

WITNESS

telling our stories, offering expressions of faith, being Christ-like

{Together}

A WORKING LENTEN CALENDAR:

February 28	3 rd Sunday in Lent	Chapel worship continues Easter flower forms available in bulletin	Greeter(s) needed
March 6	4 th Sunday in Lent Holy Communion		Greeter(s) & reader needed
March 13	5 th Sunday in Lent	Flower forms due	Greeter(s) & reader needed
March 20	Liturgy of the Palms Liturgy of the Passion		Greeter(s) & many readers needed
March 24	Maundy Thursday		7:00 pm
March 26	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	details forthcoming	
March 27	Easter Morning Holy Communion	Hollywood Cemetery Sunrise Service  Sanctuary Worship	7:00 am 11:00 am

TO GREET OR READ go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>. Locate the “search by email” box and type in boulevardumc@gmail.com. Who can greet or read? Anyone who can arrive 20 minutes early or read Scripture in front of others. Give yourself the chance to be made glad by the exchange of simple gifts.

Boulevard United Methodist Church



Gardening is altogether different. There the door is always open into the ‘holy’—growth, birth, death. Every flower holds the whole mystery in its short cycle, and in the garden we are never far away from death, the fertilizing, good, *creative* death.

- May Sarton

February 28, 2016

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

An Order of Worship for Lent 3

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

* Please stand, as able.

Offering Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (895 UMH)

GATHERING

Call to Prayer and Praise Isaiah 55:1-3; 8

*Hymn *Everyone Thirsting*

Insert

Psalm Prayer

We praise you with joy, loving God,
for your grace is better than life itself.

You have sustained us through the darkness,
and you bless us with life in this new day.

**In the shadow of your wings we sing for joy
and bless your holy name.** Ps 63; adapt. by R. Eslinger

Silence

Greeting

Jesus said: "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!'"

Blessed be the One who gives us peace and the freedom to pass it on.

Peace to the places we go and to those whom we find there!

*The Peace

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Interlude

I Rejoiced

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn

In the Garden

UMH 314

*Benediction

*Parting Music

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

First Lesson Psalm 63:1-8 UMH 788

Time with Children

Gospel Lesson Luke 13:1-9

Anthem *Come Holy Spirit*

Sermon "Give Me the Gardener" Rev. Rachel G. May

*Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry* UMH 2051

NURTURE

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

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for Mary Marshall, Sam Anaya, Casey Bowman Miles, and Heart Havens residents and staff. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS typically shape our order of service, including the sermon. Next Sunday, Lent 2:

- Joshua 5:9-12
- Psalms 32
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

GIVING GROWS YOU and us.

	Ministry Costs	Your Gifts
February 1 - 20	\$16,929	\$9,403

VISION SHARING happens here on Sunday March 13 following worship. What sort of vision will be shared? A vision for this congregation's future discerned by worship attendees presently serving as our leaders. Who is invited? Curious spirits.

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

FEBRUARY IS FOR HEART HAVENS, for Heart Havens homes across Virginia.

 Heart Havens, with help from congregations like Boulevard, empowers adults with intellectual disabilities to find their places at tables both at church and in the community. We are collecting financial gifts (\$545 thus far) and supplies (paper products, cleaning supplies, art supplies). Look for the blue bin outside the chapel.

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.

Your Name:

Attached is payment for—or, expect payment from me between now and March 13 for:



- Potted Lily at \$14.00 each
- Potted Hydrangea at \$20.00 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 wish 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!

Isaiah 55:1-3; 8 (NRSV)

All of you who are thirsty, come to the water!
Whoever has no money, come, buy food and eat!
Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk!

² Why spend money for what isn't food,
and your earnings for what doesn't satisfy?
Listen carefully to me and eat what is good;
enjoy the richest of feasts.

³ Listen and come to me;
listen, and you will live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful loyalty to David.

⁸ My plans aren't your plans,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

Luke 13:1-9 (CEB)

Some who were present on that occasion told Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed while they were offering sacrifices. ² He replied, "Do you think the suffering of these Galileans proves that they were more sinful than all the other Galileans? ³ No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did. ⁴ What about those eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them? Do you think that they were more guilty of wrongdoing than everyone else who lives in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did."

⁶ Jesus told this parable: "A man owned a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ He said to his gardener, 'Look, I've come looking for fruit on this fig tree for the past three years, and I've never found any. Cut it down! Why should it continue depleting the soil's nutrients?' ⁸ The gardener responded, 'Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it and give it fertilizer. ⁹ Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"