

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

MARCH 8, 2026

10:00 am

Purple

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPPING NEIGHBORS

PRELUDE: *Bread of the World*

INTROIT: *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

\*POSTING OF THE COLORS Troop 672 Color Guard

\*PLEDGES:

*To the American Flag:* I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

*To the Christian Flag:* I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands, uniting all Christians in service and in love.

*The Girl Scouts Promise:* On my honor, I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

SCOUT UPDATE: Scout Leader

INVOCATION: Katherine Mach

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* UMH #351

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down;

People: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

Leader: The hour is coming and is now here.

People: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

\*RINGING OF THE TRINITY

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

LENTEN READING: *Diminishing Lights* Ginger Ford

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are. You know all about us and everything we have done. We thirst for things that never really satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. 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: *Grace Greater than our Sin*

\*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 4:5-42 Charlotte Loiselle

ANTHEM: *Jesus Never Fails* Chancel Choir

SERMON: "Give Me This Water" Rev. Paula J. Stover

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

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

\*RECESSION OF THE COLORS

SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION:  
*He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* UMH #128

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION: *Seven Fold Amen* Chancel Choir

\*POSTLUDE: *Lift High the Cross*

\*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 Reggie McCoy Noche in loving memory of Fern and Lillian Rose.



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 Following Service	March 8 Third Sunday in Lent (Girl Scout Sunday)/NS Kidz United Mini Ministry Book Cleaning/FH
Monday: 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	March 9 Cub Scouts Pack 891/FH Boy Scout Troop 891/FH
Tuesday: 9:00 am 5:30 pm	March 10 Stitchers/JW Girl Scouts/FH
Wednesday: 9:15 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm 5:30 pm 5:45 pm 6:45 pm	March 11 TLC Chapel/NS Women of Hope/JW Discipleship Bible Study/FH Wonderful Wednesday Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room
Thursday: 10:30 am 5:30 pm	March 12 Thursday Bible Study/JW Church Council/JW
Friday: 5:00 pm	March 13 Cub Scouts PWD Time Trials/FH
Saturday All Day	March 14 Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby/FH

*Sectionary Readings for:*

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 15, 2026  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

*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

*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.

*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.

*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 <b>Resurrection Sunday</b>	6:30 am 10:00 am	Sunrise Service—1875 Sanctuary Regular Worship and Communion

OUR PRESENCE 3/1/2026		OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT	
10am Service	103	In Hospital	No one at this time.
On-Line Views	74	In Rehabilitation	No one at this time.
		In Home Visitations	Kate Eley, Charlotte Minnick, Emily Michael

OUR GIFTS as of 3/1/2026 Operating Fund	
Received this week	\$13,138.78
YTD Receipts	\$63,710.32
YTD Expenses	Will report in March

Fellowship Hall	
Received this week	\$915.00
YTD Receipts	\$3,965.00
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	\$40.50
YTD Receipts	\$618.50
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 8, 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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