



# Lent with Burke UMC

## Feasting with the Found

We're glad you're with us today because wherever you are on life's journey, there's a place here for you. There are many ways to find information about Burke UMC. If you are in person for worship, you can find info in your pews or stop by our Connection Center. You can also [explore our website](#) to learn more about opportunities to connect in community. We hope you will [register your attendance](#) and find ways you might grow in your faith. You are beloved, and we are so glad to have worshipped with you this morning!

March 8, 2026  
Third Sunday in Lent



# Welcome to worship with Burke United Methodist Church

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## **Prelude - Before the Dawn**

by Jason Krug  
Joyful Ringers

## **Words of Welcome**

### **\*Opening Hymn - He Leadeth Me (UMH 128)**

### **\*Opening Prayer**

### **\*Doxology (UMH 95 - Adapted)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **Anthem - The Sign of Christ, Kathie Hill**

Good News Singers

In Bible times it was a crime to worship Christ. So early saints made up a way, a secret sign. Drawing half of a fish in the sand, they'd wait to see who would complete the other half. Draw a line on your side, say a prayer hoping this, that the line on their side, over there, forms a fish. If so, you'll know they're believers in the Lord. Draw a line, make the sign of the Christ. Throughout the years it has appeared in many ways. Drawn in the dirt or on your shirt the fish still says: " I believe in Jesus Christ, do you?" In days of old, for you to know, here's what you'd do: Draw a line on your side, say a prayer hoping this, that the line on their side, over there, forms a fish. If so, you'll know they're believers in the Lord. Draw a line, make the sign of Christ.



Children ages 4-2nd grade who are interested are invited to depart for Children's Church.

## **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**First Scripture Lesson - Jeremiah 29:11-14**

**Main Scripture Reading - Luke 15: 11-32**

**Message - Rev. Evelyn Archer-Taminger**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**Opportunities for Discipleship**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Offertory - Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown**

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**\*Closing Hymn - God Will Take Care of You (UMH 130)**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response (UMH 269)**

*And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide, yea,  
evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide*

**\*Postlude - Jesus, I Will Ponder Now**

arr. Wilbur Held  
Linda Brese, organ



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## Empowering Our Girls Collection

Empowerment starts with meeting basic needs. This March, we invite you to support Empower the Girls, a donation drive **collecting feminine hygiene products, new and gently used bras, and new underwear.** These often-overlooked essentials can have a life-changing impact, helping girls feel confident, supported, and empowered. Every contribution matters, and every donation helps a girl feel seen and valued. Drop off your donations in the entryway or Donation Center in the back parking lot through the end of the month!

## March 10: faith250 (7-8:30 pm)



Today is the last day to reserve your spot for the second faith250 gathering, sacred conversations about America through the lens of faith. This month we'll be discussing the Declaration of Independence at Congregation Olam Tikvah. For security reasons, registration at the door will not be allowed, so please make sure to fill out this form today if you plan to attend.



## March 21: Broadway at Burke

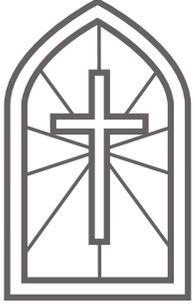
We're rolling out the red carpet for Broadway at Burke, March 21 in our Sanctuary! Arrive between 5:30-6:15 pm for appetizers and fellowship. Doors open for general seating at 6:10 pm, and the show will start promptly at 6:30 pm. Enjoy an evening of Broadway songs performed by our talented BUMC members, a paparazzi selfie station, and giveaways. This is a FREE event open to the community.

Want to help make the night a success? Sign up to donate food items, serve, or clean up using this signup genius.



## Mid-Week Lenten Communion Services

Mid-week Lenten Worship Services with Communion continue throughout Lent on Wednesdays at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary. Please join us whenever you are able!



## Stations of the Cross:

We are painting the Stations of the Cross again on the beautiful front windows of BUMC! Individuals, families, or groups may sign up for one or more windows. Windows should be painted between March 20-28. [Reserve your window here!](#)



## Burke United Methodist Church Preschool: Now enrolling!

At BUMP Preschool, experienced teachers provide a warm, nurturing environment where every child feels loved, supported, and ready to learn. Know anyone looking for a preschool? Let them know BUMP is enrolling for Fall 2026!



## Looking ahead!

*Mark your calendar with service times for Holy Week & Easter!*

- March 29: Palm Sunday, 9:30 AM
- April 2: Maundy Thursday, 7:30 PM
- April 3: Good Friday, 7:30 PM
- April 5: Easter Sunday
  - 7 AM (Lee Chapel)
  - 9 AM and 11 AM (Sanctuary)



## Altar Flower Donations

Interested in donating flowers for an upcoming worship service in honor/memory of a loved one? Sign up at the Connection Center or reach out to Sonja Vanden Berghe at [sonjavandenbergh@burkeumc.org](mailto:sonjavandenbergh@burkeumc.org) for more information.

*For additional information on upcoming opportunities to connect!*  
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