

Order of Worship
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
9:30 am – February 18, 2024

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Varre Cummins, liturgist

We gather this morning knowing we are broken

We come to be seen.

We gather in this Lenten season knowing we need forgiveness

We come to be heard.

We gather in this morning knowing that our hearts long for God.

We come to be loved.

We gather in this Lenten season knowing that God calls us all.

We come as we are.

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OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

UMH 145

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1. Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

Pastoral Prayer & 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.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-17 Luke 4: 1-13 NRSV

Varre Cummins, liturgist

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Children and Youth come to the steps for a word from the pastor)

PREPARATION HYMN

In the Garden

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1. I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear the Son of God discloses.

Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice, is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. **(Refrain)**

3. I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. **(Refrain)**

MESSAGE

Pastor Cindy Huskey

MUSICAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation, we long to turn our faces toward you, away from death and destruction. We long to be people of love, light and grace that we might be your beacons in a desperate world. With this hope and longing, we offer our gifts and all that we are to your glory. Bless these gifts to do your work. Bless our lives so that through this Lenten season we may have the strength to reclaim the promise of Christ's life and live out Christ's love in this world. Amen.

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SENDING HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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- 1 Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, t
each us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
- 2 As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.
- 3 As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.
- 4 And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide, yea,
evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.
- 5 Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prayer Requests

Pacoima First UMC—South Pasadena —Pastor Luis Garcia

Moorpark UMC—Pastor Kristie Smith

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

2024 Lenten Caravan

Worship & Dinner • In Person & Livestream

The Seven last words

Ash Wednesday, February 14

"Father forgive them..." Luke 23:34

All Saints Episcopal Church, Oxnard

February 21

"Today you will be..." Luke 23:39-43

First United Methodist Church of Ventura

February 28

"Woman, behold your son..." John:25-27

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Oxnard

March 6

"I thirst." John 19:28-29

North Oxnard United Methodist Church
(Garden Church)

March 13

"My God, my God, why..." Mark 15:33-34

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Oxnard

March 20

"It is finished." John 19:30

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Oxnard

Good Friday, March 29

"Father, into your hands..." Luke 23:44-46

New Progressive Baptist Church, Oxnard

5:45pm Dinner • 7:00pm Worship

Please RSVP for dinner

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