

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today 11:00-Snack and Chat in the church parlor.
- Apr 7 10:00-Pride Parade meeting
- Apr 9 1:00- Enneagram Journey (small group)
- Apr 11 9:00- Church clean up
- Apr 12 9:00- Men’s Breakfast at Crestwood UMC (hosts: Phillip Chapel AME)  
3:00-Supper House Easter Dinner
- Apr 14-19 Holy Week (see devotional and worship opportunities)
- Apr 16 4:00-Leadership Team
- Apr 17 1:00-Temple building meeting
- Apr 20 10:00- Easter Sunday Worship

Happy Anniversary to: 11- Bob & Carol Taylor



GIVING

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TEMPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday, April 6, 2025      Fifth Sunday in Lent

Each person is a beloved child of God. Temple United Methodist Church welcomes, affirms and invites everyone into the full life and ministry of our congregation regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history. Join us as we gather as one community, grow our faith, give our diverse gifts, and go into the world to advance the Reign of God.

INFORMAL TIME OF SINGING 9:30 a.m.

All are invited to join as we sing through and teach this Sunday’s service music.

“+” is an invitation to stand in body or in spirit, as each is able.

PRELUDE                                      Just as I am                                      arr. Carol Tornquist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- + CALL TO WORSHIP  
All: God, let this be a fruitful day!  
One: In this hour of worship, open our eyes to beauty, tune our ears to harmony.  
All: The fragrance of your love permeating every moment.  
One: The touch of your hand guiding all we do.  
All: Together, we want to taste with delight the joy of your presence here today.

+ OPENING HYMN                                      UMH 117 vs. 1,2,3,6 RED HYMNAL  
O God, Our Help in Ages Past

- + UNISON PRAYER  
God Extravagant God, lavishing your love on our poverty of heart: inspire us to give with generosity, to love life so that we may find it again, and thus the world will be filled with the fragrance of your love; through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us. Amen.

**+ PASSING THE PEACE.**      **Welcome** W&S 3152 refrain only *GREEN HYMNAL*  
*Please return to your pew when the music begins.*

## PRAAYER OF CONFESSIION

**God of new things, we like to complain about your generous ways, rather than living in your grace. The poor are always with us, we believe, which justifies our ignoring them. In our memories, we see a perceived golden past and close our eyes to the new things you do in our midst. We are so enamored with our achievements that we are not willing to throw them away to follow Jesus. Forgive us, Restoring God, and help us to notice the kingdom springing forth in our midst. By your grace, may our fears turn to faith, our seeds of grief produce a bumper crop of joy, and our tears turn into torrents of tenderness as we journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to Jerusalem.     *Silence is kept***

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Making a way through all the foolishness and mistakes of our lives, God leads us into new life, where we are restored to grace, to hope, and to peace.

**All: Do we notice what God has done for us; what God is doing in us? This is good news for everyone.  
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

## EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3: 4b, 7-11 *NRSV*

## GOSPEL READING

John 12: 1-8 *NRSV*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE

## *The Smell of Poverty*

Pastor Jeff

## + HYMN OF RESPONSE

W&S 3124 *GREEN HYMNAL*

## *How Shall I Come Before the Lord*

## TIME OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND GIVING

## Prayers for the Community

Mark Bush, Patricia Stessman family, Warren Blackwell, George Shaffer, Shirley Gossett, Tom Scott, Kathy & John Jolman, Kelly (Thurston) Foreman, Kaylee Houston, Sandy, Mike Swanson, Joan, Gaza, Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Myanmar, Thailand, NC Wildfires.

***You are invited to speak the first names of those in your heart.***

## Silent Prayer and Meditation

## Job 33:4

The spirit of God has made us, and the breath of the Almighty gives us life.

After a time of silence, music will begin, at this time you are invited to bring your prayers to the altar and to light a candle as an outward expression of your prayer intention. If you are unable to stand or kneel, we invite you to ask another sitting near you to light a candle for you.

**Giving-** *During this time of prayer you are also welcome to bring your gifts to the boxes at the ends of the prayer rails.*

## Prayer Response

## *In Christ Alone*

W&S 3105 v.1 *GREEN HYMNAL*

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

## GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

## + SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

## *Jesus Paid It All*

arr. Richard Huggins

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## + SENDING FORTH HYMN

UMH 87 *RED HYMNAL*

## What Gift Can We Bring

**+ BENEDICTION**

## POSTLUDE

*O How I Love Jesus*

arr. Fred Bock