



Dunbar United Methodist Church

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

*Our Mission at Dunbar United Methodist Church is to:
Reach the World for Christ; Preach the Word of God;
Teach the Way of Discipleship. Our vision is to be a Church that is
Christ-centered, Spirit-led, and utterly consumed by the mission of God.*

Bolded print is intended to be read aloud by all
* signifies that all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit

PRELUDE

Sharon Cline, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jarrod Caltrider

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Gary Wooten, Pianist

*CALL TO WORSHIP June Sayre

You who are poor, why have you come?

To hear good news.

You who are brokenhearted, why have you come?

To heal our hearts.

You who are captive, why have you come?

To hear words of freedom.

You who are prisoners, why have you come?

To be released from what binds us.

You who mourn, why have you come?

To receive comfort.

Then you are welcome here in this place,
at this table, where Jesus offers blessing for all.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH#57

EPISTLE READING Galatians 5:1, 13-15

CHILDREN'S SERMON Libby Tolley

SPECIAL VIDEO "The Mystery of New Beginnings"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*GOSPEL READING Luke 4:16-21

SERMON Pastor Jarrod Caltrider

"In the Shadow of the Cross...We Find Freedom"

SPECIAL MUSIC Choir Anthem

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" W&S#3104

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Worship Notes: "UMH" denotes the navy The United Methodist Hymnal located in each pew.
"TFWS" denotes the black supplemental hymnal "The Faith We Sing"; "W&S" denotes the green supplemental hymnal "Worship & Song"
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dunbar Institute Samaritan Center Food Pantry Focus for March is canned pork and beans. Donations are collected in the narthex at the Ministry Center.

If you'd like to sign up to sponsor altar flowers for 2026, the calendar is posted on the bulletin board by the Administrative Assistant office. Flowers will be \$30 and can be given in honor or memory if you'd like.

The Jubilee Project: Unbound by Grace! This Lent, our Justice and Advocacy Team is working to wipe out medical debt across Appalachia. We're working with the organization Undue Medical Debt who buys debt for pennies on the dollar. Instead of pursuing payment, they forgive the amount owed. Every \$1 donated erases roughly \$100 in debt. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 which would wipe out over \$1 million in medical debt! After a debt is paid, the debtors will receive a letter informing them that their medical debt has been paid by Dunbar UMC. Please join us in our efforts to "bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ." Scan the QR code to give or place a donation in the offering plate, earmarked "The Jubilee Project."



The Dunbar Ministerial Association will be hosting their Lenten Lunch and Worship services on Wednesdays throughout Lent. Lunch will be served from 11:15am-12:15pm; worship will be from 12:15-12:45pm. Lenten Lunch and Worship Schedule:

Wed. March 11 Christ the King Catholic Church, Pastor Jarrod Caltrider preaching
Wed. March 18 Dunbar United Methodist Church, Deacon Dennis Nesser preaching
Wed. March 25 Dunbar First Baptist Church, Pastor Lanny Coberly preaching

A Memorial Service for Fay Jack will be held on Saturday, March 14. Visitation will be 10:30-11:30 with the service 11:30.

Archery starts on Sunday, March 15, registration is 5:15-5:30 with archery beginning at 5:30. This program is for second grade through twelfth grade.

Mark your calendar for Coffee Church on Sunday, March 22. We're hosting a covered dish breakfast, so you're invited to bring a prepared breakfast dish to share. The kitchen will not be staffed so please ensure your dish is ready to be served when you arrive. We hope you'll join us!

Altar flowers are in memory of Francine Caudill. Given by the Davis family.

Our worship participants next Sunday, March 15, Liturgist: Bruce Wilson; Children's Sermon: Lisa Spradling; Ushers: Lynn Thornton, Terry Boswell, Bill Reid; Fellowship Time Host: Chuck & Evie Bibbee.

DUMC FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Last Week's Offering Total: \$4,864.16
Weekly Offering Goal for Budget: \$4,654
Current Apportionment Payout: \$4,078
Annual Apportioned Amount: \$48,896
Payout Percentage: 8%

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am - Low Impact Exercise Class, Gymnasium
Wednesday at 11am - Book Study at St. Paul's
Wednesday at 6pm - Book Study at DUMC
Wednesdays at 7pm - Choir Practice, Sanctuary

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