ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 15, 2026 10:00 am Purple

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPING NEIGHBORS**

PRELUDE: *The Power of the Cross*

INTROIT: *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

INVOCATION: John Packard

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH #577

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Be Thou our vision, O God.
People: Be our eyes. Be our hearts.
Leader: Be the grace that flows through our lives.
People: Only with your eyes can we see rightly.

***RINGING OF THE TRINITY**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

LENTEN READING: *Diminishing Lights* Keith Marin

CALL TO PRAYER: *Falling on My Knees* Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASTORAL PRAYER: The Lord's Prayer

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR COINS OF CHANGE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Lindsay Jackson

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Abide With Me*

***DOXOLOGY:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Thy Word is a Lamp* UMH #601 vs 1
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-12, 34-41 Suzanne Grzeszkowiak

ANTHEM: Chancel Choir

SERMON: *"New Sight, New Vision"* Rev. Paula J. Stover

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* UMH #881

***GLORIA PATRI:** *Glory Be to the Father* UMH #70

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** *Be Thou My Vision* UMH #451

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION:** *Seven Fold Amen* Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE:** *Great Is The Lord*

**Congregation Stands—Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit.*

The flowers for today are given to the glory of God by Barbara and Donald Wolfe in loving memory of their son, Steve Wolfe and daughter-in-law, Deana Wolfe.

We welcome you to Socastee United Methodist Church! Thank you for worshipping with us today. We love our new and returning guests and ask that you please put your name and contact information in one of our red pads found in the pews so we can welcome you and get to know you.

Serving Today

Choir Director/Pianist: Lauren Willis
Organist: Marianne Eaton
Ushers: Dale Faulkner, Jimmy Redmon, Don Jones, Susan Williamson
Steward: George Grzeszkowiak
April/May Steward: John Mclaughlin

Nursery Available

Nursery is available in the rear of the sanctuary for children through age 4 during Sunday School and worship. Children's Church is available for ages 4 yrs—5th grade in the Fellowship Hall after Children's Time.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC	
Today: 10:00 am	**March 15** Fourth Sunday in Lent (Girl Scout Sunday)/NS
Monday: 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	**March 16** Cub Scouts Pack 891/FH Boy Scout Troop 891/FH
Tuesday: 9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	**March 17** Stitchers/JW Girl Scouts/FH Men in Ministry/FH
Wednesday: 9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:45 pm 6:45 pm	**March 18** TLC Chapel/NS Discipleship Bible Study/FH Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room
Thursday: 10:30 am 4:00 pm	**March 19** Thursday Bible Study/JW TLC Play/FH
Friday: 6:00 pm	**March 20** Line Dancing/FH
Saturday	**March 21** No events are scheduled

Lectionary Readings for:

Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 22, 2026
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Remember our Military Members in Prayer

The addresses of all our military family members will be held in the office and can be made available to anyone who would like them.

*Major Jon-Michael Farino (USAF)
*Captain Jennifer and Marc Melfi
*Airman First Class Cassie Edwards
*Captain Melissa Hedges
*Specialist Isaac Hedges
*CT4 Halle Rae Anderson
*SSgt. Warren Scoggin
*CM Sgt. Jessica Heilman
*M/Sgt. Nicolas McLaughlin
*Airman William Rogers

Sunday School Class

You are invited to join our next Sunday School class beginning Sunday, March 22, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall on the second floor. Together we will read and discuss *The Jesus Creed: Loving God, Loving Others* by Scott McKnight. If you have any questions or would like us to order a book for you, please contact Mary Lehr at (614) 264-9329. We would love for you to join us!

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on Saturday, March 28, for our Easter Egg Hunt! The hunt begins at 11:00 am, followed by games and fun activities for kids up to 5th grade. We welcome candy donations to help fill the eggs leading up to the event. Candy only is needed-we have plenty of eggs.

Women of Hope

Women of Hope will be hosting a Casserole Sale on March 29 after worship service in the Fellowship Hall. If you are eager to prepare a casserole to sell, please sign up on the back table. You may contact Jan Terrell at (843) 457-8903 or Julie Fay at (517) 927-3816.

Opportunities for Worship during Holy Week

Sunday, March 29	10:00 am	Palm Sunday & Palm Procession
Thursday, April 2	6:00 pm	Maundy Thursday/Service of Tenebrae
Sunday, April 5 **Resurrection Sunday**	6:30 am 10:00 am	Sunrise Service—1875 Sanctuary Regular Worship and Communion

OUR PRESENCE 3/8/2026	
10am Service	132
On-Line Views	46

OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT	
In Hospital	No one at this time.
In Rehabilitation	No one at this time.
In Home Visitations	Kate Eley, Charlotte Minnick, Emily Michael

OUR GIFTS as of 3/8/2026 Operating Fund	
Received this week	$3,680.00
YTD Receipts	$67,390.32
YTD Expenses	Will report in March

Fellowship Hall	
Received this week	$360.00
YTD Receipts	$4,325.00
Required Monthly	$3,176.26
Loan Balance as of 2/22/26	$151,993.96

1875 Sanctuary	
Received this week	$0
YTD Receipts	$50.00
Account Balance as of 1/25/26	$6,895.00

Improvements for Present Building//Grounds	
Coins of Change Received this week	$76.00
YTD Receipts	$694.50
Balance as of 2/8/26	$19,265.89

Giving QR Code

Scan this QR code with your smart phone and the link will take you directly to our secure online giving site in Realm.

SOCASTEE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Pastor: Rev. Paula J. Stover

Our Vision

Our Vision is to love God and our neighbors. As faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, we welcome, receive, and nurture all who come to us.

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