

# Order of Morning Worship

March 22, 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 **“Largo”** Steve Schneider, Organ  
*G.F. Handel*

† CALL TO WORSHIP The Faith We Sing 2139

**Refrain:**  
***Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.  
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.***

***My Lord's done just what he said, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;  
He's healed the sick and raised the dead, know the Lord's laid his hands on me.***

**Repeat Refrain**

† OPENING HYMN **“Spirit of Faith, Come Down”** UMH 332

† 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 2215

***I cast all my cares upon you,  
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,  
And anytime that I don't know what to do,  
I will cast all my cares upon you.***

A LENTEN PRAYER UMH 268

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

† HYMN The Faith We Sing 2158  
**“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **“Elevation”** Cyprien Boyer

† 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 11: 1-45**

ANTHEM **“Just As You Said”** Choir

SERMON **“I Let My Friend Die”** Matthew M. Smith

† HYMN OF INVITATION UMH 273  
**“Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands”**

† 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 **“Postlude 5”** W. Wolstenholme

Remember ~

**Amy Canup, friend of Anna Robinson and teacher at Bethlehem Baptist**  
**Timothy King**  
**Katherine Bone**  
Phillip and Patricia Collie, Friends of Cassie Robinson  
Gracie Crouch  
Brandon Walker, Friend of Eric Hulseley'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 29, 2026**  
Combined Service - Mary Ann Smith & Cassie Robinson

**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](mailto: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 **April 16th.**



**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 22, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Lent