

Order of Worship
First Sunday of Lent
9:30 am – February 26, 2023

Participating Live?

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

PRELUDE

It is Well With My Soul

Eleanor Whitsett

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Kyle Hanks, organ

GREETING

HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

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1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

CALL TO WORSHIP

Esther Benedict, liturgist

L. In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.

P. God is with us, even in our loneliness.

L. On the treacherous paths, God's guidance is ours.

P. We will walk in God's ways of wisdom and truth.

L. Come to hear. Come to learn. Come to the hiding place of God.

P. Here we find grace. Here we find love. Here we will worship and pray.

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HYMN

Jesus Tempted in the Desert

TFWS 2105

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1 Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
“Use your power,” the tempter tells him; “Turn these barren rocks to bread!”
“Not alone by bread,” he answers, “Can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!”

2 Jesus, tempted at the temple, high above its ancient wall:
“Throw yourself from lofty turret; angels wait to break your fall!”
Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request:
“God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test.”

3 Jesus, tempted on the mountain by the lure of vast domain:
“Fall before me! Be my servant! Glory, fame, you’re sure to gain!”
Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way:
“God alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey!”

4 When we face temptation’s power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter’s hour, come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.

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.

CHORAL OFFERING *Surely, He Has Borne Our Grievs from Come to the Cross and Remember*

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Chancel Choir, Kyle Hanks—accompanist

SCRIPTURE *Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7; Matthew 4: 1-11 (NRSV)* Esther Benedict, liturgist

MESSAGE Pastor Matt McPhee

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Through It All* UMH 507
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Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to trust in Jesus, I’ve learned to trust in God;
Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to depend upon God’s word.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Generous God, as we remember Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness, we acknowledge the temptation that pursues so many of us: to measure our worth, our power and our security by what we have. As we offer these gifts to you, we pray that you might deliver us from the temptation of building our lives around what belongs to us. Continually lead us to the conviction that what matters is that we belong to you. We pray in the name of our Savior and Redeemer. Amen. (© 2022, umcdiscipleship.org)

HYMN *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* UMH 269

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1 Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach 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

O Love, How Deep

Kristina Langlois

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Kyle Hanks, organ

Prayer Requests

Glendale First UMC—Pastor Kristopher Tate & Pastor Stephanie Rice

First UMC of San Fernando—Pastor Stan Ferguson

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

Kate Stradling and the entire Stradling family

East Palestine, Ohio—as they recover from the toxic train derailment

Turkey & Syria

Ukraine

Surely, He Has Borne Our Grievs

Surely He has borne our griefs, and He has carried all our sorrows;
Yet we have thought Him to be stricken, struck down by God and afflicted.

He was wounded for our transgressions.
He was bruised for all our iniquities, and with His stripes we are healed.
He was wounded for our transgressions.
The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.

Surely He has borne our griefs, and He has carried all our sorrows;
Yet we have thought Him to be stricken, struck down by God, struck down by God and afflicted.

He bore our griefs and all our sorrows. He was wounded and afflicted.
He was bruised, and with His stripes we are healed!

With His stripes we are healed.



2023 Lenten Caravan

Wednesdays at 6:30pm • In Person & Livestream

seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

Ash Wednesday, February 22,

seeking: Is this the fast that I choose?

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Oxnard

March 1 • seeking: Who will you listen to?

All Saints Episcopal Church, Oxnard

March 8 • seeking: How do we begin again?

North Oxnard United Methodist Church (Garden Church)

March 15 • seeking: Will you give me a drink?

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Oxnard

March 22 • seeking: Who sinned?

First United Methodist Church of Ventura

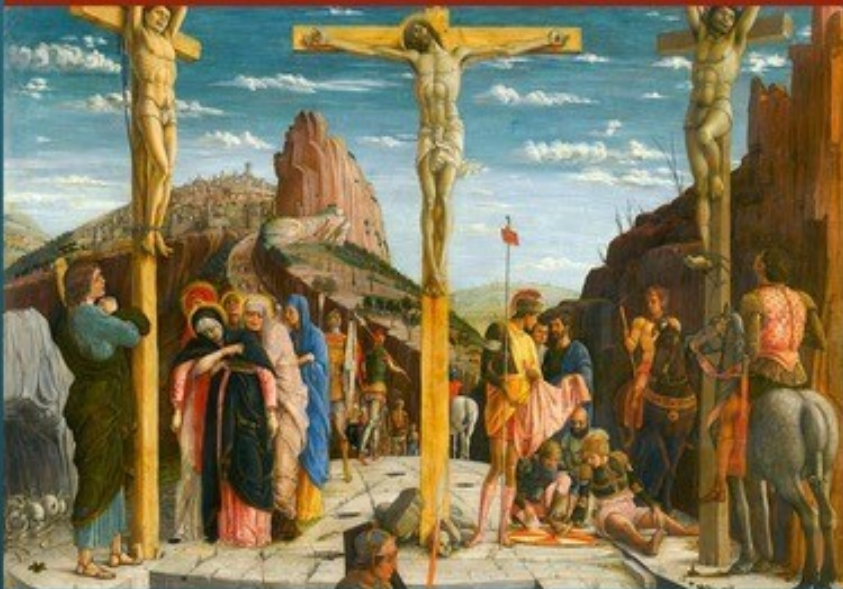
March 29 • seeking: Where are you headed?

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Oxnard

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WITNESS *at the* CROSS



A six-week
study for Lent

Starting:

Monday, Feb. 27, 6:00 pm,

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6:30 pm,

*or contact the church office
for more options.*

In-person or on-line.