



All Are Welcome Here

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

February 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.*

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

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude Chorale-prelude on *O Man, Bemoan Thy Grievous Sin* J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship *If Thou, Lord* J. McConnaughey

If thou, Lord, wilt 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 is merciful and gracious

People: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love

Leader: What shall I render to the Lord for all his goodness to me

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord

***Opening Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

***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.

(please be seated)

Children’s Sermon

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer

Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

Choral Anthem

Out of the Depths I Cry Unto You

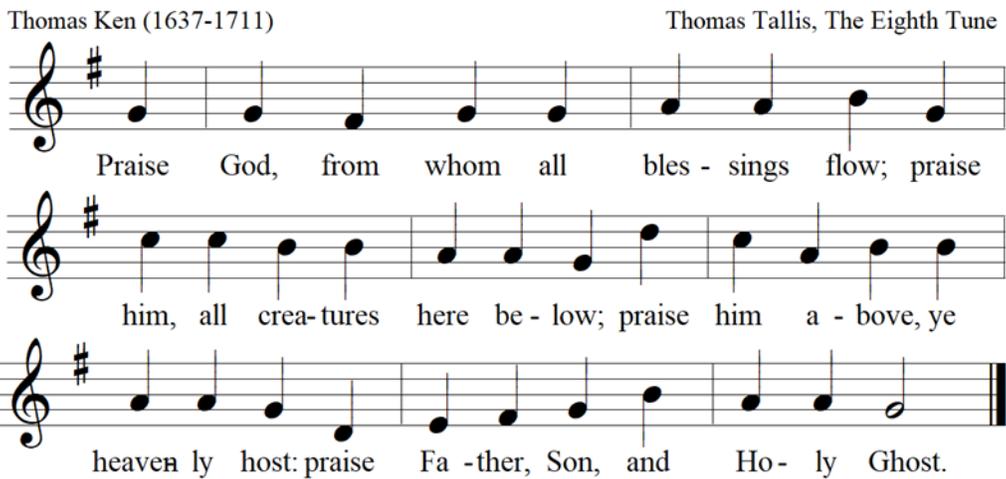
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Refrain: Out of the depths I cry unto you; Lord hear my voice.
 If you but trust in God to guide you
 With gentle hand through all your ways, Refrain
 You’ll find that God is there beside you
 When crosses come in trying days. Refrain
 Trust then in God’s unchanging love;
 And build on the rock that will not move. Refrain
 (Text: Psalm 130 and George Neumark)

***Doxology** *(stand)*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Thomas Ken (1637-1711) Thomas Tallis, The Eighth Tune



Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heaven ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

***A Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH 549

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 5:1-11

Sermon

The Practice of Faith

Rev. Dave Leckrone

Invitation to Lenten Discipline

***Closing Hymn**

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH 395

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Forgive Our Sins

Detroit, Harm. Gerald H. Knight

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray;
 But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease;
 Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.
 (Text: Rosamund E. Herklots (1966))

Postlude *(be seated)*

Fugue in g minor

J. S. Bach

**indicates standing*

Altar Table Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Bob and Elizabeth Sommers by their 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, 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, Nancy Giles,
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,
Alicia Pullin, Jeff Quatkemeyer, 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

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

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



Stewardship of Creation - Saturday, February 28, 8am.

Coffee and Muffins provided

Stewardship of Creation - Stewardship of creation reflects our responsibility to care for the Earth and its resources. The Bible teaches that God entrusted humanity with the stewardship of His creation, highlighting the importance of sustainability and respect for the environment. Discussing this topic encourages reflection on our daily choices and their impact on the planet. It opens conversations about how faith informs our views on environmental issues and inspires us to take action, whether through conservation efforts or lifestyle changes.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Attendance—153* ~ Offering—\$3,091.20

Monthly Need—\$24,800.00

**includes online and app views*



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!!!

Sunday Leaders

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John Foote

Felica Isaacs

Lay Leader

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Holy Week and Easter Services



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

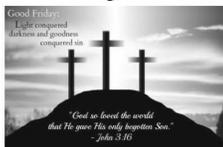
Christians remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday that marks the start of Holy week. We will consider what it meant for the people of Jesus who wanted him as messiah and what means to claim Jesus as Lord and King of our lives for today.



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!