

FUMC welcomes all who worship with us this morning. Please fill out the pew pads at the end of each pew so that we may have a record of all our participants.

Porch Community today, 3/17 at 2:00 PM.

First United Women in Faith afternoon circle will meet Tuesday, March 19, at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited.

Young at Heart Trip is Thursday, March 21. Depart the FLC parking lot at 9:30 AM

The Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday, March 23 from 2PM – 3:30 PM.

Ushers: Tommy Turner, Matt, Brantlee & Walker Evans Greeter Jenny Turner

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bermuda Commons

Molly Jo McClamrock

Davie Rehab

Christine Woodruff

Brookdale Salisbury

Billie Bean

Mocksville Senior Living

Karen Marks

At Home

Ann Stayer



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, March 28 7:00 PM
Service in Sanctuary

Good Friday, March 29 Crosswalk
10:00 AM begins at Cemetery Street

Good Friday, March 29 7:00 PM
Service in Sanctuary

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 AM Sunrise Service at
Rose Cemetery

8:45 AM Early Service in
Family Life Center

10:55 AM Traditional Service in
Sanctuary



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 17, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. HANNAH HOWELL

PRELUDE

LONDONDERRY AIR

PRESENTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

SUZANNE ROBINSON, ACOLYTE

CHORAL INTROIT

O WORSHIP THE LORD

* MISSION STATEMENT

ALL

The mission of First United Methodist Church is to **believe** in Jesus Christ as Lord,
to **receive** the power of the Holy Spirit,
and to **respond** to the needs of others with the love of God the Father.

* HYMN UMH 159

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

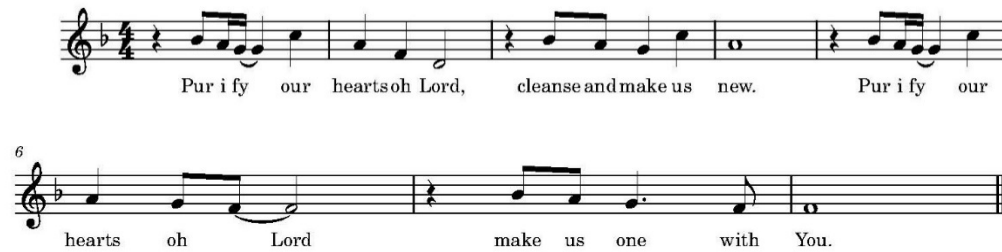
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL

Love that knows no boundaries: we crowd our lives with so much activity that it is hard to find time for you. We become so focused on ourselves, we can overlook those around us who are searching for hope. We fill our spiritual emptiness with junk, rather than feasting on your Word. Abundant Mercy, forgive us. Open our eyes, that we may see your new covenant written in plain sight on our hearts. Open our hearts, that we may join you in serving the broken of the world. Open our love, so we may pour it out as abundantly and graciously as your love is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE

ALL



* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

REV. HANNAH HOWELL

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ELIZABETH ROSENBAUM

*"As we prepare for Christmas, we **light** a new candle each Sunday; as we prepare for Good Friday, we **extinguish** a candle each Sunday to remind us of the approaching darkness of betrayal and death."*

During this time of Lenten preparation, we think of those who turned away from the light. The life and growth of a seed comes when it is buried in the ground and dies. Humanity seeks to avoid death of self and therefore do not grow into life. We are afraid of exchanging the life we have now with the one promised by Christ. We extinguish the fifth candle and give up our life today for the life of God's grace and truth.

Prayer: God of light may the light of Christ shine on us and through us as we are brought closer to you.
Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

ALL



JOYS AND CONCERNS

REV. HANNAH HOWELL

MORNING PRAYER

ELIZABETH ROSENBAUM

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

SHOW ME YOUR CROSS

CHANCEL CHOIR

OFFERTORY PRAYER AND TIME OF GIVING

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

* THE DOXOLOGY UMH 95

ALL

*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. Amen.*

* HYMN UMH 311

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISETH

* SCRIPTURE

JOHN 12:20-33

²⁰ Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” ²² Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus. ²³ Jesus replied, “The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. ²⁴ I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me. ²⁷ “Now *I am deeply troubled*. What should I say? ‘Father, save me from this time’? No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard and said, “It’s thunder.” Others said, “An angel spoke to him.” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “This voice wasn’t for my benefit but for yours. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world’s ruler will be thrown out. ³² When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me.” (³³ He said this to show how he was going to die.)

SERMON

WHOEVER SERVES

REV. LORI ANNE BOWEN

* HYMN UMH 413

A CHARGE TO KEEP I HAVE

* BENEDICTION

REV. LORI ANNE BOWEN

* RESPONSE

CHRIST WE DO ALL ADORE THEE

* CHIMING THE TRINITY

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST.

* POSTLUDE

WOULD I HAVE ANSWERED WHEN YOU CALLED

* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.