

8:30 am Worship with Praise Music

Assisted Listening Devices are available at the A/V booth.

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| Chiming of the Trinity | Andrea Turner |
| Welcome | Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye |
| * Opening Praise Songs | Cornerstone Living Hope 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 | Micah 6:1-8 James Bernstein |
| Children's Moment | Danny Peck <i>Nursery available (5 & under). Activity bags and sensory items are in the Narthex. Room 109 offers a calming space with a livestream.</i> |
| * Second Scripture Reading | John 8:2-11 This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. Thanks be to God. |
| Sermon | <i>"The Good News is... Rooted in Justice, Mercy and Faithfulness."</i> Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye |
| Prayer | |
| * Response Praise Song | Come As You Are Praise Team |
| Prayers of the People | |
| The 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 |
| | * Offering Praise Song |
| | * Prayer |
| * Closing Praise Song | Your Grace Is Enough Praise Team |
| * Dismissal with Blessing | |

11:00 am Traditional Worship

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Gathering

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| Chiming of the Trinity | Andrea Turner |
| Welcome | Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye |
| Prelude | Paula Scicluna |
| * Call to Worship | Early in the morning, Jesus came into the temple, and the people gathered around him. We gather, too—seeking truth, grace, and the good news of God. In a world quick to judge and slow to love, Christ calls us to something better. We come to learn the way of justice, mercy, and faithfulness. Jesus does not condemn the broken; he lifts them up and calls them forward. We come with open hearts, ready to receive grace and to share it with others. Come, let us worship the God whose love restores and whose mercy sets us free. We worship the One who calls us to live rooted in justice, mercy, and faithfulness. |
| * Opening Hymn | O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs 1-4) UMH, 57 |
| * Opening Prayer | Michael Woodward In a world that is quick to accuse and eager to divide, teach us the better way of Christ—the way of justice that protects the vulnerable, the way of mercy that restores the fallen, and the way of faithfulness that reflects your heart. Root us deeply in your love so that our words bring healing instead of harm, our actions bring compassion instead of condemnation, and our lives bear witness to the good news you offer the world. |
| * Confession and Words of Assurance | The leader ends with " ... In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven." 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 | Jim Galloway The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray: |

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| Children's Moment | Danny Peck <i>Nursery available (5 & under). Activity bags and sensory items are in the Narthex. Room 109 offers a calming space with a livestream.</i> |
| Proclamation Song | Grace Chancel Choir |
| * Second Scripture Reading | John 8:2-11 This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. Thanks be to God. |
| Sermon | <i>"The Good News is... Rooted in Justice, Mercy and Faithfulness."</i> Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye |
| | Response and Thanksgiving |
| * Responsive Hymn | Help Us Accept Each Other (vs 1 & 4) UMH, 560 |
| * Affirmation of Faith | UMH, 881 |
| * Gloria Patri | UMH, 71 |
| Prayers of the People | |
| The Lord's Prayer | |
| Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings | <i>Please sign the Fellowship Pad, pass it down the row, and back again.</i> |
| | Offertory |
| | * Doxology UMH, 95 |
| | * Prayer |
| | Sending Forth |
| * Closing Hymn | Forth in Thy Name, O Lord UMH, 438 |
| * Dismissal with Blessing | |
| * Postlude | Paula Scicluna * Please stand as you are able. The flowers on the altar are given by Todd & Laura Smith, in honor of Down Syndrome Day. |



Katie Rawson, Joan Cavin, Gary & Karen Shell,
Dan & Dolly Daniel, Lucy & Jim Mondo

Visiting for the first time? We're glad you're here!

Please text "Welcome" to 919-689-4300, scan the QR code, or write your name and phone number in the attendance pad. We'd love to greet you by text and email. Stop by the Welcome Center to receive a gift and learn more about us!



Upcoming News & Events

Sign up for events and learn more by visiting our website.



Bishop Leonard Fairley Speaking and Book Signing

Join us TONIGHT from 5–7 pm in the sanctuary for a book signing with former Soapstone UMC pastor and UMCSA Resident Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, author of *Silver Linings*. Bishop Fairley will speak before the signing, with books available for purchase and refreshments provided. Purchase in advance at advocatesc.org or at the event.



Dr. Lester Ruth Speaks on Christian Nationalism

Whether the concept of Christian Nationalism is completely new to you or something you've been curious about for a while, you have an opportunity to explore some new perspectives together with Dr. Lester Ruth when he joins us at Soapstone on Monday, March 23, 7 - 8:30 pm.

Palm Sunday Canata

Our Cantata Choir and Orchestra present "*Blessed (A Holy Week Journey through the Beatitudes)*" by Joel Raney, with words by Pamela Stewart, on March 29 at both worship services. Experience a moving Holy Week journey told in the present tense, drawing us into the story as it unfolds and revealing Christ as both the giver of blessing and the One who fully shares in our humanity.



Books That Stick with Pastor Laura

Join Pastor Laura for a conversation about books that have stayed with her. On Sunday, March 29, at 5 pm in Room 101/103, we'll discuss "*Life Together*" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. All are welcome—come, having read the book or just for the conversation.

Join us for Holy Week as we Journey Together in Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7 pm,
Good Friday, April 3, at 7 pm,
Easter Sunday, April 5
6:30 am (Sunrise), 8:30 am, and 11 am.
Come and experience the story of Christ's love, sacrifice, and resurrection.



Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

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

Sunday, March 22

- 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 2:30 pm Christian Believer, online
- 3:00 pm End Of Life Lenten Series, 200
- 3:45 pm Set In Stone, Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Kids Rock & Youth Group (ends at 6:30 pm)
- 5:00 pm Bishop Fairley Speaking and Book Signing, Sanctuary

Monday, March 23

- 1:00 pm Lenten Series Trip to Endswell, 116 Crutchfield St
- 6:00 pm Youth Handbell Practice, 117
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts, at the Chapel
- 7:00 pm Soul Tenders, 200
- 7:00 pm Christian Nationalism Conversation, Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 24

- 9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group, 114
- 9:30 am MOMCo Meeting, 108/110
- 1:15 pm Pilates, 200
- 5:30 pm Strategic Working Team, 202
- 6:00 pm Christian Believer, 109
- 6:30 pm Cub Scout Den Meetings, downstairs
- 7:00 pm SPRC, 202 & Teams
- 7:30 pm Social Justice, Zoom

Wednesday, March 25

- 9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study, 200
- 6:00 pm Eagle Boards, 111, 114
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice, 119
- 7:00 pm Preschool Advisory Committee, 108/110
- 7:00 pm Women's Book Club, Zoom
- 7:30 pm Dismantling Racism Book Discussion, Zoom

Thursday, March 26

- 9:45 am Pilates, 200
- 1:15 pm MOMCo Playdate, SUMC Playground
- 6:00 pm Prison Ministry, 108/110
- 6:30 pm Adult Handbells, 117
- 7:00 pm Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study, 101/103

Friday, March 27

- 12:00 pm Women's Book Club, Manchesters

Saturday, March 28

- 9:00 am Intrepid Hikers
- 9:00 am Cantata Practice, Sanctuary

Pastors and Directors serving today:

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye, dquaye@soapstoneumc.org
Director of Music Ministries: Andrea Turner, aturner@soapstoneumc.org
Director of Family Ministries: Danny Peck, dpeck@soapstoneumc.org

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



March 22, 2026 5th Sunday of Lent

We're so glad you've joined us today. 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.

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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