

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Director of Music & Organist
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM*

**Order of Worship
March 16, 2025**

2nd Sunday in Lent

WELCOME

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We are blessed by your presence. We pray that this time of worship will be a blessing to you.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

We seek to live in the presence of God.

We seek to see the beauty of God.

We seek to know the truth of God.

We seek to worship the one true God!

Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

*OPENING HYMN

*“Amazing Grace”
Stanzas 1-3*

UMH No. 378

OPENING PRAYER

O God, we are too well aware that life brings us pains, doubts, uncertainties. In the midst of this awareness, we call upon you, our everlasting refuge. Remember your people, O God. We long for a way through the troubles of the world; we pray for your support. Come, Holy One; Come into this holy place and this holy hour and fill us again with the assurance of your grace. We ask it in Jesus’ name, Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us join in our prayer of confession sharing with God what is on our hearts.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we hear the call to trust in you always, but honestly, some days our stresses and doubts are too real to us and trust is elusive. We are often inclined to think, “God helps those who help themselves,” instead of daring to rely on your Word of truth. When the world seems filled with dangers, we can be quick to protect ourselves and we forget the wisdom of scripture, which reminds us that we find traces of evil both outside and inside of ourselves. With your help, O God, we confront our fears and struggles, and we call upon a power greater than our own to change our ways. Hear us, Holy One, as we confess our frailty and failings. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Though fear and troubles surround us, we turn to God’s promise of grace. Know that in this moment, we have asked and, in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (8:30 AM)

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

TFWS No. 2071

**Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 AM)

Chancel Choir

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 3:17-4:1

For Paul, all of life is captured in Christ so that everything Paul does is generated by Christ and done for his sake.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

This passage invites Christians today to reflect on the meaning of Jesus’ life and death and on the role we play in the continuing mission of Jesus.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN

“As the Deer”

TFWS No. 2025

SERMON ***“Faithfulness Takes Courage!”*** *Rev. Judy Emerson*

HYMN *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”* UMH No. 474

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Announcements

Offertory (11:00 AM) *“Lord, Most Holy”* *Chancel Choir*

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH No. 95
*Tune: Old 100th Published by the
General Board of Discipleship of the UMC.*

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God’s love in Christ into our hearts.
Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

God of Salvation, we listen for your call in our lives. We praise you for reaching out to us. In this moment of offering we reach out to you with a portion of what you have given to us. We reach out seeking your grace. You are the stronghold of our lives! Praise to you now and forevermore. Amen.

*HYMN *“Lamb of God”* TFWS No. 2113

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

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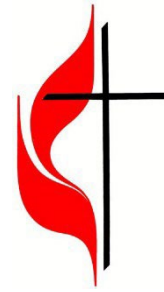
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