

*Welcome to  
Otterbein United Methodist Church*

March 22, 2026

10:30 am

Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP**

**We Gather to Worship the Lord**

Welcome

Prelude            *Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome*            arr. Tornquist

\*Greeting

L: As children of God, we dwell in the Spirit, and the Spirit dwells in us.

**P: We are alive in the Spirit through the righteousness of God.**

L: In humility and faith, we come to worship the One who gives us life,  
hope, and healing.

**P: God has brought us to this moment and will guide us still. Praise the  
Lord!**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn            *Abide with Me*            No. 700, UMH

Children's Time in Worship            Anna Steele

**We Proclaim the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

Anthem	<i>Create in Me a Clean Heart</i>	arr. Tanny
*Psalter	Psalm 130	No. 848, UMH
*Gospel Lesson	John 11:1-45	(NT, pg. 104)
Sermon	“LIFE”	Rev. Adam Blagg
Solo	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i> Christina Santiago	arr. Schrader

Announcements

**We Give Our Thanks**

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace		No. 12, UMH
*Hymn	<i>Just a Closer Walk with Thee</i>	No. 2158, TFWS
*Doxology		No. 95, UMH
Prayer of Dedication		
Celebration of Holy Communion		No. 23, UMH
Pastoral Prayer		

**We Go Forth Renewed**

*Closing Hymn	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	No. 529, UMH
Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>Sonatine Movement 1</i>	Ravel

## This Week's Opportunities

### **Sunday, March 22**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

### **Monday, March 23**

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen  
5:00 pm Clothes Closet

### **Tuesday, March 24**

1:00 pm Tidings Crew—Rm. 204  
6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204  
7:00 pm Admin. Council—  
Rm. 204

### **Wednesday, March 25**

10:00 am Bible Study—Rm. 204  
6:00 pm Bells  
7:15 pm Choir

### **Thursday, March 26**

3:45 pm New Horizons Band  
Rehearsal—MH  
6:00 pm VIA Assembly—  
Community Mennonite

### **Friday, March 27**

### **Saturday, March 28**

7:30 am UMM—MH

### **Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

## **Otterbein in Prayer**

David Angier  
Rosalie Bailey  
Gary Billingsley  
Whitney Bradley  
Millie Bruce  
Rev. Louis Carson  
Debbie Cox  
Nissa D'Andrea  
Cliff Davis  
Jo Ellen Dickenson  
Mike Earman  
Samuel & Judi Espinoza  
Mary Ann Glendye  
Ray Griffith  
Harold Grimm  
Fred Hopkins  
Tina Jolly  
Danita Kreeger  
Steve Lily  
Chuck Macklin  
Nancy Miller  
Maxine Perry  
Judy Pruett  
Hector Santiago  
Ann Sebrell  
Dot Swartz  
Carolyn Stroop  
Michelle VanPelt  
Hazel Willi  
Keith Wright

### Lay Reader:

Linda Conrad

### Attendance Last Sunday:

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### Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Sue Wenger & Anna Steele

- **Creation Care Weekly Lenten Challenge** for the week of 3/22/26 asks you to rejoice for our trees and gardens. Help our pollinators thrive! We rely on them to grow food and create beautiful flowers for all to enjoy. <https://bit.ly/4jyeTan>
- **Holy Week Services:**
  - Palm Sunday(3/29)—10:30 am, Otterbein
  - Maundy Thursday(4/2)—7:00 pm, Asbury UMC
  - Good Friday(4/3)—7:00 pm, Otterbein UMC
  - Easter Sunrise (4/5) - 6:30 am, West Rock. Ruritan Park
  - Easter Sunday(4/5)—10:30 am, Otterbein UMC
- **Good Friday Prayer Walk**—The 39<sup>th</sup> annual Harrisonburg downtown ecumenical Good Friday prayer walk, based on the "Stations of the Cross," will be held **Friday, April 3**, from **noon to 1:00 pm**. The walk **begins at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**, and **ends at St. Stephens United Church of Christ**, stopping at a total of 10 downtown churches and public buildings. Led by someone carrying a large cross, the group stops at each station where a member of the "Biblical Storytellers Guild" will tell a passage from the Gospel of Matthew and a local pastor responds with a prayer. This is a contemplative, communal, and spiritual practice of shared ecumenical worship and witness that has been going on every year in downtown Harrisonburg for four decades. Please join us! The walking route is accessible for wheelchairs and strollers.
- **Clothes Closet** could use **men's clothing** (including winter) and **white socks**. Thanks!
- **VA Annual Conference** will be held in **Harrisonburg** this summer (June 17-20) and the Shenandoah River District will be looking for **over 150 volunteers** to help with this event. There will be many opportunities to help in many different ways leading up to and the weekend of the conference. Be thinking of how you may be able to help and stay tuned for more information as it is released!
- **Second Mile Giving**—Patchwork Pantry at our neighboring church, Community Mennonite, has need for **1-pound bags of rice and dried beans** for their ongoing partnership with Waterman Elementary to send food home with students on Fridays . A labeled bucket will be in the breezeway **every Sunday** through May. This is a separate project from our OUMM monthly canned food drive. *Thank you for your continued support!*
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

**TLC Person  
of the Week:**

Judith Espinoza  
1401 Virginia Avenue, #202  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

*Remember Judith this week  
with a note or a card.*

*Let's show her Otterbein's  
"tender, loving care"!*

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 3 pm

Friday: Closed