

Welcoming & Greeting

Good Morning & Welcome Church, today is the Third Sunday of Lent! Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of people and the world. We want to meet you right where you are and help you take the next steps on your spiritual journey. Please let us know how we can best serve you and your family, by connecting with myself or the Pastor after the service.

(Please Stand or Rise in Posture)

Please prepare your souls as we open in prayer.
(A Brief Moment of Silence)

Opening Prayer *(Unison)*

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Call to Worship *(Unison)*

L: This is the third step on our Lenten Journey.

P: It is on this journey that we will face our greed and selfishness

L: It is on this journey that God will confront us.

P: Our hearts are ready to receive God.

L: Come, then, and let us move forward toward the Cross.

P: Let us faithfully and confidently follow Jesus. AMEN.

(Please Be Seated)

Prelude and Bringing in the Light

(Please Stand or Rise in Posture)

Hymn #1: *"Hymn of Promise"* UMH #707

(Welcome Your Neighbor With Enthusiasm)

(Please Be Seated)

Business and Announcements

(Please silence all cell phones/tablets/games)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

God's Blessings are wished for you upon your special day.

We Pray that more will come to you, as you go along life's way.

Prayer, Joys & Reflection (Psalm 7) *(Lead By Pastor)*

(A Time of Silence, Reflection & Personal Confession)

(Altar is Open for Prayer)

Prayer of Confession *(Unison)*

Patient Lord, we have cluttered the "temples" of our lives with so much unnecessary things that they have blocked out your healing words of hope and mercy. We have been keenly aware of our economic situation

and have spent much time and energy worrying about these things. Forgive us when we have been so preoccupied with these things that we have not listened to your words and followed your ways. Clear away our fears and frustrations. Give us clean hearts and spirits. Help us to be confident in your mercy and transformational love. These things we offer in the name of Jesus, the Christ. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Rejoice! You are forgiven. Let the clutter of your life fall away and be replaced by the love of God in Christ Jesus. **AMEN.**

Offering

(Please Stand or Rise in Posture)

Doxology: *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"* #95

Offertory Prayer

The wisdom of the world tells us to hoard what we own, O God, while you invite us to share what we have with those in need.

Accept these gifts for your purposes, that we may be your servants in the world.

Hymn #2: *"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"* UMH #301

(Tying of the Quilts)

Children's Message *"Giving thanks to God for His blessings"*

Pastor Harold Long

(Please Stand or Rise in Posture for the Reading of God's Word)

Scripture Reading(s): 2 Corinthians 9:12-15 (CEB)

(Please Be Seated)

Message Series: *"Remarkable"* Part III of V

Today's Message: *"A Methodist Gives Thanks"*

Pastor Harold Long

Holy Communion

Song of Sending: *"When We All Get to Heaven"* UMH #701

Benediction:

Go forth with the Lord at your side, seeking goodness and compassion. Bring the words of hope and peace to all whom you meet. Go in peace. **AMEN.**

Postlude: *(Now go in peace to love & serve the Lord)*

Mt. Olivet UMC Connect Card

Drop this in the offering plate or give to a greeter if you have a prayer Concern or want us to connect with you.

Name (include children) _____

Contact Updates:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

First time guest —

Returning Visitor —

I would like to learn more about:

Sunday School —

Kids Activities —

Ways to Serve —

Communication Corner

Check here to sign up for: —

Weekly bulletin e-mail —

Monthly newsletter —

Prayer chain text cell # —

I want only the Pastor to see this _____

I would like the Pastor and prayer team to see this _____

Prayer Request:

