



Blessed are those who have not seen  
and yet have come to believe.

*All Are Welcome Here*

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

April 12, 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.*

**Chiming of the Hour** - *In silence let us prepare our minds and hearts to worship the Lord*

### Greeting and Announcements

#### Prelude

*Andante in F Major*

G. F. Handel

#### Choral Call to Worship

*The Strife is O'er*

Melchior Vulpius

The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won,  
The song of triumph has begun alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
*(Text: Latin 1695, tr. Francis Pott)*

#### \*Call to Worship

*Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary*

**People: Praise God in His mighty firmament**

*Leader: Praise God for his mighty deeds*

**People: Praise God for His exceeding greatness**

*Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord*

**People: Praise the Lord**

#### \*Opening Hymn

*He Lives*

UMH 310

#### \*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.*

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

Choral Anthem

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Noël Nouvelet  
arr. Alastair Cassels-Brown

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been: love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain, thinking that never he would wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, thy touch can call us back to life again.  
Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been: love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

*(Text: John Crum, from The Oxford Book of Carols, UMH 311)*

**\*Doxology** *(stand)*

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*A Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn**

*Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive*

UMH 390

**\*Gospel Lesson**

John 20:19-31

**Sermon**

*See My Hands*

Rev. Dave Leckrone

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

UMH 304

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction**

*Send Us Now Into Your World*

J. McConnaughey

Send us now into your world in peace, O Lord; may we love and serve the living God.

**Postlude** *(be seated)*

*Chorale-prelude on Now Is Salvation Come to Us*

J. S. Bach

*\*indicates standing*

## **Altar Table Flowers**

*The flowers on the altar table are given to the Glory of God in honor of all members of First Church for their dedication and commitment to the mission of our church and for the volunteers who work so tirelessly to keep God's house in good order.*

*The white carnation on the altar is in loving memory of Phyllis Miller*

### **CONTINUAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

Evone Banks, Bobby Dorn, Gladys Griffith, Joyce Hildebrand, 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, Paul Daugherty, Michelle Decoe, Diana, Woody Draper, Allison Engle Porter, Linda Finney, Phyllis Follrod, Tylor Freeman, Carole Gordon, Jane Hackworth, John Harbage, Hope Hecht, Dee Heilman, 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  
The family of Phyllis Miller

### **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.*



## **End Times and Hope - Saturday, April 25, 8am, Coffee and Muffins Provided**

The topic of the end times often stirs curiosity and concern among believers. The Bible offers hope amid uncertainty, reminding us of God's ultimate plan for humanity. Discussing the end times encourages exploration of prophetic scriptures and what they mean for our lives today. This topic can lead to uplifting conversations about the promise of Christ's return, the restoration of creation, and the hope we have as followers of Christ. It also emphasizes the importance of living in readiness and sharing that hope with others.

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026 ~ BOTH SERVICES**

Attendance—271\* ~ Offering—\$7,743.71

**Monthly Need—\$24,800.00**

*\*includes online and app views*

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

# 69th Semi-Annual Spring Dinner

## TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*Baked Steak or Pork Tenderloin and all the trimmings*

**DRIVE-THRU ONLY**

**\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*\***

*Please support your church by volunteering, attending or making a monetary contribution to the expenses of the dinner.*

**Thank you so much!**

## Sunday Leaders

### Sound & Video Technicians

Brian Benedum

David Cover

### Liturgist

Tony Reeder

### April Ushers

Bill Benedum, Chair

Tom Minner

### Lay Leader

Henry Comer

### April Hospitality

Paul & Kirsten Gross

### Children's Church

Scott Higgins, Leader

Sarah Clawson

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& AFTER CHURCH**

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