

8:30 am Worship

Chiming the Trinity	Andrea Turner
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Suzanne Cobb
* Opening Praise Songs	The Lion And The Lamb Holy Forever Praise Team
* Opening Prayer	Don Warsing
* Passing of the Peace	The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you. <i>As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange peace with others in the congregation.</i>
First Scripture Reading	Joshua 5:9-12
Children's Moment	Jenny Fitzpatrick <i>Childcare is available for ages 5 and under. Meet a nursery worker at the Sanctuary doors.</i>
Second Scripture Reading	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 The Word of God for us the People of God. Thanks be to God.
Sermon	"So, So Hungry" Rev. Dr. Suzanne Cobb
Prayer	
* Response Praise Song	Same God Praise Team
Prayers of the People	Rev. George Freeman
Lord's Prayer	
Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings	<i>Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it down the row and back again.</i>
Offertory	Paula Scicluna
* Doxology	
* Prayer	
* Closing Praise Song	Desert Song Praise Team
* Dismissal with Blessing	

11:00 am Worship

Gathering

Chiming the Trinity	Andrea Turner
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Suzanne Cobb
Prelude	Paula Scicluna
* Call to Worship	Welcome, all who are walking the Lenten path with heavy and tired hearts. We walk with Jesus, who promises his yoke is easy and his burden is light. Follow the way of Jesus closely, not turning to the right or to the left. Though the road is rough and we cannot see what lies ahead, we will follow our Lord. As you go, remember the promise: Jesus is with us always. We remember, and we hope in the life Jesus brings. Amen.
* Opening Hymn	Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH, 140
* Opening Prayer	Rev. George Freeman Generous God, may we live in awe of your grace toward us today. Shock us with your extravagant love as you call us your beloved daughters and sons. Stir up your Spirit in us to cultivate new life in the midst of broken relationships and a heartbroken world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.
* Confession and Words of Assurance	<i>The leader ends with " ... In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven."</i> In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.
* Passing of the Peace	The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you. <i>As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange peace with others in the congregation.</i>

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination	Jeanne Moore
First Scripture Reading	Joshua 5:9-12
Children's Moment	Jenny Fitzpatrick <i>Childcare is available for ages 5 and under. Meet a nursery worker at the Sanctuary doors.</i>
Proclamation Song	Miserere Chancel Choir Psalm 51
Second Scripture Reading	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 The Word of God for us the People of God. Thanks be to God.
Sermon	"So, So Hungry" Rev. Dr. Suzanne Cobb

Response and Thanksgiving

Response Song	You are My Hiding Place	Covenant
* Affirmation of Faith		UMH, 881
* Gloria Patri		UMH, 71
Prayers of the People		
Lord's Prayer		
Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings		<i>Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it down the row and back again.</i>
Offertory	Have Thine Own Way Lord	Covenant
* Doxology		UMH, 94
* Prayer		

Sending Forth

* Closing Hymn	Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast (vs 1-3)	UMH, 339
* Dismissal with Blessing		
* Postlude		Paula Scicluna
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	*Please stand as you are able.	

The flowers on the altar are given by Diane Lamont
in honor of the Wednesday Morning Bible Study Ladies.

† **Our prayer circle for the week:** Dick & Beth Chase, Joan Catena, Luke Slessman,
Virginia Williams, Marshall Manchester, Kim & Doug Harward,
Troy & Sandra Canady, Bill & Sharon Foster.

Guests: Thank you for joining us. If you are visiting with us today for
the first time text the word "**Welcome**" to 919-689-4300, scan the QR
Code, or fill out the attendance pad with your name and phone #'s so
that we may welcome you by text and email. Please stop by the
welcome cart for a gift and information.



We love children: All children are welcome in Sanctuary worship no matter
how wiggly. Please uphold our Safe Sanctuary policy by accompanying your
child any time they are in the building. Our staffed nursery is available in
Room 116 for children 5 and under.

Sensory Friendly: Children's activity notebooks, sensory bags, & listening
devices are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. Our Sensory Room (109)
provides a soothing place to sit with an overwhelmed child and to access the
service via livestream.

Soapstone Notes

Sign up for all events at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

There will be no Kids Rock or Youth Group Tonight!

Small Group Training Event — Join us on Sunday, April 6, at 12:15 pm, Room 200, for a Small Group Training event designed for all members of small groups, whether leaders or members, as we focus on the transformations that can occur in our worship experience through small groups. Sign up by April 2.

Crafting Ministry Event in April — You're invited to a fun craft event where we'll be making a fun craft together. Join us Wednesday at 4 pm in Room 200 to get creative. Bring \$5 for supplies & sign up at.

Enjoy Ice Cream and Support our Preschool — Join us at Soapstone Preschool Spirit Night at Two Roosters in the Greystone Shopping Center on Tuesday, April 8, 2—9 pm. Mention "Soapstone Preschool" when you purchase - 20% of proceeds benefit the preschool!

Let's Go to the Ball Field — Everyone is invited to watch the Durham Bulls take on the Nashville Sounds at Bulls Athletic Park on August 15, 6:35 pm. We will also be cheering on our very own Covenant Music group, singing the National Anthem. Tickets are \$27 each. Sign up while tickets last.

Men's Breakfast — Men of Soapstone UMC, we invite you to sign up for a breakfast on Saturday, April 26 at 8:30 am (*date change*), in Room 200. This is a wonderful opportunity for the men of our church community to come together, share a meal, and strengthen our bonds of fellowship.

Palm Sunday Easter Cantata — Soapstone's Cantata Choir & Orchestra will present, *From "Amazing Love! Recalling Christ's Sacrifice"* music by Lloyd Larson & Joel Raney during the 8:30 & 11:00 am worship services on April 13.

Produce Boxes — Beginning May 13, we will partner with Spring Forest CSA by becoming a distribution site for their fresh summer and fall produce boxes. Spring Forest CSA is a United Methodist Church farm committed to sustainable agriculture and supporting missional causes both locally and beyond. To subscribe, go to soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Spring BBQ Sale — Friday, May 2. Lunch tubs of BBQ from 11 am—1 pm, and dinner plates & tubs from 4 – 7 pm. Sign up to volunteer for setup, cooking, meal prep, and clean up.

Strawberry Festival — Our Strawberry Festival is May 3, 11 am—2 pm. There are a ton of volunteer opportunities, face painting, ticket sales, donations for the bake sale, or gift cards to our gift card tree, and so much more. Sign up to volunteer or donate items.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday — April 17, 7 pm, Room 200.

This service commemorates the Last Supper with preaching, hymns, and Holy Communion.

Good Friday — April 18, 10 am—2 pm. You're invited to self-guided prayer and reflection in a way that's meaningful to you. Walk the labyrinth in Room 200 as a symbolic journey of faith or visit the Sanctuary for quiet meditation and prayer.

Easter Sunday — April 20. Three services with Holy Communion.

We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

He is risen, indeed!

6:30 am Sunrise Service, amphitheater near Old Creedmoor Rd

8:30 am and 11 am, Sanctuary Services

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

All Zoom & Microsoft Teams links can be found at soapstoneumc.org/calendar

Sunday, March 30

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

2:30 pm Jesus in the Gospels on Zoom

5:00 pm NO Kids Rock & Youth Group

Monday, March 31, Church Office Closed

4:30 pm Jesus in the Gospels in 101/103

6:30 pm Boy Scouts at the Chapel

7:00 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study in 101/103

7:00 pm Soul Tenders in 200

Tuesday, April 1

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group in 114

1:15 pm Pilates in 200

6:30 pm Cub Scout Leader Meeting in 101/103

7:00 pm Missions Committee in 108/110

Wednesday, April 2

9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study in 200

4:00 pm Crafting Ministry in 200

7:00 pm Choir Practice in 119

Thursday, April 3

9:45 am Pilates in 200

6:30 pm Adult Handbells in 117

7:00 pm Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study in 101/103

7:30 pm Praise Team in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 4

10:00 am MOMCo Playdate at Baileywick Park

Saturday, April 5

9:00 am Intrepid Hikers

Office hours Monday — Thursday 9:00 am —3:30 pm, 919-846-2212

After-Hours Pastoral Care Line — If you have an urgent need for pastoral care when the church office is closed, please call 919-256-8336 and leave a message for the pastor or staff person on call.

Pastors, Staff, and those serving today:

Interim Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Suzanne Cobb, scobb@soapstoneumc.org

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Katie Cable, kcable@soapstoneumc.org

Scripture Readers: Danny Wever at 8:30 and Jeanne Moore at 11:00



March 30, 2025

4th Sunday in Lent

We're so glad you've joined us today. This is your service and your time to praise, laugh, cry, pray and reconnect to the ways God is moving in our lives. Whether you come from a place of peace and wholeness or from the fringe with a heart of despair and confusion, know that you are loved and accepted by God and his son Jesus Christ and through the welcome embrace of the people of Soapstone.



Worship - Learn - Fellowship - Serve

We are a "Lighthouse Congregation" committed to living fully into our identity as a United Methodist Christian community that practices habits of hospitality and encircles all whom we encounter with Christ's love.

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