

WITNESS

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

{Together}

A WORKING CALENDAR:

March 5	1 st Sunday in Lent	Chapel	Violinist Jennifer Johnson
March 12	2 nd Sunday in Lent	Sanctuary	Baptism: Leo Gooch Harpist Eve Watters Flower forms available
March 19	3 rd Sunday in Lent	Chapel	
March 26	4 th Sunday in Lent	Chapel	Singer-songwriter Amy Andrews
April 2	5 th Sunday in Lent	Chapel	Flower orders due
April 9	Palm Sunday	Sanctuary	VCU Horn Choir
April 11	Holy Tuesday Interfaith Seder	Temple Beth-El 3300 Grove Ave.	6:30 pm
April 13	Maundy Thursday	Chapel	7:00 pm
April 16	Easter Sunday	Sunrise Hollywood Cemetery Sanctuary	Details forthcoming 11 am

LEO'S PARENTS INVITE YOU to stay after worship and eat with them this coming Sunday, March 12. Why? Because each and every baptism is a feast day for the family of God! It'll be catered yet informal and is happening here so that Leo will know food and faith are indeed in holy cahoots.

On the Cover: Eden - Heavy Texture edition, Stuart Wright Media.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Boulevard United Methodist Church



God, after creating the 'adam, the earth creature formed from the soil ('adamah in Hebrew), now proceeds to place the creature in the garden of Eden in order to perform two tasks. First, the creature is to "serve" this garden. Second, the creature is to "protect/guard" the garden.

John Holbert

March 5, 2017

321 N Boulevard
Richmond, Virginia 23220
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Order of Worship

11:00 AM

(UMH) - The United Methodist Hymnal

(TFWS) - The Faith We Sing

* Please stand, as able.

GATHERING

Music

Call to Prayer and Praise

In returning and rest you shall be saved.

In quietness and trust shall be your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Gracious God,

In the beginning, you called us into communion. We belonged to you and to each other. We confess our forgetfulness. Restore us, we pray, to the joy of remembering.

silence

God's life-giving Word and Spirit conquer the powers of sin and death. Good news: We are loved. We are forgiven. We are here, together. **Amen!**

*The Peace

Greeting

*Offering

Offertory *Sundays Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes* TFWS 2138

Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Time with Children

First Lesson Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon "Paradise Farm" Rev. Rachel G. May

Duet *Lamb of God* Jennifer Johnson, violin

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Our service continues with the liturgy for the Lord's Supper. Please sing on either side of receiving the elements.

I am weak and I need Thy strength and power,
To help me over my weakest hour.
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

Refrain
Lead me, guide me along the way,
For if you lead me I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness.
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee:
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without Thy light to see.
Lord just always let me thy servant be,
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

Prayer

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn *Shalom to You* UMH 666

*Dismissal
Our service now begins. Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

*Parting Music

NURTURE

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

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for Grayson Foy, Merle and Laurie, Jeanette, and Jay McKinney. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

OUR NURSERY is not staffed. However, the door to "Noah's Ark" is an open one. This space is on the first floor. Please feel free to exit and return at any point during this morning's service. We welcome infants and young children in the sanctuary. With them, we are more complete.

A LOOK AT LIFE TOGETHER in numbers.

	Ministry Costs	Your Gifts
February 1 - 18	\$13,080	\$3,911

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

THANK YOU for your heart that went out to Heart Havens last month. Your generosity exceeded the \$750 mark (a goal of sorts). The love expressed in the form of supplies for a nearby Heart Havens home was also remarkable!

MARCH IS FOR FOOD—for feeding people and for the relationship between food and faith. Our focus shifts to the work of FeedMore and a local organization on a mission to grow healthy food, healthy communities and a healthy local food system. Stay tuned.

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.