

BEYOND

the Yellow Brick Road



**March 30th, 2025 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | 4th Sunday in
Lent**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

James Stanley

Redeeming Love | Richard A. Williamson

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

We come together today, remembering God's faithfulness in times of trial.

God is with us, through every storm and every season.

In the wilderness, God provided manna from heaven, feeding and sustaining God's people.

We are nourished by God's grace, given through the hands of others.

When disaster strikes, we remember that we are not alone.

Through UMCOR and all who serve, God's love and healing reach those who are hurting and broken.

Just as God provided for the Israelites in the wilderness, God continues to provide for those rebuilding after the devastation of a disaster.

We are God's people, and we are called to join in the work of restoration, bringing hope and healing.

As the Israelites transitioned from wilderness to abundance, we too transition from crisis to recovery, trusting that God's provision will sustain us.

We trust in God's faithfulness and we will walk alongside those affected by disaster, offering comfort and support, just as Christ has shown us.

Let us respond to God's call to serve those in need, offering our time, our talents and our resources.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 140 †

Great Is Thy Faithfulness | United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY †

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for your faithfulness and provision in the midst of every storm. We thank you for organizations like UMCOR that reflect your love in the world. We offer our hearts, our hands and our resources to you, asking for your guidance as we walk with those who suffer. May we be vessels of your love, bringing hope where there is despair and restoration where there is brokenness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE †

**Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David C. Freeman

CELEBRATION OF UMCOR

SONG

**Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones
to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves
me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me— the Bible tells
me so.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Shannon Webb

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir, Jake Wyatt, Percussion

We Belong | Karen Marroli

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GOSPEL READING †

Linda Fordyce

Luke 15: 1-3; 11b-32

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Natasha Murray

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VOCAL SOLO

Kelley Ponder

Home Charlie Smalls

qcr on mr c"s n"s gc"v n qb

OFFERTORY

Tim Bartlett

Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace \ Mary Mcdonald

DOXOLOGY 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING †

SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP †

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 381 †

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us | United Methodist Hymnal

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS †

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

WESLEYAN GRACE †

Be present at our table, Lord.

Be here and everywhere adored.

Thy people bless and grant that we may feast in fellowship with thee. Amen.

BENEDICTION †

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE †

The Trees of the Field

***You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hill will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy, -- and all the trees of the fields will
clap,
Will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the Field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.***

POSTLUDE

This Is My Father's World | Richard A. Williamson

James Stanley

5th Sunday POTLUCK

We're starting a new tradition of a 5th Sunday Potluck! Join us any month we have a 5th Sunday. The first one is in March!

**MARCH 30 | NOON
IN THE GYM**

Last Names A-R: Bring Main or Side Dish
Last Names S-Z: Bring Dessert



Sunday, March 30, 2025

9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm 5th Sunday Potluck
5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

Monday, March 31, 2025

9:00 am Flower Girls
1:00 pm Community Café
6:30 pm Beginner Taiko

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

7:00 am Tues Morning Bible Study
9:00 am Staff Meeting
10:30 am Worship Planning
1:00 pm Community Café
3:00 pm First Arts
6:00 pm Meditation Group
6:30 pm Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

9:30 am CDC Chapel
11:00 am Canvas Meal Prep
1:00 pm Community Café
5:00 pm Wednesday Nights on Center
5:45 pm Center St Ringers Rehearsal
6:00 pm Wednesday Night Classes
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 3, 2025

5:00 pm Jericho Way Dinner Event