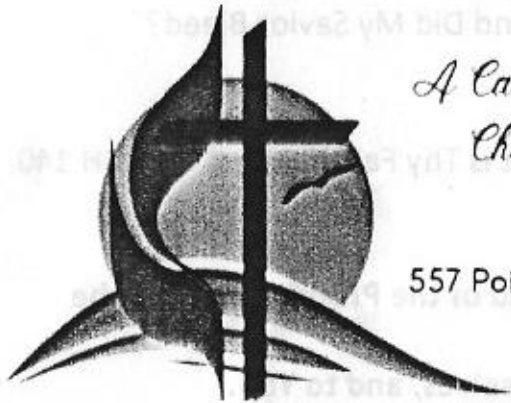


SUNDAY SERVICE

March 27, 2022

Ocean Shores United Methodist Church



*A Caring Church for
Changing Times*

557 Point Brown Ave NW

*Create in me a clean
heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit
within me.*

Psalm 51:10

Pastor: Rev. Betty Chamberlain
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OCEAN SHORES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

*INVOCATION

Ever-loving God, it was said of the Prodigal Son that he
"came to himself."

Help us to wake up to ourselves, and to You.

Set us free from the illusion of trying to be perfect
so that we might be more fully human.

Help us not to chase after an imaginary life,
and to find satisfaction in our real lives.

And turn us away from our self-rejection
so that we might see that Your arms open in welcome.
Amen.

EPISTLE READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

PSALM 32 (responsive)

UMH 766

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE "Come to the Party"

SOLO "What Wonderful Love is This"

(Ted Chamberlain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have held many wrong ideas about you. We believed you to be almighty power, and you came to us in mighty love. We thought that you would not receive us in your righteousness, yet you received us in our sinful rags. We deserved your harsh punishment for our unrighteousness, and you invited us to a joyous party. We confess that you are not the God we expected.

Bring us to see the fullness of your glory, to acknowledge the depth of your love for us, and to respond to you as you are rather than as we feared you to be.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN "Amazing Grace" UMH 378

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Create In Me a Clean Heart"

*RESPONSE

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

PRAYER

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

SENDING FORTH "To God Be the Glory" UMH 98

BENEDICTION

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We welcome all to our service this morning whether you are here or online. May this time be a blessing for you!

You are all invited to stay for coffee, cookies and conversation right after this service.

Bible Study readings for Saturday, April 2, are:

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philemon 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8.

All are welcome to attend. We meet at the church at 11:00.

Bring a sandwich and we'll have lunch together.

A check for \$1,187 was sent to UMCOR for Ukraine! Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

You may still give through the church to UMCOR for aid to Ukrainian refugees. Just mark Ukraine on your check.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 10

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:00 Tenebrae Service

Good Friday, April 15, 12:00-3:00 church open for prayer

Easter Sunday, April 17, Brunch following the service