



All Are Welcome Here

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

April 5, 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

Voluntary IV in e minor (from Opus 5)

John Stanley

1. Grave
2. Allegro

Choral Call to Worship

A Song to the Lamb

John Abdenour

Refrain: Splendor and honor and sovereign power
are yours by right, O Lord our God

For you created everything that is,
All things took form according to your will. Refrain
And yours by right, O Lamb that once was slain,
For with your blood have you redeemed for God.
From every nation, people, tribe and tongue,
A countless priestly host to serve our God. Refrain
And to the one who sits upon the throne,
And to Christ the Lamb, be worship, dominion, splendor
And praise, for ages past and ages yet to come. Refrain
(Text: *Dignus es*, Rev. 4:11, 5:9-10, 13)

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

*Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Stanzas 1-4

UMH 302

*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.*

New Testament Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

Offertory Anthem

He That Raised Up Jesus

Carlton T. Russell

He that raised up Jesus from the dead
Will also give life to our mortal bodies
By his Spirit that dwelleth in us.

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoiceth;
My flesh also shall rest in hope.
Thou shall show me the path of life;
In thy presence is the fullness of joy,
And at thy right hand there is
Pleasure for evermore, Amen.

(Text: from Romans 8 and Psalm 16)

***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**

O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing
Stanzas 1-5

UMH 317

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

The Easter Myth

Rev. Dave Leckrone

***Closing Hymn**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

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)

Postlude *(be seated)*

Chorale-prelude on *In Thee is Gladness*

J. S. Bach

Altar Table Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God

CONTINUAL PRAYER REQUESTS

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, 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.



Identity in Christ - Saturday, April 11 , 8am ~ Coffee & Muffins Provided

Our identity in Christ shapes how we view ourselves and our purpose. The Bible teaches that we are loved, accepted, and valued by God. Discussing identity in Christ can help us unpack the lies we often believe about ourselves and replace them with biblical truth. This topic fosters conversations about self-worth, belonging, and the freedom that comes from being rooted in Christ. It emphasizes the importance of understanding our identity as a foundational aspect of our faith journey.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

Attendance—163* ~ Offering—\$5,194.55

Monthly Need—\$24,800.00

*includes online and app views

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

4:00-7:00pm DRIVE-THRU

Spring Baked Steak or Pork Tenderloin Dinner

69th Semi Annual Event

\$15

Baked steak or pork tenderloin, real mashed potatoes,
homemade brown gravy, seasoned green beans,
cole slaw, dessert with ice cream, roll and beverage.

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Children's Church

Not scheduled today

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