

# Ebenezer United Methodist Church

March 22, 2020



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a  
Stephen Ministry Congregation.*



# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*“O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.”  
Psalm 95:1-2, 7*

March 22, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Greeting & Announcements

CENTERING MUSIC

“Paeon for Principals”

Darwin Wolford

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Ever-present God, even as you are present with us this day,  
we yearn to feel your presence in our midst  
each and every day of our lives.**

**Speak to us with words of grace.**

**Reveal yourself with the power of your love.**

**Flow over us with the presence of your Holy Spirit.**

**Help us know the glory of your love**

**and experience the wonder of your grace.**

**In the name of your love, we pray. Amen.**

\*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 577, vs. 1, 3)

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Living God, through the reading of the Scriptures  
and by the power of your Spirit,**

**may we hear for ourselves the good news,  
and believe, because of your Word,**

**that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. Amen.**

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 9:10-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"  
Sharon Keeler, Marybeth Miller, soloists

arr. Fernando Ortega

MESSAGE

"Come Dine with Jesus: Dinner for 5,000"

Rev. Mary Browne

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As God so freely offers us the gift of life in Jesus Christ,  
let us respond with gratitude,  
offering our tithes, our gifts, our lives to God.

OFFERTORY

"Sostenuto for Strings"

Darwin Wolford

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (UMH 95)

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD 100TH

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**Living God, through these gifts we now bring, help our world live.**

**Loving God, through these gifts we now bring, help our world love.**

**Nourish others as you have nourished us,**

**with your steadfast presence and your healing grace. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF SERVICE (UMH 368, vs. 1, 3)

"My Hope is Built"

THE SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sing sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Created in the image of God,  
redeemed by the cross of Christ,  
empowered by God's Spirit, we are sent—  
sent to live as faithful, loving stewards of God's gracious gifts of life, hope and joy.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

\*GOING FORTH

“Festival for Trumpet”

Darwin Welford

*\*please stand, as you are able*  
**bold text indicates congregation response**

*UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal (red)*  
*TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black)*

††This Order of Worship is subject to the direction of the Holy Spirit. ††

Lectionary Scriptures for the **Fifth Sunday in Lent**, March 29, 2020:  
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Preaching Scripture for **Fourth Sunday in Lent**, March 29, 2020:  
Luke 19:1-10



## Our Prayers

Anna Marie Beasom + David ++ Brian Fulton, Jr. ++ Don + Doris Hill ++ Francis "Pudd" Jamison ++ Georgia Jones ++ Olivia Rose +++ <b>Tom Shunta</b> Joyce Underwood + Ryan Vanderpool + Shirley Vanderpool +	Alex Ward ++ <b>Bruce Wilhelm</b> John Zebley III ++ Iris Zebrook ++	<b><u>Ongoing Concerns</u></b> Joshua August Barbara Donald Bogert Mary Bowers Roy Brown Frieda Crossan Ruth Dore Tom Fort, Jr.	Victoria "Bo" Fulton Ken Johnson Kristin Howard & Louise Pierce Denise Reedy Zach Trexler Josh Vible Alex Wiant
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In an effort to list all prayer requests each will appear for 4 weeks as indicated by the number of + after the name

**Please pray for all Law Enforcement Officers.**

**Please continue to remember all who serve our country in the military, especially pray for those represented from our congregation.**

### Missionaries We Support:

Matt & Erin Reinders	(Unalaska UMC)	Catherine & Andy Kellogg	(Florida)
Joy & Robert Vargas	(Paraguay)	Valentine Shutsha	(Congo)
Sue Givens	(Paraguay)	Jacquea Akasa Umembudi	(Congo)
Michael Fisher	(I-Tec)		

### **2020 Confirmation Class**

Please remember and support our confirmands throughout their journey with a card or a note (Service of Confirmation will be May 31, 2020).

They appreciate the love and encouragement from their faith family.

Cards and notes may be left in Pastor Mary's mail slot or mailed to the church office. Thanking you ahead of time.

**Arabella Brownlee: 5/22/2007**

**James DiOrio: 03/21/2005**

**Ellen Helojoki: 08/29/2006**

**Ally Hudson: 07/29/2006**

**Olivia Simmons: 10/14/2005**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers:** As many of you may know, altar flowers can be dedicated "in memory of" or "in honor of" a family member or friend on any Sunday of the year. The dedication appears in the Sunday bulletin of your chosen Sunday. If you wish to make an altar flower dedication (\$40/Sunday), please contact Carol in the church office at 731-9495. Thank you!

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### **Adult Sunday School Classes at Ebenezer, classes start at 9:45am.**

Faith Class	Lounge	"Life and Ministry of the Messiah"
"F.I.S.H"	Room 204	"Final Words"
The "Hill Toppers"	Room with a view	"Transforming Presence"

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**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets every Tuesday at 9:55am in Room 204.

**Bible Study for Today:** Meets every Thursday at 9:15am in GHH and Classrooms.

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## *Upcoming Special Services*

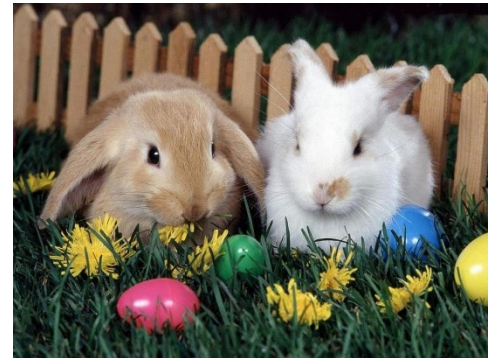
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00am	hunt starts at 10:30am
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday	8:30am	11:00am
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Thursday	12:00 noon	7:00pm
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday	12:00 noon Cross Walk	7:00pm Tenebrae Service
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Easter	6:30am	8:30am 11:00am

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### ***Easter Egg Hunt: April 4<sup>th</sup> 10am-11:30am***

Ways you can help- donations of goodies to fill the eggs can be placed in the donation box in the narthex and treats for the refreshment table can be dropped off in the kitchen any time prior to the egg hunt. If you'd like to volunteer to help the day of the event, please contact Megan Jones.

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# **The Pound Auction**

**Wednesday, April 28th      6:00pm in the CLC**



*Mark your calendars, get your creative juices flowing ...* the Pound Auction is just around the corner! All you need to do is bring a bag (the more intriguing or prettier the better) filled with a POUND of something, then let the bidding wars begin! We bid on the bags, contents unknown.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend for an evening of hilarity!

All proceeds benefit students sponsored by Priscilla Circle

If you have any questions, please ask Donna Guretsky, Rhonda Vible or Connie Miller.

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# Last Chance to Order



## Easter Flowers Order Form

On Easter Sunday, an array of Easter flowers will adorn the chancel area, proclaiming through their beauty the glorious news that Christ is risen indeed! If you would like to purchase one or more flowers to be part of the display, please complete the order form below. In lieu of flowers, you may remember or honor your loved ones through a gift of equal amount to Family Promise to support their work with homeless and at-risk persons and families.

**The absolute deadline to order is Sunday, March 24 (no late orders can be accepted). The cost of each plant is \$10.00.**

Please prepay your order by making checks to Ebenezer UMC, indicating in the memo line either Flowers and/or the homeless.

I want to order # \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies (white).

I want to order # \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths (assorted colors).

I want to order # \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips (assorted colors).

I want to order # \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils (yellow).

I want to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Family Promise.

Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Cash enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT DEDICATION(S) FOR THIS YEAR.**

**IN MEMORY OF:**

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**IN HONOR OF:**

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**GIVEN BY:**

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