



All Are Welcome Here
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF LONDON

March 8, 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 Partita on *O God, Thou Faithful God*, v. 1 and 2 J. S. Bach

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: Come, let us sing to the Lord

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving

People: Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise

***Opening Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH 89

***Affirmation of Faith** From Romans 8:35, 37-29

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! 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.*

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

Choral Anthem

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Eric Meyer

Using Consolation, A. Davisson, 1816

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence and through thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore, I life and death, Jesus! With us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

(Text: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898))

***Doxology** *(stand)*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)	Thomas Tallis, The Eighth Tune
<p>The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.' The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp, and various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) with stems and beams.</p>	

***A Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer

UMH 266

***Gospel Lesson**

John 9:1-12, 35-41

Sermon

Are We Also Blind?

Rev. Dave Leckrone

***Closing Hymn**

Christ Is the World's Light

UMH 188

***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)*

Praeludium in E

Arnold Matthias Brunckhorst

**indicates standing*

Altar Table Flowers

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of our birthdays on March 10—Maryann Emrick, Joan Hedges, and myself, Matt McCann—and in loving memory of Donna Wilson's birthday on March 10 and Betty Wilson's birthday on March 11.
Given by Matt McCann.*

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, 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
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.



Temptation and Resilience - Saturday, March 14, 8am. Coffee and Muffins provided

Temptation is a universal struggle that every believer faces. The Bible acknowledges this reality and provides guidance on resisting temptation through the strength found in Christ. Discussing temptation allows for honest conversations about personal struggles and the ways we can support one another in overcoming them. This topic also explores resilience—how we can bounce back from failure and grow stronger in our faith. It reinforces the idea that while we may stumble, God's grace empowers us to keep moving forward.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

Attendance—125* ~ Offering—\$3,293.50

Monthly Need—\$24,800.00

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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!



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.