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Edisto Island

United Methodist Church

PRELUDE Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley - Trad Appalachian Tune

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT # 349

“ Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

God, rescue us in the wilderness!

Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

God, rescue us within the wilderness!

Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

God, rescue us through the wilderness!

Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God's faithful reply:

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

God, you are our refuge. You are the shore in sight, you are hands that reach out, you are the ground on which to rest.

God, you are our strength. You are the life we long for, you are the refusal to give up, you are the keys of home we carry with us.

God, you are our help in time of trouble. We call on you from the ruins and the rubble, we call on you from the wildness and the deep,

We call on you to meet us in this sacred time and place! Amen.

***HYMN**

“O Lord, The Spirit Led You”

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Tune: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

O Lord, the Spirit led you into the wilderness;

For forty days the devil would put you to the test.

You fasted! You were famished! And soon the devil said,

"If you're God's Son, then show it: just turn this stone to bread."

Yet, Christ, your way was steady – as solid as that stone;

You trusted in God's promise, and not in bread alone.

Nor would you bow to earn you a kingdom made of sod,

For everyone must offer allegiance unto God.

High on the temple tower, you heard the tempter say:
If you think God has power, then simply step this way!
But you rebuked the devil, said, "No!", and turned around;
When others fell for evil, you stood on solid ground.

You were, in most ways, like us, and yet you did not sin.
We're grateful you walk with us as Lenten days begin.
May we, in each decision, be faithful, strong and sure.
May we, too, have a vision of things that will endure

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

PSALTER #810

Psalms 91: 1-2, 9-16

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 10: 8b-13

***THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 4: 1-13

SERMON

***HYMN # 468**

"Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See"

***GLORIA PATRI #70**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS UMH #47

We receive into membership of the church today Michelle Smyer, Rene Rau, and Michael Duncan

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

GOD'S GIFTS AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

"Change My Heart, O God"

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER FOLLOWING THE OFFERING

Faithful God, who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives, as we offer these gifts, we remember your sustaining presence. In this period of spiritual renewal, strengthen us to resist temptation and guide us to live in community with love and grace. May these offerings be signs of hope and acts of compassion that reflect the love you have shown us in Christ. Empower us to rise together, supporting one another on this journey of faith and transformation. In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #555**

"Forward Through the Ages"

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**



The flowers today are given to the Glory of
God by Judy & Jim Whitesell

Participating in Today's Worship

Johnelle Mische, Judy & Jim Whitesell

Last Sunday - March 2, 2025

Worship Attendance - 32 Online - 65



**CHURCH
FINANCES**

Needed Weekly-	\$3,491.00
Budget Giving-	\$4,315.00
Needed to Date-	\$31,819.00
Received to Date-	\$21,596.00

Nancy Culclasure (1110 Marshall Rd. Apt 6409 Greenwood, SC 29646), Jane Loy, Donna Padgett, Lauren (Donna's niece), Dale Steele, Thomas Tindall, Ethelynn Boozer, Buff Yelton, Linda Windish, Dawn & Berry Wren, Evan McMillan, Billy & Mary McCollum, Jeannie Roberts, Molly Shaw



Prayer
Requests



Nancy's Clothes Closet
(Monday's 10AM-1PM and 2PM-5PM)

Godwin-Pate Circle is collecting toothbrushes, hairbrushes, & combs for the month of March for the Christmas shoe boxes. There is a box in the Church for donations.

Salkehatchie Service

For the 3rd year in a row, a Salkehatchie Summer Service camp is being held on Edisto Island. This year's camp will be held the week of July 5-12. We are seeking volunteers to help with several tasks regarding the meals for the group. For more info contact Marilyn Bowman at 843-603-0966

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 9 Fellowship Brunch and Missions Fair after church service
(Portraits made for new directory)

Wednesday, March 12 2pm Bible Study & 5:30pm Oyster Roast

Thursday, March 13 Godwin Pate Circle 10:30am

Wednesday, March 19 United Methodist Men Breakfast 8am, Trash Pickup 9am

Saturday, March 29 Walk for Water Water Mission Fundraiser

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