

Order of Morning Worship

March 15, 2026

8:30 AM

Immediately preceding worship there will be a time for sharing community concerns and announcements. Thank you for giving our lay leaders your courteous attention.

Prayer Concerns and Praises

GREETING Barbara Bragg

PRELUDE Jonathan Willis, Piano

† CALL TO WORSHIP UMH 349

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.*

† OPENING HYMN UMH 57

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

† THE APOSTLE’S CREED 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.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE The Faith We Sing 2086

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

A LENTEN PRAYER UMH 268

A READING FROM THE PSALTER UMH 137

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

† HYMN *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”* UMH 454

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*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. Amen.*

READING FROM THE GOSPEL **John 9: 1-41**

ANTHEM *“Jehovah”* Choir

SERMON *“Muddy Waters, Illumine Me”* Matthew M. Smith

† HYMN OF INVITATION The Faith We Sing 2237
“As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”

† BENEDICTION

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung by all)

*As we go, may your Spirit go before us.
As we go, may we follow where you lead.
May we live what we have learned,
share the message we have heard,
and be a light unto the world as we go.*

POSTLUDE

Remember ~

Timothy King
Katherine Bone
Phillip and Patricia Collie,
Friends of Cassie Robinson
Gracie Crouch
Brandon Walker, Friend of Eric
Hulsey’s Coworker
Ronnie and Shirley Pressnell,
Parents of Anna Robinson
Jeff Vest, Brother of Candy Welch
Jeff Havens
The Gamble Family
David Miller
Beth Swanson
Ben Majors
John and Ruby Walker
The Robinson Family
Jonathan Carter
Jim Jess
Justin Clark
Dan Adkins, Son of Leo Larkin
Jane Gerdeman’s grandson,
Dalton
Hudson Boyett, Grandson of
Milburn and Beth Gross
Claudia Davis, friend of Wanda
Lamb
Marisha Pressley and Family
Charles Bishop, father of Larry
Bishop
Richard Patterson
Linda Turner
April Fitzgerald
Ryan Edwards
Donna Owens
Eric Zimovan’s grandmother,
Dorothy

Deven Beard
Ryder Beard
Joanne Lowery
Lisa Adkins
Joyce Folk
Becky Crouch Ogungbe, David and
Gracie Crouch’s daughter
Thelma Younger, Sandy Goode’s
mother
Mac Rainey, Kim Carter’s cousin
Jean Humphrey, Susan Hayes’
mother
Wendy Joiner
David Fry
Timothy King, Eileen King’s
son
J. Paul and Linda Miller
Becky Aidarodini, Sarah
Carter’s mother
Tyler Swafford, friend of
Heather Douglas and
family
Bob, Glenn, and John
Larkin
Mike and Linda Kumke
Jill McMurtrie
Stan Carnegie

Weekly needs ~
Loved ones in Armed Forces:
Devon Bachus; Tim Bagwell;
Johnnie Bone IV; Johnnie Bone III;
John Boswell; Forrest Collier; Houston
Curtis; Coleman Grider; Christian
Haines; Gean Johnson; Trevor Liles
Sam Nelson; Jonathan Perry; Dalton
Phillips; Adam Stolz; Cole Temmen;
Wesley Yeager

† Please, stand as you are able.

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WE’RE HAPPY YOU’RE HERE! ~ Please scan the QR Code to sign in OR sign in on the red attendance pads. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Announcements & Events
at HGUMC



NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE ~ March 22, 2026

Traditional Service - Need Volunteers

Contemporary Service - Mary Ann Smith & Hanna Scites

Friendly Reminder- the nursery room is a "Shoe Free Zone" and please remember to pick up any trash and put away toys at the end of service. We need additional volunteers to staff the Nursery during Sunday morning services. We are also looking for people to fill in as needed. Contact office@hazelgreen.org for more information.



COMBINED SERVICE AND POTLUCK ~ Join us for **March 29th**, Palm Sunday, as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and begin Holy Week together. We'll gather for combined worship in the Sanctuary, lifting our voices in praise and waving palms in joyful "Hosanna!" After worship, everyone is invited to a churchwide potluck in the gym. Please bring a dish to share and stay for food and fellowship. Come celebrate this special Sunday with your church family!



LIGHT BEYOND THE DARKNESS ~ The season of Lent brings us to a closer look at our sin and mortality--things with which we are not comfortable. The culmination of this is on Good Friday, when we bear witness to the terrible, and yet wondrous, cross. This year on **Good Friday** we will gather for **Tenebrae**--a service of shadow and darkness. It is a powerful time to confess and hear the story of Jesus' Passion and Crucifixion. For this special time, we hope to have the story told through many voices in our congregation. If you are willing to be a reader (each part is a small paragraph), please contact the Church Office (by April 1) to let us know. **The Service of Tenebrae** will be held on **April 3 at 6:30 PM in our sanctuary.**



HGUMC EASTER EGG HUNT ~ Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is hopping your way on **March 29th from 2-4 PM** — and we need some eggs-tra help! Please donate pre-filled plastic eggs (individually wrapped candy, small toys, or stickers). You can leave your eggs in the **church lobbies by March 27th.** Thanks for helping us make this egg hunt egg-stra special!



COMFORT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP ~ Normally Meets monthly on the 4th Sunday at 2 PM in the Conference Room. The next meeting is **March 22nd.** For more information, contact **Gracie Crouch.**



SUPPORT GROUP ~ for widows, widowers and divorcees meets 3rd Thursdays at 11:30 AM in the Conference Room. If you are dealing with grief or feeling a loss, consider joining us for fellowship, discussion. Contact Pauline Childers for more info at (256) 682-4114. Next meeting will be **March 19th.**



IMPORTANT--NURSERY HELP WANTED ~ We have been blessed for a good long time to have Miss Fran cover the nursery during our Sunday-School hour (9:30-10:30 AM). Though she is now in nursing school and thus very busy these days, and thus...unable to cover that important time. We have also been blessed to have some amazing volunteers to cover January and February, though currently, 'the vineyard is plentiful though the laborers are few'. If you have an interest, or know someone who may, please let us know via the Front Office. Thank you for prayerfully considering a chance to help care for our wee, little, disciples! -Matthew M. Smith



SCAN TO GIVE ~ To make it more convenient and easier. If you'd like to give online please scan this QR Code to go straight to our Tithely.

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Palm Sunday ~ March 29th

10:30 AM Combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Followed by Palm Sunday Potluck in the CLC

Maundy Thursday ~ April 2nd

6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Good Friday ~ April 3rd

6:30 PM Tenebrae service in the Sanctuary

Easter ~ April 5th

7:00 AM Early Morning Service in the Pavilion (bring a lawn chair)
8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service in the CLC

A cross will be on display in the front lawn of the church. Anyone wishing to do so, may bring fresh multi-colored flowers to place on the cross on Easter morning.

The Lenten Offering will be used to support Lunches of Love. Please use the envelopes available in the pew racks or lobbies and mark your checks "Lenten Offering".



CELEBRATE RECOVERY ~ Celebrate Recovery will be every Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the Youth House.



THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER ~ When a team pitches in to make the place look great! We are looking to (re)form a group a folks who enjoy working in the garden, landscaping and helping cut grass, and just any other kind of activity aimed at making our church grounds look great. If you would like to take part in our Green Team, it would be a tremendous help to the effort of keeping our church grounds looking good! Please let our new Facilities Manager, **Jason Rodgers**, or the church office know if you'd like to help cut some grass, once things start growing again!

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Sunday Worship Times 8:30 AM Traditional, 10:30 AM Contemporary
Sunday School Classes for All Ages 9:45 AM

Rev. Matthew Smith, Pastor
Craig Carodine, Contemporary Worship Leader
Marla Jenkins, Director of Traditional Music
Steve Schneider, Organist

Jonathan Willis, Accompanist
Cody McCreary, Director of Youth Ministries
Kelley Hawkins, Office Administrator
Paige Peil, Director of Child Enrichment Center

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Traditional Worship
March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent