

March 9, 2025
First Sunday in Lent

Welcome to our church



United Methodist Church
of
Holyoke, South Hadley & Granby

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CELEBRATE DIVERSITY - All are welcome - loved for who you are, exactly as you are. Please stay after worship so we can meet and say hello.

If you are able, please stand at the places marked with an asterisk (*). For all other portions of the service, you may remain seated.

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Announcements

Prelude

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Call To Worship

L: Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

P: Who is my neighbor?

How can I help?

What do I have to learn?

Where is God in it all?

L: Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

P: So may we listen. May we learn.

May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

L: This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

Opening Hymn #400: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious

sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount!
I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm
come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at
home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from
the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed
his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to
be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering
heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to
leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Call to Confession

Our faith tells us to love our neighbor as we love
ourselves, but you and I know that is often easier said
than done. Fortunately for us, prayer can be a tool for
transformation. When we are honest before God and
each other, we open the door to growth and change.
So join me in the prayer of confession.

Join me now, so that tomorrow, we will be even better at
loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray:

**Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors
as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics.
We want to know: who is our neighbor? Do we
have to love the stranger? Must we have
compassion for our enemy? Forgive our human
tendency to create exceptions in the face of love.
Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face
of a neighbor in every stranger we pass. With
hope we pray, amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

L: Family of faith,

When we set limits on love,

P: God loves extravagantly.

L: When we forget that we are neighbors,

P: God claims us as God's own.

L: When we judge, hold back, or harm,

P: God surrounds us with grace.

L: There is nothing we can do or leave undone
that could separate us from the love of God.

P: This is the good news of the gospel.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Celebrations & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Gloria Patri*

UMH #71

Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

Ministry in Music: *Create in Me A Clean Heart*

Psalm 25:1-10: Response 2 pg. 756

Response: Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness:
Make thy way plain before my face.

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust,

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

Let none that wait for you be put to shame;

**let them be ashamed who are clothed with
treachery.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
For you are the God of my salvation.
for you I wait all the day long. R

6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your
steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**Remember not the sins of my youth, or my
transgressions; according to your steadfast
love remember me, for the sake of your
goodness, O Lord.**

8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore the Lord
instructs sinners in the way,

9 and leads the humble in what is right
And teaches them their way.

**10 All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and
faithfulness. For those who keep the Lord's
covenant and testimonies.** R

***Hymn (insert):** *I Wonder as I Wander*

1. I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
how Jesus our Savior did come for to die
for poor ord'nry people like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

2. When Mary birthed Jesus,
'twas in a cow's stall
with wise men and farmers
and shepherds and all.
but high from God's heaven
a star's light did fall,
and the promise of ages it did then recall.

3. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing,

he surely could have it,
'cause he was the King.

4. I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
how Jesus our Savior did come for to die
for poor ord'nry people like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11 pg. 62 New Testament

5 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of
Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and
listening to the word of God. **2** He saw at the water's
edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were
washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the
one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little
from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people
from the boat.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,
"Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a
catch." **5** Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard
all night and haven't caught anything. But because you
say so, I will let down the nets."

6 When they had done so, they caught such a large
number of fish that their nets began to break. **7** So they
signaled their partners in the other boat to come and
help them, and they came and filled both boats so full
that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees
and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" **9**
For he and all his companions were astonished at the
catch of fish they had taken, **10** and so were James and
John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now
on you will fish for people." **11** So they pulled their boats
up on shore, left everything and followed him.

L. This is The Word of God, for the People of God.

P. Thanks be to God.

Message: Wandering Heart: *"Jesus sought me"*

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***Offering**

***Doxology**

UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, you teach us that our neighbor is found in the stranger. May these gifts be used to build bridges where there are walls, to bring healing where there is hurt, and to remind us that love has no bounds. Bless our offerings so they may extend your radical welcome to all. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #344:** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones,
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

2. You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.

Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me...

3. You need my hands, full of caring
through my labors to give others rest,

and constant love that keeps on loving.

Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me...

4. You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me...

Benediction

Postlude

Offering: Please leave your offering in the plate. The Lord has given us so much, let us remember to return some to His church.

-Prayer List: Carol Brunelle, Beth Dietz, Tim O'Donnell, Kathy Washburn, Lily Marion, Darlene Dout, Heidi Barta, Renata Cournoyer, Kevin McLaughlin, Jerry Rubackin, Jim Anspach's Family - parents, Gene & Rene and Uncles Earl & Tom Anspach, Mark Felsentreger, Anna Dunlap, Scott Shippey, Barbara Granger, Billy Clark, Robert Dout, Sage Marion-Patruno, Hugh 'Scotty' Hutton, Edgar & Maria, Lisa Barnes, Sophia & her grandmother, Pastor Hwang & Family, our Church, our Country, our World

-After worship, join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and...

March 12: 9:00 a.m. Join with our UWF in Fellowship Hall.

March 18: 6:00 p.m. Council & Trustees in Pastor's office & on Zoom.

March 28: 5:30 p.m. Movie night, hot dogs & pop corn - all free

March 30: Casseroles for Kate's Kitchen are due..

Sundays 11:00 Choir

11:30 Bell choir

Lenten Discussion with Rose starting Thursday,

March 20 9:30-10:30



So. Hadley Methodist Church
Reuben Sandwiches

Grab & Go

March 21 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

\$12.00

Menu: Reuben sandwich on rye bread
Beverage St Patrick Day Oreos

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OR

fill out the form and leave it on the offering plate.

Include your name, phone & number of meals

Notify us if anyone in your party has a food allergy.



If you will help prepare, sign up, call or email the church.
Helping is fun.

I will help _____

Take & Go Reservations

Name _____

Phone number _____

No. of meals _____

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