

March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent 10:30 AM

***Those who are able, please stand
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. Today is UMCOR Sunday. Let us remember today all who need our help finding their way home, especially the ones who feel lost and forgotten.

MUSICAL PRELUDE: “The Lord is My Shepard” Pianist Mavis Baldwin

March 31, 2025 - Free Lunch w/North Main UMC 11:30-12:30 - Bible Study

April 2, 2025 - Captain at Congregational Church 1:30 PM

April 6, 2025 - Welcome to new member during Service

APRIL 6, 2025 - 2:00 PM SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE W/ Rev David Smith

APRIL 7, 2025 - Crime Victims Impact Day - Sir Wm Johnson Park, Johnstown @ 3:00

APRIL 11, 2025 FROM 3-6 PM TAKE OUT ONLY ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY..

APRIL 12, 2025-Annual Interfaith Easter Egg Hunt at Foothills WC @ 12:00 Noon

April 13, 2025 - Baptism and New Members - Please plan to stay late.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

God’s blessings are all around us, in all the families of the earth. As human beings created in God’s own image, we carry that divine blessing that he has given to each of us. The Lord assures us that from his grace, we can have hope! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. Be assured that our greatest possession—the only possession that we can never lose—is our possession of God. It is God who made us and we are His children now and forever. Through God we are saved and blessed. Amen

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

People: Once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

Leader: Know that God’s love is lavished upon you forever.

People: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

People: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.

Leader: We have been given a ministry of reconciliation and sharing. Let us worship and be thankful

People: God reconciled us to God’s self through the witness of Jesus Christ. Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God.

All: Let our hearts rejoice in God’s kindness and love. AMEN.

GATHERING SONG “God will take care of You” UMH 130

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison) Loving God, as we gather here, on this UMCOR Sunday, remind us that you have shared with us your most precious gift, our Lord Jesus Christ. You have brought us through the first four weeks of this Lenten Journey where we have shared our doubts and concerns. You have reminded us to let go of the things that are hurting us from moving forward. We ask that you guide us today to come out of our pristine setting of worship and look in the troubled world we live in. We let so many things crowd our lives that we sometimes forget there is another world outside of ours, and we are not always ready to look at it and less ready to do something about it. Help us to keep our hearts open to you to see and tell all the good things that we have been given and that you remind us to share them with the world in Jesus name. We ask that you hear our prayers today for the people of this World. We thank you for all the UMCOR volunteers who dedicate their lives for others.

TIME WITH GOD’S CHILDREN

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE Lead Me, Lord UMH 473

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “I CANNOT TELL” Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGING

Long-suffering God, we hear the words of the familiar parable and, at different times we see ourselves as lost and forgotten. We have received blessings to which we today proclaim how grateful we are. As we bring our gifts this day, we do so in the humble gratitude and recognition that any and all blessings in our life come as your gift of grace. Use these gifts we bring today to help our World as we pray in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus our redeemer. Amen

SONG OF COMMITMENT "This is My Song" UMH 437

UNION PRAYER FOR COURAGE TO DO JUSTICE UMH 456

PSALTER READING Canticle of Love UMH 646-647

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH World Methodist Social Affirmation UMH 886-887

GLORIA PATRI (*We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible*) UMH 70

SCRIPTURE Corinthians 5: 16-21 and Gospel Luke 15: 1-6 & 11-32

SHARING THE STORY "Tending to things we think we have lost" Pastor Joyce Royal

SENDING SONG Lord You Give the Great Commission UMH 584

THE SENDING FORTH

We are a people loved by God. We will live as signs of this love. We are a people blessed with hope. We will live in light of this hope. May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the courage of the Spirit, strengthen our faith and set us loose to share God's love with all. Go now in peace, with God's blessing. We will do our best to advocate for peace. Amen

MUSICAL POSTLUDE "Let there be Peace on Earth" Pianist Mavis Baldwin

Worship Reader: Sally Kwak Music: Mavis Baldwin

Prayer List: Lilyann Tyler, Family of Portia Robles, Family of Eric Hohn, The Family of Tom Estes, Family of Thomas Foster, Nancy Marsh's Granddaughter Kayla, Anne Veeder, Doug Topliff, Carol Johnson, Nancy Egan, Bev Bartlett, Sheila McDonald, Calae Bonfey, Jean Hart, Elaine Schrum, Dave & Stacy Winnie, Ivy Patterson, Zoey and Matt Brezosky, Special prayer for Jack and Diane Sanford, Don Williams

Welcome to Worship

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We Gather to Worship

We Scatter to Serve

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ***UMCOR Sunday***

