

## 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*

# Lenten Caravan



**Wednesday February 21, 2024**

**7 p.m.**

**Host Church: Ventura First United Methodist**

**Rev. Diane Rehfield, Pastor**

### Lenten Caravan Churches & Pastors

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

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

**North Oxnard United Methodist Church (Garden Church) &  
First United Methodist Church of Ventura—the Rev. Diane Rehfield and**

**the Rev. Cindy Huskey, Pastors**

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

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

**New Progressive Christian Baptist Church—Bishop Lamont Chiles-Hayes, Pastor**

**Also participating: Our Savior's Church, Oxnard—the Rev. Jade Mohorko-Ortiz, Pastor**

# Worship Celebration

**PRELUDE** Miriam Arichea

**WELCOME** Pastor Diane Rehfield

**ROLL CALL** A Caravan Pastor

(Calls each of the participating churches-host church last, having the members to stand to acknowledge their presence. A little inter-mural competition of the holy rowdiness)

**MISSION STATEMENT** (Read in Unison) 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.**

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** A Caravan Pastor

Lord, we come before you, knowing that we fall short of being the people you know we can be.

**Forgive us Lord.**

Yet we know that your mercy is abundant, and your grace is amazing.

**We are grateful for your love.**

With gratitude we remember that Jesus forgave the criminal on the cross who asked to be remembered, assuring him that he would be in paradise with Jesus that very day.

**As we worship this evening, may our hearts be open to who we might yet be, and may they be full of gratitude for the love, grace, and forgiveness that you offer to us. Amen**

\* **HYMN** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* UMH 526

**PRAYER**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *A Lenten Prayer* by Hal Hopson

FUMC Chancel Choir; Bob Riggs—conductor; Miriam Arichea—piano

**SCRIPTURE** *Luke 23: 39-43* A Caravan Pastor

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

**MESSAGE** Pastor Diane Rehfield

\* **HYMN** *When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise* TFWS 2216

**OFFERTORY**

*Today's offering supports feeding ministries Family to Family in Ventura (<https://familytofamilyvc.org>) and Bread of Life in Oxnard. Please make checks payable to Bethel AME or give online at [givelify.com](http://givelify.com) (Choose Bethel AME in Oxnard and note Lenten Caravan)*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** A Caravan Pastor

**Gracious Lord God, for all we have been given, we give thanks. We pray that as we have been blessed, our offering tonight will bless those who will receive it. May it touch the lives of many, serving as an example of your love, your grace, and your compassion. Amen**

\* **HYMN** *Are Ye Able* UMH 530

\* **BENEDICTION** A Caravan Pastor

**POSTLUDE** Miriam Arichea

**We hope to see you again next week as the Lenten Caravan continues at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church - 721 Doris Ave, Oxnard, CA 93030**