

Union United Methodist Church

Sunday March 19th, 2023

Fourths Sunday in Lent

Website: unionumcnc.com

It is our prayer that you will feel welcome and experience God's love here.
If you are new, please consider making this your church.

Entrance & Call to Worship

Prelude & Acolyte

Sammy Kinton

Introit

Choir

**Call to Worship* Psalm 23 NKJV

1 The Lord *is* my shepherd;

I shall not want.

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

3 He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the

shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

For You *are* with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup runs over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord

Forever. Amen

***Hymn of Praise: To God Be the Glory**

UMH 98

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

UMH 881

***Gloria Patri**

UMH 70

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers and Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for Illumination (together)

Lord, open our hearts and minds

by the power of your Holy Spirit,

that, as the Scriptures are read

and your Word proclaimed,

we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Proclamation and Response

Children's Time

Joyce Robbins

Confession (together)

This is my Bible. I am what it says I am. I can do what it says I can do.

Today, I will be taught the Word of God. I boldly confess:

my mind is alert, my heart is receptive. I will never be the same.

In Jesus name. Amen.

Giving of God's Tithes & Offerings

Ushers

*Doxology

UMH 95

1st Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Pew Bible P819 Megan Gilchrist

*2nd Lesson: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 Pew Bible P740 Greg Martin

Message: Lent 4: Our Ministry of Reconciliation

Prayer Response

Sending Forth

*Hymn: Freely, Freely

UMH 389

*Benediction

*Please stand as you are able.

Upcoming Events:

- Today: Live streaming link for this service – see www.unionumcnc.com
- EASTER LILIES \$16: Order by March 27th. Forms on tables in narthex.
- Today, St Patrick's Day Church Lunch after the 11am service - to celebrate and honor our 90+ year old members.
- Today, 6pm: Trustees Meeting; 7pm: Church Council Meeting
- Weekly Prayer Meetings: Tuesdays 10am; Thursdays 6:30pm
- Spring FOCUS Bible School started on March 1st and ends on May 31st. Wednesdays at 6:30pm for 12 weeks. Study of the Gospel of John.
- Union Disaffiliation from the UMC
On Friday, March 10th, 71% of our members present voted to disaffiliate from United Methodist Church (67% is minimum required). Much work now remains to be done before formal disaffiliations on July 31st, 2023, as well as a ratification vote by the NC UMC Annual Conference in mid-June. All members wishing to remain in the UMC should please see Pastor Michael to discuss options available from the UMC Conference, and what they need to do.
- Sunday, March 26th at 5:30pm Workshop on Future of Union Church

Flowers: Flowers given for the Glory of God, and in honor Tony and Carolyn Totzke's 14th wedding anniversary.

Bible in 3 Years: For more info: contact Don Wilson - 910 580 3428

Today: Matthew 19; Mar 20: Exodus 1; Mar 21: Exodus 2; Mar 22: Matthew 20; Mar 23: Exodus 3; Mar 24: Exodus 4; Mar 25:Matthew 21

Dr. Michael Larbi, Pastor mlarbi@nccumc.org

Mike Womack, Lay Leader; Keith Carroll, Assistant Lay Leader;

Mary Allen, Children's Ministry; Sammy Kinton, Pianist; Gene Schempp, Music Director