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If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, either for joys or concerns, please contact one of the leaders of our Prayer Team:

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**Lectionary Texts for next Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Numbers 21:4-9 / Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (UMH 830)  
Ephesians 2:1-10 / John 3:14-21


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**SEALE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**



*Seale United Methodist Church  
Seale, Alabama*

**WILL YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER UNITING  
WITH SEALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?**

If you desire to commit your life to Christ in our membership, please let our pastor, Brady Baird, know. We would like to welcome you to the membership of this church.

Our basic purpose is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to strengthen one another in the faith. Our doors are open to anyone who earnestly seeks to worship God. It is our hope that you will be drawn closer to Jesus today and will leave here committed to His will.

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world through open  
hearts, open minds, and open doors.*

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# Celebration of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. ET

Pastor: Rev. Brady Baird Pianist: Dot Kelly

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:* The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*People:* **He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor requite us according to our iniquities.**

*(The Book of Worship 1965)*

OPENING HYMN *Break Thou the Bread of Life* #599

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God of the living,  
through baptism we pass from the shadow of death  
to the light of the resurrection.  
Remain with us and give us hope  
that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit  
who gives life to our mortal flesh,  
we may be clothed with the garment of immortality,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed* #881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (\*Universal)

THE GLORIA PATRI *Glory Be to The Father* #71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Brady Baird

SCRIPTURE LESSON *John 2:13-22*

MESSAGE *When a Problem Comes Along* Rev. Brady Baird

### INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY #95

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #13

### RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMN *How Great Thou Art* #367

BENEDICTION/BLESSING

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