

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Liturgist

You have taught us that we do not live by bread alone, and yet bread is necessary for life. We ask that you take these offerings and use them, transform them into bread for the hungry - both the bread of the Word, and the bread which fills stomachs. As you did before, bless and multiply that all may be fed. Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN

I Surrender All

UMH 354

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1. All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender; humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken; take me, Jesus, take me now. **[Refrain]**

3. All to Jesus I surrender; make me, Savior, wholly thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art mine. **[Refrain]**

4. All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power; let thy blessing fall on me. **[Refrain]**

5. All to Jesus I surrender; now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory to his name! **[Refrain]**

* BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Lenten Caravan Churches & Pastors

All Saints Episcopal Church - Rev. Melissa Campbell-Langdell, Pastor

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. Benjamin Thomas, Pastor

North Oxnard United Methodist Church (Garden Church) &
First United Methodist Church of Ventura, Revs. Matt and Erin McPhee, Pastors

St. Paul's United Methodist Church— Rev. Rachel deBos-Haigler, Pastor

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Oxnard—Rev. Nancy Switzler, Pastor

Lenten Caravan

6:30 pm - March 30, 2022



Ventura First United Methodist Church

1338 E. Santa Clara St. Ventura, CA 93001

805-643-8621 Website: venturafumc.org

Pastors Matt and Erin McPhee

You are invited to worship as the Lenten Caravan continues next week!

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 855 S F St, Oxnard, CA 93030 at 6:30 pm

Order of Worship

LENTEN CARAVAN
March 30, 2022 — 6:30 pm

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

A Caravan Pastor

“Return to me,” God calls. **We return to worship and to pray.**
“Return to me,” God invites. **We return to listen and to focus our thoughts.**
We return with hope, **knowing we are blessed.**
We return with love, **yearning to be a blessing.**
We return to worship and to pray.

(Rev. Mary Scifres, ©2022)

* HYMN

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (2x)
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371, CCLI Song # 15960

UMH 349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

ROLL CALL

MISSION STATEMENT

A Caravan Pastor

In the spirit of love and contrition, we, the Lenten Caravan gather together during the Lenten Season to Praise the Lord! As Sisters and Brothers in Christ, we understand the need to come together as partners in the common struggle, to enhance the spiritual, physical, emotional, economical, and political health of our community. We can accomplish this by asking the Holy Spirit to empower us to love so we may become a true Christian Community.

ANTHEM

A Ballad of the Trees and Master by H. Alexander Matthews
Chancel Choir; Bob Riggs; interim director Lance Crane, accompanist

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LENTEN PRAYER OF YEARNING

A Caravan Pastor

Almighty God, our guide and guardian, lead us in your ways. Shine in our darkness, and lead us from the distractions of life. Strengthen us in our weakness, and give us the power to resist temptation. Help us value your enduring word over comforts that fade away. that we may we be worthy of our calling to bless others as we are blessed. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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* HYMN

The Summons

TFWS 2130

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1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let My life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord Your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 32

(New Revised Standard Edition)

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt