

We are here to: Love God, Love our Neighbor and Serve the World.

March 31, 2019 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gathering in God's Presence

All are welcome to this time of worship, and in this faith community. If you are visiting today, please visit the Welcome table at the entrance.

Announcements and Welcome

Greeting One Another Please take a moment to greet your neighbors by sharing signs of God's Peace – such as – “The Peace of Christ be with you”

Prelude *Morning Has Broken* Traditional Gaelic melody
arr. Van Keuren

*Call to Worship

God of wonder and glory, this world around us is awesome.

You created it! You continue to hold it together, even as we threaten to tear it apart.

God of justice and righteousness, to you we look for the truth.

You are the ultimate judge. Your wisdom cuts through the lies.

God of grace and mercy, the love you have shown us in Jesus is more than we deserve.

Your arms are open wide, like a father waiting for his prodigal children, ready to welcome and restore.

We come to you now thirsting for your living water.

Guide us to the streams of your wonder and glory, justice and righteousness, grace and mercy, that we may drink and be satisfied, renewed for our continuing journey with Christ. Amen

* **Opening Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy* UM Hymnal #64

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Readings Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 15:11-32

Young Disciples' Time (10:30 AM)

Please join in singing verse 1 of *Jesus Loves Me* UM Hymnal #191

Anthem *Lead Me To The Rock/Soon and Very Soon* Mencer/Crouch
Joyful Voices

***Proclaiming Hymn** *Christ Has Broken Down the Walls* (on screen)

Message The Reconciling Father

Rev. Doug Mackey

Responding to God's Word

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Kum Ba Yah* Afro-American Spiritual

***Singing Our Praises** *Doxology* UM Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayer Song *In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful* TFWS#2195

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.

Going Forth To Serve

***Hymn of Going Forth** *This is a Day of New Beginnings* UM Hymnal #383

*Benediction

Postlude

* You are invited to stand if you are able or comfortable

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31

9 AM Lent Study
9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School followed by Coffee Hour
11:30 AM Youth Choir/Voices of Hope choir rehearsal

Monday, April 1

9 AM Earlybirds
6 PM Daisy Scouts
6:30 PM Daisy Scouts

Tuesday, April 2

9 AM Preschool Pictures
6:30 PM SPRC Meeting
7 PM Boy Scouts
7:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 3

8:30 AM Fixits
9:30 AM Explorers
6 PM "Next Steps" Team
6 PM AA Meeting
6 PM Daisy Scouts
7 PM Pub Explorations in Theology

Thursday, April 4

9 AM Thursday Women's Book Study
10:30 AM BHBL Women's Board Meeting
6:30 PM Brownies-Multiple Troop Special Event
6:00 PM Daisy Scouts
6:30 PM Cub Scouts
6:45 PM Girl Scouts
7 PM Youth Group
7 PM Chancel Choir

Saturday, April 6

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
10:30 AM Caregiver Support Group

Sunday, April 7

9 AM Lent Study
9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School followed by Coffee Hour
11:30 AM Youth Choir/Voices of Hope choir rehearsal

Blood Pressure Screenings after both services

Announcements

TODAY Coffee Hour is hosted by UMW

Girl Scout Cookies Brownie Troop 2169 will be selling Girl Scout cookies after both services today.

At an open Council meeting on March 11, in response to General Conference 2019, nearly 40 people responded to the questions, "Where are you, and what do you need from your church?" A team, *Next Steps*, was formed to continue and deepen the dialogue, and to consider how, as a congregation, we understand and express our ministry of welcoming all people. Notes from the March 11 meeting (they do not identify any speaker by name) are available in the church office. More information will be in the April newsletter.

Kitchen Use Reminders There are a few reminders for those using our kitchen for coffee on Sundays and other food prep groups. Food items, including juices, half and half and flavored coffee additives, are marked with the group they belong to and are not to be taken by anyone else. Items marked SK are for soup kitchen; items marked CL are for community lunches. Please take note before you use something. All foods you bring for coffee or other occasions should be taken home if there are leftovers. Items left, not marked or not dated are eventually thrown away. This happens too frequently, and results in someone having to clean out the refrigerator before a big food event, which is very time-consuming. Your cooperation is appreciated —Linda Noonan

Walking His Walk You are invited to walk a contemplative path of prayer and engagement with scripture here at the BHUMC on Saturday, April 13, 2019. From 2-7 PM, the sanctuary will be open to any person wishing for a sacred space for reflection and contemplation. Please come and go as you feel led during this time. At various stations set up on a path throughout the space, you will be invited to join with Jesus at several stops on his ministry journey. The hope is you might find God in the Scripture moments offered, confidently ask questions of the Holy Spirit, more deeply contemplate Jesus' reasoning and teaching in those moments, and be open to growth in wisdom and understanding of your own path. The greatest hope is that you will accept this time of experiencing God's nearness as a sign of God's grace in the midst of your daily life. Please feel free to contact Sherri Mackey at SherrilMackey427@gmail.com with any questions.

Prayer Blankets Baby prayer blankets are once again available in the church office. Colors are available in pink, white and light blue.

Thank you to everyone who engaged with Ava from CAPTAIN Community Health Services last week and responded to the Special Giving opportunity. We collected nearly \$1,500 to help in their work.

Holy Week

April 19, Good Friday: 7 PM Worship

April 21, Easter Worship: 9 AM & 10:30 AM

If you have a notice you'd like to put in the weekly bulletin, please email the church office by Tuesday to ensure inclusion. Anything received after Tuesday will be put in the following week.

If you have something to put in the monthly newsletter, please submit by the 15th of the month by email. Thank you!



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All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. (II Cor. 5:18-19)



Return of the Prodigal Son by Jean Louis Forain.
Date Unknown, Johnson Museum of Art.

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