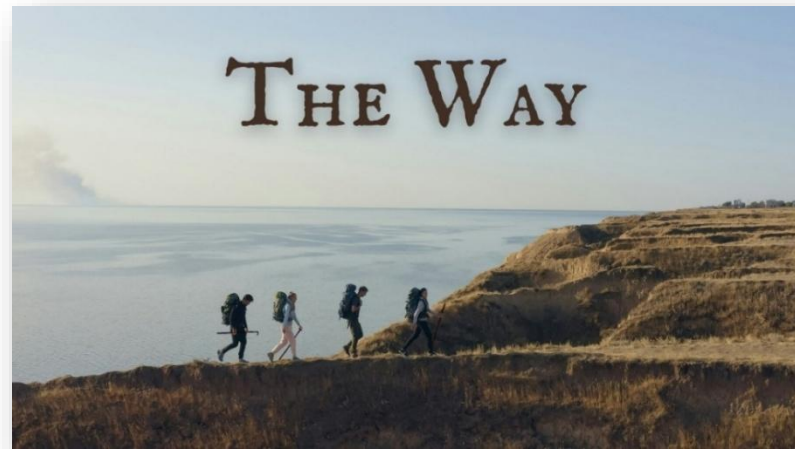


# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

*At First United Methodist Church we are each alive in Christ, united in nurturing fellowship, reaching out to share God's boundless love.*



March 29, 2026

11:00 a.m.

**Palm Sunday**  
**"The Other Way"**

## Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

**Opening Voluntary - "O The Blood"** by Thomas & Mary Beth Miller  
Joy Brindle & India Cockrell, sacred dancers

## Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to God, who is truly good.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Praise Christ, whose love abounds with grace.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Welcome the Spirit with songs of praise.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Today our Lenten theme of pilgrimage takes us on a very literal journey with Jesus. It feels like both an end and a beginning—just like so many moments in our own lives. A pilgrimage may reach its destination but the hope, the wisdom, the lessons learned along the way offer a new starting point for us. What have we learned, and what "other way" are we called to as we seek right relationships and transformed lives?

**Sung Response** by Jim Strathdee

**We are a wilderness wandering people  
on a journey of the soul.  
May we find our destination  
in our longing to be whole.  
Our Holy God is calling to us.  
With Jesus by our side  
may compassion be our compass;  
may the Spirit be our guide,  
on The Way,  
on The Way,  
on The Way.**

## Prayer for the Path

Jesus of Palm Sunday parades,  
be with us on The Way.

We wonder if we have what it takes to march  
in the name of justice and love for all people.

Are we able to sacrifice the paths that benefit only us  
for the ones that make a way in the wilderness for the least?

We come seeking your courage and resolve  
in order to follow your way of love. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise No. 280** by Theodulph of Orleans  
*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

## Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Anthem - "Hosanna to the King"** by Linda and Mike Fisher  
First UMC Chancel Choir

Riding on a donkey colt, the humble king was on his way. Crowds came from Jerusalem to see the man, the King of Kings. Laying down palms along the path. They began to shout and sing! "Hosanna! Hosanna!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to the King! Hosanna to the King!" Passing through the city gate, the large parade wound through the streets, The humble man up on a colt, was being touted as their king. "Hosanna! Son of David! Hosanna to the King! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to the King of Kings! Hosanna! Hosanna to the King!"

## Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

### Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**We give you thanks, Christ Jesus,  
for your goodness and your grace.  
Bless the gifts and lives we offer to you,  
that they may bring goodness and grace  
to your world.**

**In gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.**

**A Time for the Child in All of Us** Rev. Cheryl Skinner



*All children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for a time just for them! Afterwards, children in kindergarten thru 2nd grade are invited to follow the leader to the Godly Play Room for Children's Church.*

**Song of Reflection - "What Wondrous Love Is This"** by Michelle Tumes  
Joy Brindle & India Cockrell, sacred dancers

## Psalter - Psalm 37:1-9 (read responsively)

Don't be vexed by evildoers,  
and don't be envious of the corrupt!  
**They'll soon fade like the grass,  
and wither away like unwatered plants.**  
Trust in YHWH, and do good,  
and you'll dwell in the land and enjoy security.

**Delight in YHWH,  
and you'll be given the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to YHWH, and trust in YHWH;  
God will take action, making your vindication  
as sure as the dawn,  
and your integrity as bright as noonday.  
**Be still before YHWH and wait patiently;  
don't fret about those who amass great fortunes  
and carry out their schemes unchallenged.**

Let go of your anger, and leave resentment behind.  
And stop worrying! It produces nothing but evil.  
**And evildoers will be cut off,  
but those who put their hope in YHWH—  
they will inherit the land.**

**Gospel Reading - Luke 19:28b-40**

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**Sermon - "The Other Way"**

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

## Prayer of Yearning

Dear Lord,  
I, too, can feel the excitement  
in the long-awaited coming of One  
who can change shadows into sunlight,  
despair into hope,  
and even death into life.  
With all inhibitions down I could  
join in the parades, processions, and testimonials  
for such a One.  
When I am asked, though,  
to join with such a person on a march that might lead to  
rejection, negation, and maybe even death,  
I am not so sure.  
If it is possible,  
let that cup pass from me,  
But if not...  
Amen.

Hear this:

Whether you find yourself in the midst of the parade for justice  
or cheering on from the sidelines, your presence is a gift.

Whether or not you know it, believe it, or feel it,

Jesus knows your heart and your desire,

and knows just how hard it can be to take courageous steps into the fray.

You are forgiven and loved,

especially when you think you are not doing enough.

May it be so.

**Hymn for the Journey TFWS No. 2238** by Julian B. Rush  
*"In the Midst of New Dimensions"*

*(After the Benediction and Chimes of the Trinity, you are invited to bring your palm branches and follow the ministers and the choir as we walk to the Square for a time of community worship and witness. Buen Camino!)*

## Benediction

The Creator God filled you with breath,  
inviting you to this journey called Life.  
**We will follow on The Way.**

Jesus, our Guide, showed us what it means  
to make a new way with Love.  
**We will follow on The Way.**

The Spirit gives us strength to move forward  
with Courage and Compassion for all we meet.  
**We will follow on The Way.**

May this week be filled with opportunities  
to choose a path that leads to more life for all people  
and to keep moving toward horizons of love.  
May it be so. Amen.  
"Buen Camino!"

## Chimes of the Trinity

**Postlude - "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"** arr. by J. Wayne Kerr  
Phyllis Jones, organ

## Prayer Requests

Lifting up prayers for our First UMC members, friends, family, community, country, and the world. All are encouraged to review the list and contact the church office to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

### First UMC member:

Lewis McMillan  
Terri Beck  
Peggy Everhart  
Pat Harrison  
Judy Hench  
Larry Langley  
Cindy/Tom Smith

### Friends & Family:

Gary Elms  
Rodney (Angela) Perdue & Family  
Grace Episcopal  
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaheer  
Jamie Vasquez  
Kayla  
Deborah Bisbee  
Tami Robinson  
Special Friends  
Bobbi Mukosiej  
Ginger Hill  
Ted Williams  
Myrna Davis  
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer  
Joyce Metters  
Spencer Davis  
Kimberly Wood  
Lee Ann Bethel  
Richard Slater  
Roger Thompson  
Emily Sink Cash & Family  
Pam & Ron Sink  
Torrey Jackson  
Cheryl Crago  
Beth Graves  
Marlene Jones  
Anna Cruz  
Linda Cox  
Julie Milner  
Kaitlin Deebeel  
Mark Frye

Jackie Truell Butler  
Tony Hill  
Jane King Cathy  
Jon & Emerson Bethel  
Michael Wood  
Louise & Ray Kombau  
Special Friends  
Melba (Charles) Purvis  
Sharon (Edsel) Beck  
Edith Clement  
Dana (Rodney) Colquitt  
Brentley & Conley Castor  
Dale, Mandy & Riley Castor  
Curt (Lisa) Miller  
Deanna Smith  
Irene Foster  
Dorey Thomas  
Elizabeth Morales  
Christine  
Judy Jordan  
Kay Gilmer  
Beckey Griffith  
Kay Crouse  
Ron & Kristie Wooten  
Greg Leonard  
Gary (Pat) Leonard  
Tommy Hendrix  
Sarah Rakestraw  
Gloria Bulluck  
Brandon (Jan) Kraft  
Trevor Vermette  
Joan Briggs  
John McNeil  
Amy McIntosh  
Stan Larson  
Betty Jean Whitaker  
Kendall Conner

Brilliance Edgewater (Florida)  
\*Mary Norman

Brookdale (Lexington)  
\*Libby & Max Lanning  
\*Ramona Phelps

Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)  
Assisted Living  
\*Rachel Hendrix  
\*Bob Pearson

Residents  
\*Joan & Dick Bisbee  
\*Betsy Buchanan  
\*Herman Crabtree  
\*Jim Dillon  
\*Becki & Tom Foust

Serving in the Armed Forces

\*Major Kacie Allred  
\*Sergeant McRay Calderone  
\*SGT John Hall  
SGT Alan Ingram  
Major Jarrad Thorley

### Missionaries

David, Hannah, Nicholas, & Samuel Mora—United States

### Member Care

\*Dot Cook  
\*Ginnie Easter  
\*Hilda Flynt  
\*Louise Hawley  
\*Larlie Mae Knight  
\*Edna Morris  
\*John (Rebecca) Scarff  
\*Carolyn Smith  
\*Patricia Smith  
\*Dr. Hunter Strader  
\*Ruby (Buddy) Taylor  
\*Flonnie Thomason  
Peggy & Wayne Wegwart  
\*Dare Wilson

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## United in Nurturing Fellowship

### Sunday, March 29

*Palm Sunday*  
8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall  
9:30am Sunday School for ALL Ages  
11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC  
**Walk to the Square following morning worship service**  
Teens of Life Youth, Kickball & Ice Cream, Grimes Park

### (4pm-6pm) Monday, March 30

7:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, March 31

10:00am Companions in Christ Small Group, Conference Room  
12:00pm Prayer Warriors' Lunch, B-B-Q Center  
**6:00pm Guided Prayer Labyrinth Walk, Fellowship Hall**

### Wednesday, April 1

11:00am **Guided Prayer Labyrinth Walk, Fellowship Hall**  
12:00pm **Lenten Midday Prayer, Sanctuary**  
1:00pm **Chair Yoga, Fellowship Hall**  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Thursday, April 2

(7:30a-9:30a) Triad Referral Partners, Fellowship Hall  
7:00pm **Maundy Thursday Evening Service, Sanctuary**

### Friday, April 3

(9a - 3p) **Good Friday Prayer Vigil, Sanctuary**  
(9a - 3p) **Good Friday Prayer Labyrinth Walk, Fellowship Hall**  
9:30am Kindermusik, Ground Floor classroom  
10:45am Kindermusik, Ground Floor classroom  
1:30pm **Crafting, Home of Terri Hawley**

### Saturday, April 4

### Sunday, April 5

8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall  
9:30am Sunday School for ALL Ages  
11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC

### Monday, April 6

Office Closed in observance of Easter

### Order your Easter Lily TODAY through Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

You may complete the purple insert in today's bulletin and return it to the church office with your payment. Thank you for your support!

### Daniel Bible Study to Begin after Easter

The Reverend Jack Tookey will be leading a new Bible study on the Book of Daniel titled "Growing Strong in an Alien World" beginning after Easter. The study will follow Daniel through his journey from kidnapped noble Jewish child to the most powerful man in Babylon to a "highly favored person" before his God Most High. The **eight-session series** will focus on the role of prayer and faith fellowship in Daniel's (and, our) personal and spiritual growth.

If you would like to participate in the study, please contact Jack: (Call or Text) 336-337-2343 or (Email) [jtookey@mindspring.com](mailto:jtookey@mindspring.com) **Let him know what days and times work best for you.** All classes will meet in the **library at First UMC**, with day and time determined by what works best for participants' schedules. We hope you will prayerfully consider this opportunity to dig deeper into a remarkable book of the Bible!

### An Opportunity to Serve

We are looking for a few folks to serve as team members overseeing the care and upkeep of the kitchen. You will serve together as a team that will divide and complete tasks as they arise. Please contact Gil Bonnaure: (Call or Text) 301-648-6113 or (Email) [gilbonn@comcast.net](mailto:gilbonn@comcast.net)

### Complimentary Tickets to Dollywood

**(4) complimentary one day tickets good until Jan 3, 2027 for Dollywood.** The free tickets are **first come, first served** to anyone **who filled an OCC shoebox in 2025.** If you would like one or more of these tickets, please see Judy Deal to receive the ticket(s) personally from her.

## Reaching Out and Sharing God's Boundless Love

### Cancer Services of Davidson County

Sponsored by Missions Team  
**Items Needed:**  
Ensure Depends

### Charles England & Pickett Elementary Backpack Programs

Sponsored by UW in Faith  
**Needed food items:** A list is located on our website or at the donation site.

### Other Items Needed:

Children's Underwear  
Small - X Large  
Children's Socks  
Size 13-4  
Adult Underwear & Socks  
Small

### Communities In Schools

#### Items Needed:

Individual/Single Serve Sized:  
Mac & Cheese, Soups,  
Spaghetti O's, Lasagna,  
Peanut Butter Crackers,  
Ramen Noodles

### Hospice of Davidson County

#### Items Needed:

Small water bottles  
Peanut Butter Crackers  
Cheese Crackers  
Granola Bars  
Little Debbie snack cakes  
Peppermint Candies  
Canned drinks (12 oz. or less)  
Single serve sized:  
Goldfish, Pretzels, Teddy  
Grahams, Popcorn,  
Assorted Chips

### Pastor's Pantry

**Canned Food:** green beans, tuna, chicken, soups, stews

*Your kindly donated items can be dropped off at the collection site just outside of the church office workroom located on the main hallway. Thank You!*

### Open Hands of Davidson County

#### Items Needed:

Boxes of Cereal  
Spaghetti Noodles  
Saltine Crackers  
Rice  
Mac-n-Cheese  
Stove Top Stuffing  
Ramen Noodles  
Canned Vegetables  
Soups / Spaghetti Sauce  
Cranberry Sauce  
Peanut Butter  
Cases of Water  
**Street Food Items:**  
Vienna Sausage  
Potted Meat  
Pop Top Cans of Ravioli,  
Spaghetti O's, etc.  
Single serve sized: Peanut  
Butter Crackers, Chips,  
Pop Tarts  
Instant Hot Chocolate  
**Clean & Gently Used:** bath  
towels, washcloths  
**Personal Care Items:**  
Body wipes, disposable  
razors, shampoo, bar soap,  
deodorant, toothpaste/  
toothbrush (**Travel size items work quite well.**)



The Sparrow Project is ready to help you short term, in the case of an emergency, illness, or surgery. We have volunteers to help you with simple household repairs, transportation, computer help, or to run an errand. For short term help, **call Lauren Hall (336) 239-0860.** Also, temporary meal assistance is offered to our church family short term. For temporary meal assistance, **call Lisa Bonnaure (301) 609-1780** so that delivery can be arranged and an inventory of prepared meal items can be kept up-to-date. It's that simple. You let us know what you need and we will take it from there.

## Giving Generously Together

Offering plates are provided at the back of the sanctuary.



**Mail** to First UMC, 310 S. Main Street, Lexington, NC 27292.

**Online Giving** for mobile device users, the **QR code on the left** will take you to a secure mobile site for Online Giving from your smartphone or tablet. On **your first visit**, you will need to create a profile.

**Text to Give** - 855-222-3109—Text the amount you wish to give and follow the directions.



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