

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 22, 2026 **10:00 am** **Purple**

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPING NEIGHBORS**

PRELUDE: *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

INTROIT: *Lord I Lift Your Name On High*

INVOCATION: Steve Shuppy

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** *How Great is Our God* see insert

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Sanctuary TFWS #2164

***RINGING OF THE TRINITY**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

LENTEN READING: *Diminishing Lights* Neal Smith

LITURGICAL DANCE

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O, Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still, there is forgiveness with you. Therefore, we worship you; for you, alone, O Lord, can save us from death, and redeem us from our sin. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MORNING PRAYER

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR COINS OF CHANGE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Lindsay Jackson

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *People Need the Lord*

***DOXOLOGY:** *Give Thanks* TFWS #2036

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Thy Word is a Lamp*

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 11:17-27, 39-45 Janice Heilman

ANTHEM: *Christ Alone Medley* Chancel Choir

SERMON: "I Am Life" Rev. Paula J. Stover

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Hispanic Creed* see insert

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** *Shine, Jesus, Shine* TFWS #2173

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

***POSTLUDE:** *Count Your Blessings*

**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 Jimmy and Susan Redmon in loving memory of our parents, with gratitude for all they did for us.



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

Lectionary Readings for:

March 29, 2026
Liturgy of the Psalms
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
 Matthew 21:1-11
Liturgy of the Passion:
 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

| CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC | |
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| Today: 10:00 am | March 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent /NS |
| Monday: 5:00 pm 7:00 pm | March 23 Cub Scouts Pack 891/FH Boy Scout Troop 891/FH |
| Tuesday: 9:00 am 5:30 pm | March 24 Stitchers/JW Girl Scouts/FH |
| Wednesday: 9:15 am 5:45 pm 6:45 pm | March 25 TLC Chapel/NS Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room |
| Thursday: 10:30 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm | March 26 Thursday Bible Study/JW Gracie's Heart Discipleship Bible Study/FH |
| Friday: 6:00 pm | March 27 Line Dancing/FH |
| Saturday 11:00 am | March 28 Easter Egg Hunt |

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.

Book Club

A new book club will begin on April 29th. Our first selection is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. We will meet at noon on the last Wednesday of each month in the John Wesley Room in the Meeting House. For more information, please contact Caroline Dahl at (732) 331-6585.

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—NEW START DATE: April 19

You are invited to join our next Sunday School class beginning Sunday, **APRIL 19**, 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.

New Directions News

On Monday evening, March 16, 162 meals were shared with people who showed up at the Men's Shelter in Myrtle Beach on a "code blue night" (cold, nasty weather- when the shelter opens their doors to those who are not registered residents). As always, those who came were extremely grateful, and we were extremely grateful to the shelter kitchen staff who were a big help! THANK YOU to the volunteers from SUMC this month who helped to prepare and serve the meal! Dessert Bakers: Peggy Packard, Nicole Chalecki, Linda Prescott, Alice Dunn, and Madge Friedman. Servers: Roger Friedman, Linda Prescott, Kati Chalecki, and Jay Barton.

| OUR PRESENCE 3/15/2026 | |
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| 10am Service | 107 |
| On-Line Views | 52 |

| OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT | |
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| 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 3/15/2026 Operating Fund | |
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| Received this week | \$4,659.00 |
| YTD Receipts | \$72,049.32 |
| YTD Expenses thru Feb. 2026 | \$49,931.53 |

| Fellowship Hall | |
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| Received this week | \$220.00 |
| YTD Receipts | \$4,545.00 |
| Required Monthly | \$3,176.26 |
| Loan Balance as of 2/22/26 | \$151,993.96 |

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

| Improvements for Present Building/Grounds | |
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| Coins of Change Received this week | \$57.00 |
| YTD Receipts | \$751.50 |
| Balance as of 3/15/26 | \$19,398.89 |



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SOCASTEE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, March 22, 2026

Pastor: Rev. Paula J. Stover



Holy Week
Worship Opportunities

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| 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 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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