

Union Methodist Church

A Global Methodist Church Congregation

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17th, 2024.

**2024 Theme: "A fruitful church that wins souls,
making and nurturing disciples of Christ."**

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
and he who wins souls is wise." Proverbs 11:30 NKJV

Website: unionmcnc.com

It is our prayer that you will feel welcome and experience God's love here.

If you are new, please consider making this your church.

Entrance & Call to Worship

Introit: UMH 400

Sammy Kinton & Choir

***Call to Worship: Portions of Psalm 107 NRSV**

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever.

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

those he redeemed from trouble

4 Some wandered in desert wastes, ...

5 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

10 Some sat in darkness and in gloom,

prisoners in misery and in irons,

11 for they had rebelled against the words of God,

and spurned the counsel of the Most High.

17 Some were sick through their sinful ways,

and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,

and he saved them from their distress;

20 he sent out his word and healed them,

and delivered them from destruction.

21 Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,

for his wonderful works to humankind. AMEN

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

UMH 881

***Gloria Patri**

UMH 70

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Praise: "To God Be The Glory"**

UMH 98

Prayers and Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds

by the power of your Holy Spirit,

that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,

we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Proclamation and Response

Children's Time

Mary Allen

Confession

This is my Bible. I am what it says I am. I can do what it says I can do.
Today, I will be taught the Word of God. I boldly confess:
my mind is alert, my heart is receptive. I will never be the same.
In Jesus name. Amen.

Giving of God's Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology

UMH 95

1st Lesson: 1 Peter 1:10-19 Pew Bible pp 857

*2nd Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-14, 18-20 PB pp 809 *Pastor Michael*

Message: **Redeemed From the Curse Of The Law.**

Part 6: Bought With A Great Price, Owned by God

Prayer Response

Sending Forth

*Hymn: "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood"

UMH 622

*Benediction

*Please stand as you are able.

Upcoming Events:

- **Today: Live streaming link for this service** – see unionmcnc.com
- **Today:** Trustees Meeting, 6pm; Church Council, 7pm
- **Weekly Prayer Meetings:** Tuesdays: 10am; Thursdays:6:30 pm
- **Choir Practice:** Saturday 10am.
- **Spring Family FOCUS Bible School continues this Wednesday March 20th at 6:30pm**, week 3 of 12-week study of the Gospel of Mark.
Also, there will be EVANGELISM TRAINING at Bible School this week.
- **Neighborhood Children's Easter Celebration, Saturday, March 23rd, 11 AM to 1 PM.** Games, crafts, food, and Easter egg hunt. Donations of chicken nuggets, french fries, candy , easter egg, cookies appreciated.
- **Easter Lilies:** Forms to order Easter Lilies are on tables in the narthex.
- **Daily Devotional Based on Our Weekly Sermons:** To receive these, please request by email to unionmc07@gmail.com.
- **Easter Program:** Sunday, March 24th: **Palm Sunday Service**; Thursday, March 28th, **Maundy Thursday Service - 6:30 pm**; **Good Friday, March 29th: 12 noon, Senior Citizens' Lunch**; Sunday, March 31st, **6:30am - Easter Sunrise Service; 11am - Easter Service**

Flowers: Today's flowers are for the Glory of God

Bible in 3 Years: For more info: contact Don Wilson - 910 580 3428

Today: 2 Samuel 21; MAR 18: 2 Samuel 22; MAR 19: Acts 4; MAR 20:2 Samuel 23; MAR 21: 2 Samuel 24; MAR 22: Acts 5; MAR 23: 1 Kings 1

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Keith Carroll- Lay Leader; Mitch Darroch - Assistant Lay Leader; Shane Sebastian - Assistant Lay Leader;
Mary Allen- Children's Ministry; Sammy Kinton- Pianist;