

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Closing Song *Hold to God's Unchanging Hand*

HSUMC Received a Grant!

Congratulations! The Shandon Neighborhood Council voted unanimously at its March 10, 2025 meeting to award Heyward Street United Methodist Church a grant of \$800.00 to support supply costs for the Community Ice Cream Social proposed in your application to the 2025 Shandon Turkey Trot Grant Program.



This is an exciting, engaging opportunity to connect Christ with Community. Many thanks to Heather Williams and Alexandra Agee for submitting the grant application. Our Evangelism Team will coordinate this event.

Easter Lilies Are Coming!



To celebrate the joy of Easter, lilies will decorate our sanctuary. We invite you to sponsor lilies for \$18 each. Please complete an order form including in honor or in memory. Include payment via check or pay online using dropdown sanctuary flowers.

Committee of the Week

Our **Evangelism Committee** coordinates opportunities for the church to connect with our local community. Many thanks to Marlene, Gaye, Audrey, Lee, Karen, Dixie, Andi and Elsie for gifting their time and expertise to this committee.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

April 5 Trustees meet in Room 123 at 11:35 am

April 13 Finance Committee meets in Room 123 at 11:35 am

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HEYWARD STREET UMC

March 30, 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome

Call to Worship

adapted Schuman

Lent calls us to daily reflection, open hearted grace, and vibrant vulnerability.

We choose to walk this path of Lent with gentle hearts and wise thoughts.

Lent calls us to see the world for what it is and to imagine what the world can be.

We choose to let the pain of brokenness penetrate our hearts so we can imagine a redeemed world.

Lent calls us to take up the cross of justice, mercy, and compassion and follow Jesus.

We choose to trust the one who bears it with us.

Lent calls us to journey with God.

Let us worship God, who walks with us every day.

Song

Faithful God

Praise Team

Scripture II Corinthians 5:16-21 Pew Bible p 181

Receiving of the Offering

Sermon

Making It New

Rev. Blom

Song

Rise Up Lazarus

Praise Team

Devotional for Fourth Week of Lent

The Hardest Part: hurt we carry, hope we find (adapted)
K. Bowler, B. Thompson, A. Taylor, H. Durrett

*“How long, O Lord?
Will you forget me
forever? How long will
you hide your face from
me? How long must I
bear pain in my soul and
have sorrow in my heart
all day long? How long
shall my enemy be
exalted over me?”*

—PSALM 13:1-2 (NRSVUE)



Reflect

I'd like to make a strong case for complaint as a spiritual virtue. There is something cathartic when you don't have to eat it. When, instead, you can say, "This did not go well. I am decidedly not pleased. Everyone needs to do better." Complaining allows us to see that the world is not as it should be. Complaining to God allows us to locate ourselves and God in a situation. When we say to God, "I am tired of being sick, I am tired of people not listening to me, I am angry that this is happening. Where are you?" Then, we might find that God shows up in surprising ways—when a friend knows a friend, when someone brings you dinner, when the doctor finally understands. Your complaints might help you figure out the next right step or just help you get it all out. Either way, God can handle your complaints. God will listen.

Practice ~ What's New?

From your Lenten bag, remove the white plastic egg. II Corinthians says, "All things are being made new." Hold the egg in your hand and give thanks for one new, positive thing in your life.

Blessing

*Blessed are you who don't have
all the right answers.*

*You who say "I don't know"
because it's the best response
for now.*

*Blessed are you,
stretched and pressed and pulled
by the uncertainty,
deciding to not stay the same,
we are not who we were.*

*We have been pulled into the
unknown without our permission.*

*But the challenge is the same:
reveal truth with love amid the
chaos.*

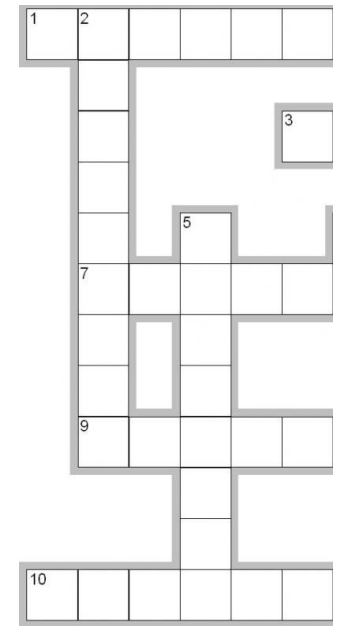
*Blessed are you who realize that
community can help see truth
more fully.*

*Being fragile amid a world of hammers
takes courage*

*to be wrong, to learn something new,
to choose humility and kindness over being right.*

*May we be people who don't have it all together
(and who are done posturing).*

Curious, hopeful, courageous.



Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie. "For When You Need a Second to Think It Over" in *The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days*. (New York: Convergent Books, 2023). 94-95.