



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 17, 2024 | 8:45 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Hannah Howell

*(Please fill out the pew pad and pass to your neighbor)*

A TIME OF GREETING

All

\* MISSION STATEMENT

All

\* OPENING SONG

*Your Love Is Amazing*

\* 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.

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

Patsy Brewer

*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

*When we turn from light to darkness Jesus bring us back to you.*

All

MORNING PRAYER w/The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hannah Howell

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

All

**\* THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE**

**John 12:20-33**

**SERMON**

**WHOEVER SERVES**

**Rev. Lori Anne Bowen**

**\* CLOSING SONG**

***Make Me A Servant***

**\* BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Lori Anne Bowen**

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FUMC welcomes all who worship with us this morning. Please fill out the pew pads at the end of the row 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 Saturday, March 23 from 2 PM – 3:30 PM.

**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

