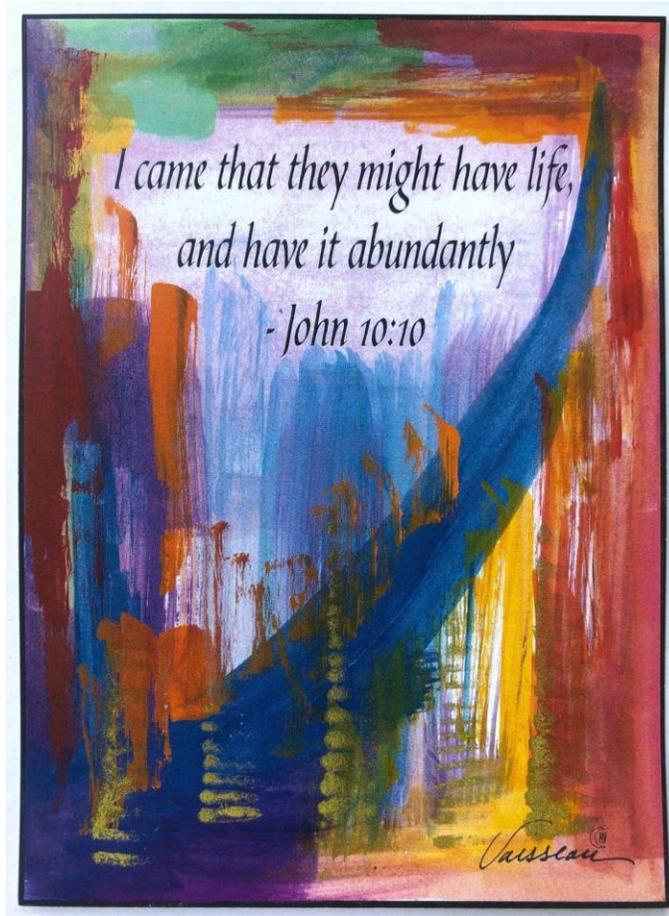


# Central United Methodist Church



**The First Sunday in Lent  
February 21, 2021  
10:45 am**

*Our Vision:*

***Making Christ known by extending hospitality,  
serving the community, and embracing all.***

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Congregational Prayer

**Holy God, the one who leads us, we listen to hear the voice of the Great Shepherd. Help us drown out that which seeks to destroy or kill us and focus instead on the life-giving voice and words of Jesus. Through the strength of your Spirit, be present to us as our compassionate guide and lead us into the gate of life. Amen.**

Sermon

Called to Abundant Life

Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

## ***We Respond to God's Great Love***

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, You know us better than we know ourselves.

**As a shepherd watches over their sheep, you watch over us in love,**  
But too often, we ignore your voice calling to us, and we opt for another path  
besides the one you lay out for us.

**Forgive us, Lord. Help us to hear you, to see you, to love you, and to follow you,  
for it is in your Way that we find abundant life. Amen.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." Our savior knows us and loves us completely, without condition, and with limitless grace.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, praise God, we are forgiven!**

Offering Our Gifts

Create in Me a Clean Heart

John Leavitt

Doxology [spoken]

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.

## ***We Are Scattered to Serve God In Our World***

\*Closing Hymn

Lead Me, Guide Me

TFWS 2214

Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on "We Shall Overcome"

Adolphus Hailstork

**Sunday, February 21, 2021**

**Belle Virginia Blanton** arrived Thursday, morning, weighing 7 lb 4 oz, and welcomed by parents, Christina and Barry Blanton, and big brother Beau.

**Gary Sherlin** remains in hospice care in declining health. Cards are welcome (2815 Oakleigh Township Dr, 37921), or you may check with Jack Poore.

**Staci Cole Bowling** (friend of Tim Mendenhall) had cancer surgery February 16.

**Bill Cox** (Becky Cox's brother) in Texas, who was without power and heat.

**Hannah and Haylee Hotchkiss** (premature twin daughters of Penney Helm's cousin Amy Hotchkiss) remain in the NICU at UT Medical Center. Haylee is now breathing unassisted with supplemental oxygen.

**Ruth Noe** (David Helms's sister) Is making slow progress as she recovers from a broken hip.

**Ally Tarwater** (former member) has a broken leg resulting from a sledding accident in Vermont.

All health care and other frontline workers who care for those with COVID-19 and those working to provide vaccine and treatments.

All those affected by the winter weather, especially those without water, electricity, and heat, and hard-hit Texas

Please continue to remember **Clara Hagaman** (1412 Tipton Station Rd, 37920), **Sancy Hail** (7545 Thunder Ct, Powell, 37849), **Bobbie Jones** (friend of Carolyn Cottrell), **Allen Knable** (4371 Lifespring Ln, Room 303, 37918), **Barbara Marks** (1315 Snowdon Dr., 37912), **Richard Moon** (7655 April Cross, Corryton, 37721), **Doris Jean Moore** (7404 Kentfield Dr, 37919), and **Billy Varnell** (4121 Riverstone Ln, 37918).

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