



# Fourth SUNDAY IN LENT

## All Are Welcome Here FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

March 15, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Order of Worship

### ~Our Church Mission~

*First United Methodist Church of London will strive  
toward the embodiment of God's presence,  
on earth as it is in heaven, through both word and action.*

### Greeting and Announcements

#### Prelude

*Melancholy Galliard*

Dowland (1563-1626)

#### Choral Call to Worship

*If Thou, Lord*

J. McConnaughey

If thou, Lord, will be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee; therefor shalt thou be feared.

*(from Psalm 130 v. 3-4)*

#### \*Call to Worship

*Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down*

**People: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker**

*Leader: For the Lord is our God*

**People: We are the sheep of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand**

#### \*Opening Hymn

Marching to Zion

UMH 733

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

*Apostles Creed* (Traditional)

UMH 881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### \*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father*

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen. Amen.*

#### Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

#### Children's Sermon

#### Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer



## **Altar Table Flowers**

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
in memory of all who have passed before us  
Given by Bill & Janet Jones*

### **CONTINUAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

Evone Banks, Bobby Dorn, Gladys Griffith, Joyce Hildebrand, Phyllis Miller, Sue Minner, Sally Sisterhen

### **CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS**

Avalee Adams, Carol Albright, Rachael Allen, Harriet Baker, Laura Beyer, Ernie Boyd, Joe Brackett, Kim Braddock, Jayden Clark, Becky Cress, Toni Daniels, Bob Daugherty, Paul Daugherty, Michelle Decoe, Diana, Woody Draper, Allison Engle Porter, Linda Finney, Phyllis Follrod, TJ Franklin, Tylor Freeman, Carole Gordon, Jane Hackworth, John Harbage, Hope Hecht, Dee Heilman, Jenn Heuser, Linda Holloway, Gary and Cindy Hoback, Roger Horsely, Gary Hunter, Dan Jones, Jeannie Justice, Ray Justice, Cody Leavens, Cris Martinez, Jerod McKenzie, Chuck Miller, Aiden Norton, Sue Osborn, Pauline Persing, Richard Peterson, Julianne Phillips, Alicia Pullin, Michele Ramsey, Marco Ranalli, Howard & Lillie Reynolds, Steve Richmond, Frank Salyers, Laura Schoeller, Miles Schrock, Jill Wyatt Setty, Nancy Snyder, Robert Stallings, David Stewart, Rob Suter, Alta Vance, Hayden Weese, Gretchen Wingert, Gordon Wyllie, Avalene Wyllie, Sandy Young, Heather Zollman  
An unspoken prayer request

### **SERVING ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY**

Lt. Colonel John Crisp ~ Navy Lt Commander Tom Crisp  
2nd Lt Cheney Gross ~ 2nd Lt Luke Peart ~ Sgt First Class Mathew Rowley  
Caiden Craig—Private First Class ~ Garrett Weldon, Officer's Training School  
All troops deployed for the war on Iran

*Please pray for the family and friends of those who have given their lives for our nation.*



### **The Fruits of the Spirit—Saturday, March 28, 8am ~ Coffee & Muffins Provided**

The Fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—are vital characteristics that believers are called to exhibit. Discussing these attributes encourages self-examination and growth in our spiritual lives. Each fruit serves as a benchmark for our interactions with others. Conversations about the Fruits of the Spirit can reveal how we can cultivate these qualities in our daily lives and the impact they have on our relationships and communities.



Our church will be providing the meal for The Welcome Table on **Thursday, March 19th**. We will be serving Sloppy Joes, Hot Chicken Sandwiches, Fruit, Chips, and Cookies/Brownies. If you can help provide food for the meal please see Cathie Littleton in the Rudorah Welcome Center after the service.

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026**

Attendance—130\* ~ Offering—\$9,674.74

**Monthly Need—\$24,800.00**

*\*includes online and app views*



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### Holy Week and Easter Services



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### Palm Sunday ~ Sunday, March 29, 2026, 10am

Christians remember the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday that marks the start of Holy week. We will consider what it meant for the people of Jesus who wanted him as messiah and what means to claim Jesus as Lord and King of our lives for today.

### Maundy Thursday ~ Thursday, April 2, 2026, 6am-4pm

It was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He said this commandment to His disciples. Jesus and his disciples had just shared what was known as the Last Supper and he was washing their feet when he stated:  
*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34).*

### Good Friday Service ~ Friday, April 3, 2026, 7pm

This sacred service offers us the opportunity to feel the depths of Jesus' love for each one of us. Through music and the Word, we walk with Him from the garden to Calvary's Hill. The service concludes with us having left our Savior crucified, dead and laid in the tomb, inviting us to truly ponder His sacrifice on behalf of all of the world.

### Easter Sunrise Service ~ Sunday, April 5, 2026, 7am

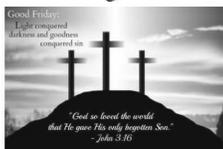
On Easter morning we come to celebrate the most glorious event in history. We come to celebrate our risen Lord and Christ, our salvation, forgiveness of sin, victory over death and the gift of eternal life. We come in the morning as did those who came to the tomb early that first Easter morning. We can only imagine the joy they felt as they learned of the resurrection of Christ from the grave. Not many hours before, they mourned the grisly death of Jesus. But their mourning turned to joy on that first Easter. The Sunrise service will be presented by the IGNITE! Youth Group.

### Sunrise Breakfast ~ Sunday, April 5, 2026, 8am

All are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall to "break the fast" this Easter morning.

### Service of Easter Resurrection ~ Sunday, April 5, 2026, 10am

The resurrection of Jesus, which Easter celebrates, is a foundation of the Christian faith. The resurrection established Jesus as the powerful Son of God and is proof that God will judge the world in righteousness. Join for this powerful service of worship, Scripture and song!  
Christ has risen! Rejoice!



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