

Fifth SUNDAY IN LENT

All Are Welcome Here FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

March 22, 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 Chorale-prelude on *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* Helmut Walcha

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: The Lord loves righteousness and justice, the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord

People: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of God's mouth

Leader: The Lord gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle, and put the deeps in storehouses

People: Let all the earth fear the Lord. Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe

***Opening Hymn** *O Worship the King* UMH 73

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 885

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

PEOPLE: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in our time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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 Isaiah 43:16-21

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

Choral Anthem

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. John Dixon

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And through eternity I'll sing on.
(Text: Anonymous)

*Doxology *(stand)*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the doxology, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. The music ends with a double bar line.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

*A Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

UMH 292

*Gospel Lesson

John 12:1-8

Sermon

So That

Rev. Dave Leckrone

*Closing Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

UMH 156

***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 *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

J. S. Bach

**indicates standing*

Altar Table Flowers

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
in honor of the birthday of Ray Justice by his family*

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, 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
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.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

Attendance—141* ~ Offering—\$4,863.51

Monthly Need—\$24,800.00

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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

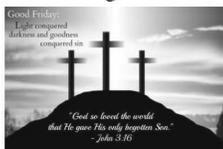
On Easter morning we come to celebrate the most glorious event in history. We come to celebrate our risen Lord and Christ, our salvation, forgiveness of sin, victory over death and the gift of eternal life. We come in the morning as did those who came to the tomb early that first Easter morning. We can 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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BUTCHER BLOCK

Enjoy Sunday Brunch at **The Butcher Block Restaurant** and take this bulletin with you! The Butcher Block is graciously giving back to our church! 10% of your Brunch guest check comes back to our church when you present your church bulletin to your server. *Lots of great choices!!!*