

# Traditional Service of Worship

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

11:00 a.m.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

*If Thou Will Suffer God to Guide Thee*

Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out a Connect Card located in the pew pocket or scan the QR code on the bottom right side of this bulletin.

INTROIT

\*HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

No. 64

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please respond by reading the bold text aloud.)

We come together, led by the Spirit and open to the good news of Jesus  
**May we have boldness to ask good questions and courage to speak to those on the road beside us**

May the Spirit take us to places where God is already at work  
**And may the work of Christ be lived out in us**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (THE APOSTLES' CREED)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*Let no one be a stranger in the house of God.*  
Please take this opportunity to greet those around you.

\*HYMN

*Down to the River to Pray*

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way,  
and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

Oh, sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:3-8

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We value the gift of generations, so all kids are invited to grab a worship bag (or coloring supplies) and remain in the sanctuary as part of worship. The nursery is open and available for kids four and younger.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Forrest

*And Can It Be*  
Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION

No. 291

*He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word*

SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:26-40

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Open and Ready"

Rev. Emily Knight

HOLY COMMUNION

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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Thomerson

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
Chancel Choir

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

No. 277

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

\*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Couperin

*Postlude*

\*Congregation, please stand.

## Worship Attendance - March 30, 2025

Contemporary Worship - In-person

81

Traditional Worship - In-person

132

Total Worship

213

## Serving in Worship Today

### 9 a.m. Contemporary Service

Greeters: JoAnn Goodwin, Caroline Jennings, Beth Joyner

Tech Team: Amy Collier, Britt Scott

### 11 a.m. Traditional Service

Greeters: Shirley Davis, Peggy McCord

Tech Team: Michael Bone, Britt Scott

Liturgist: David Holladay

Crucifer: Tessa McCorkle

Acolyte: Mariah Cope, Bella McCorkle

## What's Happening This Week?

### TODAY:

Worship: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

New Member Class: 10:00 a.m. (Office Library)

Kids Choir: 10:00 a.m. (Room 403)

Kids Club: 10:30 a.m. (Room 404)

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. (Rooms 202 & 204)

Youth Group: 10 a.m. (Room 302)

Chancel Ringers: 5:00 p.m. (Room 201)

### OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Tai Chi: Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. & Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
(Fellowship Hall)

Karate: Tues. & Thurs. at 5:30 p.m., Sat. at 3:00 p.m. (304)

Sisters of Service: Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (Parlor)

Wednesday Night Ministry: Wed. at 5:30 p.m. (McCord Building)

Chancel Choir: Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. (Room 501)

Circle of Hope: Thursday at 11:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

## Meals Served Last Week: 127

We also provide meals and groceries to Family Promise this week (i.e. families *with children* who are working their way out of homelessness): 5 adults, 1 teen, 3 tweens, and 6 children aged 6 and under. Please pray for these families and give thanks for those who are sharing meals!

## A Light Note:

If you notice sawdust or see something new in the sanctuary, we have a special project in progress to bring extra light to the space! All lighting is being donated to the glory of God by a faithful member.

Offerings can be placed in the sanctuary offering plates, mailed to the church (819 Park St. Jacksonville, FL 32204) or given online using "MyWell" (code to the right): [www.mywell.org/give/rpumc](http://www.mywell.org/give/rpumc)



## CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

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9:00 a.m.

#### Gather with Song

*Dwell In Your House* - Hillsong United

**Welcome! Greet one another in Christ!**

*Lead Me To The Cross* - Hillsong United

#### Scripture

Isaiah 53:3-8

*Ain't No Grave* - Crowder

#### Children's Message

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#### Announcements

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#### Prayer & Lord's Prayer

#### Offer Gifts to God

*Christ Be Magnified* - Selah

#### Proclaim God's Word

Acts 8:26-40

"Open & Ready"

Rev. Emily Knight

#### Break Bread. Celebrate Holy Communion.


*Behold The Lamb* - Getty

#### Benediction and Sending

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# Holy Week 2025

**Palm Sunday 4/13: ONE service at 10:30 a.m.**  
**New: Church-wide group photo!!!**   
**Potluck Lunch,**  
**Egg hunt for kids on the playground**

**Maunder Thursday 4/17:**  
**Communion and Special Music Worship**  
**Service at 6:30 p.m.**

**Good Friday 4/18:**  
**Experiential/Sensory Stations of the Cross**  
**Open: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.**  
**(start in the breezeway)**

**Easter Sunday 4/20: Celebrate Resurrection!**  
**9 a.m. Contemporary, 11 a.m. Traditional**  
**Bring flowers to transform the courtyard cross**

## Help with Holy Week:

Help serve and welcome others for Holy Week.  
Scan the QR Code on the right to get plugged in.



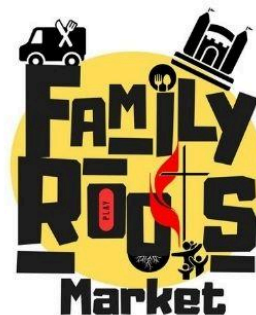
## Methodist Men Meeting

**Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @9am**

**Contact the office for location**

## Easter Altar Flowers

Lily and hydrangea orders (\$20/each) will cover the altar on Easter. Order yours by 4/14



## Community Event

April 30th 1-5 p.m.

- Artists/Makers
- Food Vendors
- Agriculture
- Fun for all ages

**MORE INFO**



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