

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 9, 2025**

1st 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. Welcome!

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.
In returning and rest you shall be saved;
In quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

*OPENING HYMN *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”* UMH No. 269

OPENING PRAYER

God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we offer God our confession, we join the work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, it is so hard for us to focus on what is most important. Our lives are so time bound and duty bound that we feel often feel trapped. On this first Sunday in Lent, we are challenged by Christ to take the path of discipleship. We don't feel ready. We need more time. We complain about how much we must do. Forgive us, Lord, when we place so many "duties" in the way of serving you. Help us to reset our priorities so we will be ready when you call us. Help us to courageously answer the summons you bring, placing our trust in you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Even in our moments of doubt, God is still at work. God is still healing. God is still forgiving. Even when we do not see God with us, God still sees us and loves us. Give thanks to God, our sins are forgiven. Walk in newness of life.

CHORAL RESPONSE *“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.**

PSALTER Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 UMH No. 810
This psalm is a hymn of proclamation and praise. The psalmist’s trust in God is absolute, and he encourages his hearers to share that certainty.

SUNG RESPONSE *“On Eagle’s Wings”* UMH No. 143
**And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God’s hand.**

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:1-13
Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where he is tempted by the devil in three ways: to turn stones to bread, to gain power and glory, and to test God. Jesus resists all temptations, quoting scripture in response.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" UMH No. 357

SERMON *Ken Middleton*

HYMN "Seek Ye First" UMH No. 405

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) "O 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 Deliverance, you led your chosen people long ago out of the wilderness and into the Promised Land. Lead us now and guide our gifts so that they may be multiplied to help those still struggling in the wilderness of uncertainty. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" TFWS No. 2112

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

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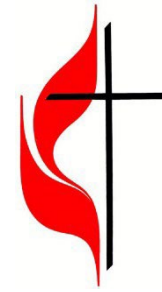
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