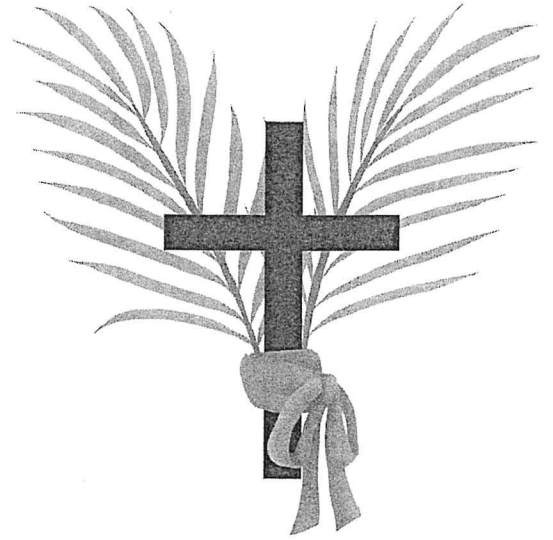


Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026
10:30 a.m.

OUR LORD'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There's a Place for You Here



*As you view and participate in this worship please note that **bolded text** invites ALL to voice.*

Gathering Music "Blessed Assurance"

arr. Bernadine Johnson

Graceful Engagement

Think on This for Today

Hope can be in short supply when you are wandering in the desert not knowing if or when you will arrive at your destination; when you are a woman shunned by your community; when your community is not listening to God's voice. But hope takes many forms - water in the desert, living water at a well, encountering a person who changes your life, knowing a God who has created everything and loves all that has been created.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Settling In

Prelude "Londonderry Air"

Traditional Irish Melody

One voice: Good morning, Church! I see you!

ALL voices: I am here!

*Praise Sentences

Sing praise to God!

Our God is a great God!

Come, let us worship before God!

Great is our God!

*Call to Worship

O come, let us sing to our God and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

We lift our hearts and voices in joy and thanksgiving for being here together in the presence of our beloved God.

Come, let us worship this amazing God, for we belong to God.

We will listen for God's word and live in the hope it inspires.

*Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" vs. 1, 2, 3 UMH 89

*Opening Prayer

Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope - hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of Your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship - the possibilities of encountering You in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Message

One: And Jesus said... **ALL: Let the children come!**

Handbell Anthem "Little Prelude in G Minor"

by J.S. Bach
arr. Becky Perreault

Reading of Scripture Psalm 95 CEB; Romans 5:1-11 CEB

Sermon "What to Hope For"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

(please text prayers to 414-378-4012 and Pastor Kelly will receive them)

Response Chorus "Hope of the World" vs. 2, 4, 5

UMH 178

Caring for Community Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer ALL Together

UMH 895

Invitation to Giving Action

Peace and hope to each of you.

And, also with you.

*Doxology

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**Praise the Source who gives us life.
Praise to Christ, who shares our strife.
Praise the Spirit, who sustains,
bearing us through grief and pain.
To the holy Trinity glory, praise, and honor be.**

*Blessing Prayer

Steadfast God of Hope, You have called us to rejoice - not in ease or achievement - but in the grace that sustains us through suffering, the love that meets us in struggle, and the hope that does not disappoint. You pour Your Spirit into our hearts, shaping us into a people who give not out of obligation, but out of gratitude. As we bring these gifts, may they testify to Your presence among us and to the promise of reconciliation You offer the world through Christ. Make us bold in our sharing, joyful in our worship, and confident in Your grace. In the name of the one who died for us and lives within us, we pray, let it be so.

*Responsive Sending Forth

We have encountered the living God through the love of the living Christ.

We have been refreshed by living water.

Go now to live in the hope this encounter inspires.

We go knowing that the God of love and hope goes before us and with us always.

*Charge and Final Blessing

Respond "Yes!" after each blessing phrase and join in ALL together for the final phrase: "This day and in every day to come!"

*Closing Hymn "We Walk By Faith" *all verses*

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*Postlude "Great Is the Lord"

by Michael & Deborah Smith

Notes:

Need hearing assistance? Hearing assist devices are available. Visit our tech room and someone will help you.

Lectionary readings: Exodus 17:1-7 *"Water from the rock"*; Psalm 95 *"The rock of our salvation"*; Romans 5:1-11 *"Reconciled to God by Christ's death"*; John 4:5-42 *"The woman at the well"*



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Highlighting, with gratitude, these servant leaders for today...

Wendi Haubert, Izzy Veit, Dave Smith, Rebecca Landgraf, Kathy Depies, Decker Henninger, Carol Pope, Sue Broker, Karen Haubert, Don Mains, the OLUMC handbell choir: Sue Schulkers, Kelly Liebenstein, Judie Liebenstein, Lois McGarry, Keith Chipman, Terry Chipman, Debbie Huyck, Chris Clements, Pat Garrigues, Karen Haubert, Becky Perreault

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