



## **Worship Bulletin and Herndon UMC News March 9, 2025**

You are welcome here! This church is made up of people of all kinds. You'll hear music, words, prayers, laughter, and silence. Take it all in, participate in ways that make sense for you, and know that however you come and whoever you are, you are loved by God. If you are new, please introduce yourself to those around you or at [welcome@herndonumc.org](mailto:welcome@herndonumc.org).

DISCOVER HERNDON. If you are new or newly returning and would like to know more about how to get connected at Herndon UMC, a few staff will be at Anita's at 11:30am for lunch. All are welcome!

GET THE LENTEN DEVOTIONAL offering poems, hymns, artwork, and reflections. You need to request a copy (available electronically or on paper) from [bit.ly/getlentdevo2025](https://bit.ly/getlentdevo2025).

LEARN WHAT IS HAPPENING during Lent at [herndonumc.org/lent-easter](https://herndonumc.org/lent-easter). The latest edition of the Herndon UMC Newsletter is also available in the app, at [herndonumc.org/newsletters](https://herndonumc.org/newsletters), or from the Connection Corners. Check out the stories from the last two months and learn how you can engage this Lenten season.

HANDBELL CHOIR GATHERS TODAY from 11:30am-12:15pm in the music room. Prior experience and music reading ability are not required, though they are certainly welcome! For info, email [christopher@herndonumc.org](mailto:christopher@herndonumc.org).

CHERRY BLOSSOM BRASS BAND CONCERT ON MONDAY at 7pm in Doe Hall. This is a preview of their music for the national competition.

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NEW SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS. Support Cornerstones (and Mary Martha Circle). All sizes are welcome. Leave socks in the cabinet in room 105. There is a sign on the door and a basket inside.

HERNDON UMC'S NEXT SERVICE DATE AT THE CLOSET IS 3/12. Sign up in the app, on the clipboard, or at [bit.ly/HerndonUMCNeeds](https://bit.ly/HerndonUMCNeeds). Join the group to see all the needs. For info, contact [thecloset@herndonumc.org](mailto:thecloset@herndonumc.org).

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP DINNER ON 3/19 supports the HUMC Preschool Scholarship Fund. The HUMC Preschool Committee will offer pulled pork barbeque sandwiches, chicken nuggets, and an assortment of sides and desserts. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm. All are welcome.

SPRING WOMEN'S RETREAT, 3/29! Welcome back Rev. Kris Beckert for this retreat focusing on how we are SENT right where we are. Register at [bit.ly/womensspringretreat2025](https://bit.ly/womensspringretreat2025). Email [womensevents@herndonumc.org](mailto:womensevents@herndonumc.org).

SAVE THE DATES 7/21-25 and register kids (age 3 through grade 6) for Vacation Bible School today at [bit.ly/herndonvbs2025](https://bit.ly/herndonvbs2025)! As kids trek through this Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. True North VBS shows them that Jesus is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! The fee is just \$60 for this summer adventure and need-based scholarships are available. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jomo at [jomo@herndonumc.org](mailto:jomo@herndonumc.org).

GROW IN FAITH OVER THE SUMMER. Other opportunities for mission, music, and more are available or information will be coming soon. Keep an eye on [herndonumc.org/summer](https://herndonumc.org/summer).

New UPPER ROOM devotionals are available from the Welcome Centers.

Get the latest news in the Herndon UMC app or [herndonumc.org](https://herndonumc.org), under News, select Weekly eNews. Sign up for emails at [bit.ly/HerndonEmails](https://bit.ly/HerndonEmails).

Worship—10 AM

**Gathering Music** | Played by Melissa Chavez

**Welcome & Announcements** | Rev. Pam Bentley

**Call to Worship** | Rev. Pam Bentley

[One] Here in this place, we can ask big questions.  
Who is my neighbor? How can I help?  
What do I have to learn? Where is God in it all?

**[All] Here in this place, we can ask big questions.  
So may we listen. May we learn.**

[One] May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

**[All] This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.**

**Opening Song** | *You Give Your Church a Story* | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette | Led by Melissa Chavez

**You give your church a story, O God of wondrous grace —  
A story of your goodness and of your love's embrace:  
A wandering Aramean once settled in the land.  
Your people longed for freedom; you saved them by your hand.**

**You give to us a harvest and teach us to recall  
That when your gifts seem endless and when our fields grow tall,  
We're called to share your kindness — with immigrants as friends;  
Your story still reminds us how far your love extends.**

**You give your church a memory — the good news written down —  
So when the world is scary, we'll know where help is found.  
As Jesus quoted scripture when good and evil blurred,  
We see the bigger picture when guided by your word.**

**Your word to us is precious – reminding where we've been,  
proclaiming you are generous, and teaching, "Love will win!"  
It points us to your glory and shows us what to do.  
May we who hear your story be glad to follow you.**

**Call to Confession and Opening Prayer | Rev. Pam Bentley**

Our faith tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, but you and I know that is often easier said than done.

Fortunately for us, prayer can be a tool for transformation.

When we are honest before God and each other, we open the door to growth and change.

So join me in the prayer of confession.

Join me now, so that tomorrow, we will be even better at loving our neighbors as ourselves. Let us pray:

**Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics. We want to know: who is our neighbor? Do we have to love the stranger? Must we have compassion for our enemy? Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love. Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass. With hope we pray, amen.**

Family of faith,

When we set limits on love,

God loves extravagantly.

When we forget that we are neighbors,

God claims us as God's own.

When we judge, hold back, or harm,

God surrounds us with grace.

There is nothing we can do or leave undone

that could separate us from the love of God.

This is the good news of the gospel. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Passing of the Peace** | Rev. Pam Bentley

**Prayer of Illumination** | Rev. Pam Bentley

**Gracious God,  
We love to ask you questions.  
We love to throw our wonderings at the sky,  
to bring our curiosity to your feet,  
to examine, beseech, and imagine all day long.  
But when the answers come,  
we don't always like what we hear.  
Awaken a curiosity in us.  
Awaken a penchant for listening,  
and make room in our spirits for your Word to land. With hope we  
question,  
we wonder,  
we dream,  
we listen.  
Amen.**

**Scripture** | Luke 10:25-37 NRSVUE | Matt Mills

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to

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Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message** | Rev. SeongJae Jo

**Special Music** | *It's You I Like* | Written by Fred Rogers | Melissa Chavez

**Invitation to Giving** | Rev. Pam Bentley

**Offertory** | *Let the Living Waters Flow* | from Mass by Steve Schalchlin and Mark Janas | Margaret Tobat, soloist, Wesley Choir

Christ brought healing to the blind and the hopeless  
Just as music brings prayer unto the soul  
So the rivers flow from the heart of love  
And to love we surrender control,  
As we sing forever, shall we stand as one  
Raising song together, Mother, father, daughter, son.

Let the living waters flow.

Let the living waters flow.  
God's forgiveness they bestow  
That His love in us may grow  
Let the living waters flow.

God breathed life into the bones in a desert  
As His spirit breathes life into us all  
So the waters flow from eternal springs  
Bringing life to the great and the small.  
As we stand together, as we stand as one.  
Joining hearts forever, Mother, father, daughter, son.

Let the living waters flow.  
Let the living waters flow.  
Heaven's blessings here below  
God's forgiveness we shall know  
Let the living waters flow.

Let the living waters flow.  
Let the living waters flow.  
Good things come and good things go  
We are thankful even so  
Let the living waters,  
Let the healing waters  
Flow.  
Flow.

**Doxology** | *Lenten Doxology* | Old Hundredth | led by Melissa Chavez

**Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, Our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts.  
Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer | Rev. Pam Bentley**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Closing Song | *The Summons* | FWS 2130 | led by Melissa Chavez and Christopher Simon**

**[V.1] Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**[V.2] Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**[V.3] Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**[V.4] Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**[V.5] Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.**



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**Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

**Benediction** | Rev. SeongJae Jo

**Leaving Music** | played by Melissa Chavez