

NURTURE

caring for one another, for our space, and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

A LENTEN CALENDAR:

March 30	4 th Sunday in Lent	
April 6	5 th Sunday in Lent Holy Communion	Flower orders due
April 13	Liturgy of the Palms Liturgy of the Passion	
April 17	Maundy Thursday	7:30 pm service, Boulevard UMC
April 18	Good Friday	12:00 pm service St. Paul's Episcopal (Rachel preaching)
April 20	Easter Morning Holy Communion	6:30 am community sunrise service, Hollywood Cemetery (Rachel preaching) Sanctuary worship, Boulevard UMC

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS typically shape our order of service, including the sermon. If you'd like to prepare:

Next Sunday—5th Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

OUR PRAYERS INCLUDE Benjamina Bunag, Lowell and Louis, those grieving Bernice Flynn, Jeremy, Magoo Gelehrter, Kimberly and Timothy, Jamie and Lanier May, William Wagner, and Porter Anderson. Wish to add or restore someone the list? Use the offering plate or e-mail the main office, to say so.

GIVING GROWS both you and us.

	Ministry Costs	Your Gifts	Invested Savings Used
March 1 - 22	11,374	7,556	3,700

On the cover: *David Anointed by Samuel* (Metropolitan Museum of Art, A.D. 613)

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world (Matthew 28).

Boulevard United Methodist Church



In the tradition in which I was raised, there was a "Central Bible Truth"—the one thing to "take home." I often wonder how much we lose in our attempts to boil the narratives down this way. What can looking at this text from the perspective of Samuel provide? In the introspective season of Lent, what might this text tell us about how we deal with transition, disappointment, and the future?

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Order of Worship for 4th Sunday in Lent

(UMH) - The United Methodist Hymnal
(TFWS) - The Faith We Sing

* Please stand, as able.

Gathering

Introit *Yes, God is Real*

Greeting

For it is God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
who has shone in our hearts

**to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.** (2 Corinthians 4:6)

Centering

A brief invitation to prayer is offered.

Almighty God,
**We confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation.
We have failed in our calling to be your holy people,
a people set apart for your divine purpose.
We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories,
without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace.
Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you.
Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image.**

Silence

Interlude *Lamb of God*

*The Peace

Following words of assurance, all exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Offering

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* **UMH 451**
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Proclamation and Response

Time with Children

First Reading *Psalm 23*

Epistle Reading *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Anthem *Christ Be Our Light*

Scripture Lesson *I Samuel 16:1-13*

Sermon *"All That's Left"*

Rev. Rachel G. May

*Hymn *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* **UMH 474**

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (895 UMH)

Sending Forth

*Hymn *Shalom to You* **UMH 666**

*Dismissal



OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

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LAST CALL FOR MARCH—for funding emergency shelter, our monthly mission focus. Cash or checks made out to Boulevard and designated "mission" will be used to purchase food and hospitality supplies. We are two hundred dollars short of what it typically takes to host. That's a closable gap!

OUR CARITAS GUESTS arrive on April 5. Their final overnight is the 11th. Each day, they leave early in the morning and return for supper. Between now and April 5, speak with Michael Joyner about donating goods. Speak with Rachel about giving your time, specifically as it pertains to packing lunches here in the church's kitchen.

Easter Flowers

A two-fold invitation:

- (1) To provide flowers for Boulevard's sanctuary on Easter morning and
- (2) To support our worship fund.

Prices below are therefore slightly higher than cost.

If making more than one contribution, use another form (over).

Your Name:

Attached is payment for—or, expect payment from me between now and **April 6** for:



- Potted Lily at \$13.00 each
- Potted Hydrangea at \$19.00 each
- The Worship Fund (no flowers) \$15.00

REMEMBERING:



CELEBRATING:

- I wish to dedicate these anonymously.
- I wish for them to be dedicated by:

If you want to support our worship services, but do not want to receive actual flowers, your gift to Boulevard UMC will be acknowledged in the bulletin accordingly. If you wish for another to receive the flowers that you purchase, please make those arrangements independently. Thank-you!