorn the sanctuary during our Easter Services. Take them home after the Easter Sunday Service. Lilies are \$10.50, Tulips and Daffodils are \$6.95. Order form in the narthex or ask an usher. Drop your check in the offering plate marked "flowers" or drop in the office mailbox marked April.

WGUMC IS ESTATIC TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR NEW PASTOR: Rev. Choi was appointed as WGUMC'S new pastor and will take over the position beginning July 1st, 2024. Read more about Rev. Choi on the insert inside this bulletin.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

Prayer Requests: Please do not leave prayer requests on the prayer chain email. It is not monitored. Email April Spencer at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334 or **Email Susan Paisley** at sbrintonpais1@verizon.net or call 610-529-8699. Your request will be shared with the prayer chain, and if you would like, it will be noted below in the bulletin Prayer List.



Renee Bergstrom
Linda Sue Black
(Hruz)

Dianne Bunch
(Stuhrke)

Sandee C (Jim
Mundell)

Beth Castaldi (K. Smith)

Courtney Castaldi (K. Smith)

Dan Castaldi (Castaldi)

Cindy (Karen Hruz Neighbor)

Joann Coates

Dante Danilshenko (Grace
Kennedy)

Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)

Irma Devom (Stryjewski)

Linda Eyster (Combs)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Joyce Flowers (Mullen)

Richard Heacock

Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)

Karen Hruz

Lynn Jackson

Michele Johnson (Spencer)

Maria Kanno (Mullen)

Debbie Kennedy (Coates)

Erica Libdell (Stryjewski)

Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)

Tom Kuch (Kuchs)

Lenny Marten (K.
Smith)

Jim May (Mullen)

Jill and Jay, Fran
Miller

Richard Minnick

Betty Mundell

Tim Mullen

Doug Paine (Jackson)

Family of Dan DePaul
(Jackson)

Don Nixon (Mullen)

Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)

Michael Raineri

Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)

Steve Scheufele (Kuch's)

Roann Schneider (P. Mullen)

Levi Schrum (Carmichael)

Mark Sharrat (P. Mullen)

Connie & Jobe Simcox

David Shaver (Hruz)

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Linda Shiplet

Ian Smedley (Heist)

Reed Smith

Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Rosanne (Kapp-Benner)

Flora Spiegel
(Strewjewski)

Heidi Streibel, (Edel
Mullen)

Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)

Jeannie Sullivan

Josephine Tena

Maira Tena

Mary Weidman (Miller)

Jill Williams (Miller)

Hazel Winters & family
(Joan Saller)

Kay Yates



Nathaniel Howard,
Philippines
(Wayne & Pam)

Brian Kubo—Washington
(Mullen)

Chris Weidman—Idaho
(Miller)

Dalton Wolfe-U.S. Marine
Corps

Drew Zumpino—USA
(Beauchamp)

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

*It is your tithes, offerings, and
gifts that impact and change
lives for Christ!*

Report from March 03, 2024

General Offering: \$7907.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$170.00

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 22 11:00: 65 You Tube 25

**Food Pantry: 112 families on 03/06 &
03/07 Food donations are appreciated.**

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Digital Audio: 8:30	Aiden Steltzer
Live-Stream & Audio: 11:00	Michael Duvall
Sound Booth Rotating:	Will Stuhrke, Doyle Stuhrke, Maggie Stuhrke and Reed Smith
Officiating:	Rev. James Mundell /Rev. Mel Leaman
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Memory Bells Director:	Lavenia Civitella
Moment For All Ages	Joan Leaman

	<u>Today: 03/11/24</u> 8:30 / 11:00	<u>Next Week: 03/17/24</u> 11:00
Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Roamers	Maryann Covington	Cindy Haley
Counters:	Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan	Len & Ruth Kuch
Lay Reader: 8:30	Karen Hruz	N/A
Lay Reader: 11:00	Dave Talley	
Ushers: 8:30	Mark & Amy Simmonds	N/A
Ushers: 11:00	Joyce Lewis & Priscilla Barkman	Cindy Haley & Paulette Bryan
Greeter: 8:30	Kim O'Neil	N/A
Greeter: 11:00	Cindy Haley	Nancy & Scott Renk-Wise

Would you like to be a Sunday Morning Servant? We would welcome your participation as an usher, greeter, lay reader, acolyte (children grade 3 and above), nursery attendant, Children's Worship leader, or Sunday School teacher. If you have an interest in serving in any capacity on Sunday mornings, please contact April Spencer in the church office at 610-869-9334 or office@westgroveumc.org for more information.