



# All Are Welcome Here

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

April 26, 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 G 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*

**People: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord in the heights**

*Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted*

**People: Whose glory is above earth and heaven**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Thine Be the Glory*

UMH 308

**\*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.*

**\*First Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 14:22-33

## Children's Sermon

## Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

## Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

### Choral Anthem

### *Simple Gifts*

Shaker Tune, arr. Mark Schweizer

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free,  
'Tis a gift to come down where we ought to be;  
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

'Tis a gift to be loving, 'tis a gift to be kind,  
'Tis a gift to leave our bitterness behind;  
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,  
To bow and to bend, we shan't be ashamed.  
To turn, turn, will be our delight,  
'Till by turning, turning, we come round right

'Tis a gift to be thankful, 'tis a gift to forgive,  
'Tis a gift to find out how we ought to live,  
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

(Text: Traditional, additional stanzas Alice Carpenter)

### \*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

### *Be Still, My Soul*

UMH 534

### \*Second Gospel Lesson

John 21:1-6

### Sermon

### *Eyes on God*

Lay Leader Henry Comer

### \*Closing Hymn

### *O Love, How Deep*

UMH 267

### \*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)*

### *Agincourt Hymn*

John Dunstable, arr. E.P. Biggs

*\*indicates standing*

## **Altar Table Flowers**

To the glory of God, the altar flowers are given  
*in celebration of Dottie McCann's birthday on April 30 by son Matt and the Ball family*

### **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, 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, Avalene Wyllie, Sandy Young, Heather Zollman

### **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 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Garrett Weldon  
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.*

**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*

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

Attendance—147 \* ~ Offering—\$3,578.69  
Monthly Need—\$24,800.00



End Times and Hope - **Saturday, May 9, 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.

*The men's last Bible study will be May 23rd and then resume on Saturday, September 12.*

Night to Shine  
T.M.  
TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION

Gift cards can be purchased in increments of \$25, \$50, or \$100



Gift cards will be delivered on Sunday, May 3rd!

TEXAS ROADHOUSE GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Purchase a gift card and support Night to Shine!

**Great gifts for:**

- Mother's Day
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Father's Day
- Summer festivities
- Cash, check, or Venmo accepted!

GIFT CARDS WILL BE SOLD ON SUNDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup>, AND 26<sup>TH</sup> IN THE RUDORAH PARLOR BEFORE & AFTER CHURCH

You can also contact Melinda at [kidshopeusa@londonfumc.org](mailto:kidshopeusa@londonfumc.org) to purchase gift cards!

## Sunday Leaders

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Brian Benedum  
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Tony Reeder

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Tom Minner

Lay Leader  
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