

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outdoor Worship

Easter isn't just one day! We hear, tell out, and live the great resurrection stories of Jesus. In doing so, we too rise up, and find new and abundant life. Join the church for outdoor worship on the front lawn on April 7 at 11 a.m.

Wellspring Small Groups

Wellspring Wednesdays may have come to a temporary end, but monthly fellowship continues.

Brew Theology | Second Tuesday Each Month
–contact epalmer@ssumc.org for more info

Women's Group | Third Tuesday Each Month
–contact lisanich@gmail.com for more info

Men's Group | Second Thursday Each Month
–contact ken.nicholas@gmail.com for more info

Annual Talent Show

Calling all performers! Our Annual SSUMC Talent Show will be Friday, April 26 from 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up to be an act by emailing Lisa Nicholas at lisanich@gmail.com. Ticket sales will begin in March.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Kate Floyd	Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Kyle Tau	Deacon
Candace Johnson, M.Div.	Dir. of Family Ministries
Don Jones	Dir. of Music Ministries
Emma Palmer	Dir. of Community Connection
Nicole Lewis	Soloist
Ryan Reece	
Lauren Reece	
Kara Hutton	
SSUMC Choir	

GUESTS:

We are glad to have you worshipping with us!

We invite you to connect with us by filling out a Connect Card in the back of the pew with any information you would like to share. You may drop it in the offering basket or hand it to a Staff/Connect Team member for a special visitor gift. Your presence enriches our community, and we look forward to getting to know you better!

Ways To Give:

- Offering Plates: Make a check out to the church or prepare your cash offering.
- Online: Give securely at ssumc.org/give, or by scanning the QR code.
- Text to Give: Text ssumc.org/give to 73256.



Special Lenten Offering: Rise Against Hunger

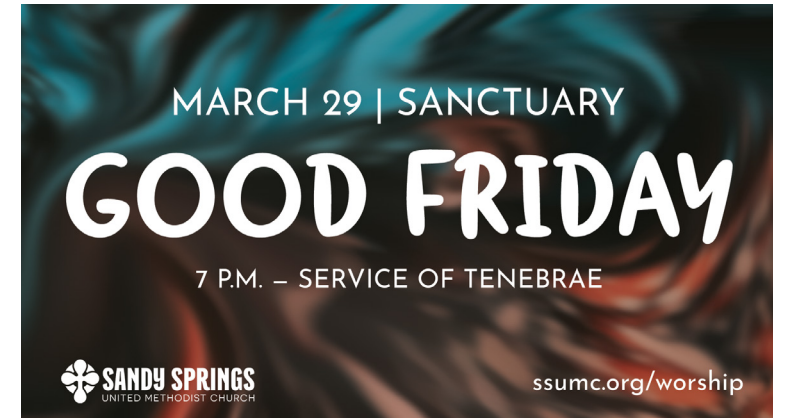
On Saturday, April 13, we will once again be hosting a meal-packing event in the Fellowship Hall for Rise Against Hunger, packing thousands of meals to feed people all around the world. We make a volunteer and financial commitment to host this event. This year, our special Lenten offering is going towards providing the food we will pack. Thank you for your generosity this season to help feed those who are hungry. Register to join us and donate at ssumc.org/serve.

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Service of Tenebrae March 29, 2024

Lent is the season when we spend six weeks journeying with Jesus toward the cross. Today we stand witness to his crucifixion. The Service of Tenebrae, or "Shadows," is based on a twelfth-century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. You are invited to listen to the passion narrative and reflect on music, prayers, and silence in between.



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GATHERING

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,

And we loved darkness rather than light.

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

Reading One: Questioning

Hymn: UMH #292 - "What Wondrous Love is This"

Reading Two: Seizing

Choir: "Jesus, Remember Me" by Jacques Berthier

Reading Three: Denial

Hymn: UMH #482 - "Lord Have Mercy"

LITANY

We speak love with our lips and betray with our actions.

Lord have mercy.

We profess peace, justice, and mercy, but deny your love again and again.

Christ have mercy.

We try to build your kingdom, but get distracted by power, money, and accumulation.

Lord have mercy.

We judge Peter, knowing our own shameful hearts turn against Jesus again and again.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Hymn: UMH #482 - "Lord Have Mercy"

Reading Four: Binding

Choir: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Reading Five: Betrayal

silence

Reading Six: Trial

Solo: "Starlight" by The Wailin' Jennys

Reading Seven: Truth-Telling

LITANY:

What is truth?

Jesus is the way and the truth who brings life.

Truth preaches peace in the face of violence and love instead of hate.

Truth practices hospitality, healing, and serving.

Truth forgives, reconciles, and nourishes.

Truth seeks justice, loves kindness, and

walks humbly with God.

Jesus is the way and the truth.

And yet, we lament, for lies rule the world,

This world where truth is crucified.

Reading Eight: Release

Choir: "O Lord, Hear my Prayer" by Jacques Berthier

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our God, how often we fail you. With Judas, we chafe at your teachings and betray you. With Peter, we stand at a distance and deny you. With the high priests, we question and doubt you. With Pilate, we give up, and wash our hands of you. With the crowd, we favor Barabbas, and watch love die. This heavy day reminds us how you have borne our infirmities and been crushed by our transgressions. We remember how in your suffering, you touch the places where we are broken, and make us whole. In our abandonment, you never abandon us. Cleanse us, Lord, and make true our hearts that we may hold fast to you and live for you, come what may.

Reading Nine: Scourging

Solo: "By Way of Sorrow" by The Wailin' Jennys

Reading Ten: Abandonment

Choir: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Words by Elizabeth Cecelia and Douglas Clephane; Music by Christopher Miner

Reading Eleven: Crucifixion

Hymn: UMH #288 - "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord" (vs. 1)

Reading Twelve: Casting Lots

Hymn: UMH #288 - "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord" (vs. 2)

Reading Thirteen: Grief

Hymn: Song: UMH #288 - "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord" (vs. 3)

Reading Fourteen: It Is Finished

Hymn: UMH #288 - "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord" (vs. 4)

Reading Fifteen: Piercing

silence

Reading Sixteen: Burial

silence

You are invited to sit in silence and a spirit of contemplation.

EASTER WORSHIP

Join us Sunday as we celebrate the Risen Christ together!! Our annual egg hunt is on the front lawn at 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Please bring flowers for the flower cross on the front lawn.