



Full to the Brim

An expansive lent



COMMUNITY
OF FAITH UMC

**FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT**

**MARCH 15, 2026
10:00 AM**

OUR VISION

To be a church that is creative, fearless, diverse, and vibrant, where everyone is welcome regardless of where they are in their faith journey.

WELCOME!

*"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes
the one who sent me." (Mt. 10:40)*

At Community of Faith, we believe each individual is of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the beautiful diversity of all races, nationalities, and ethnicities. We welcome and affirm you whether you are rich or poor; love the Church, have never been to Church, or have been wounded by spiritual communities; gay, straight, or whatever your gender identity, expression, and sexual orientation may be; married or single; a person with children or without children; able-bodied, differently-abled, or challenged with mental or emotional health issues; certain of many things or full of questions. We vow to be a safe community truly open to everyone to grow in faith - God's love has no bounds.



Getting Connected

We are truly glad you are here! We invite you to look over this week's announcements. Feel free to participate in any upcoming activities that interest you. Pastor Abi, staff, or greeters are happy to answer any questions.

Check out cofumc.org for information about:

- ◆ Children & Youth
- ◆ Adult Learning & Small Groups
- ◆ Choir & Music Ministry
- ◆ The Food Pantry
- ◆ Local Mission & Outreach

Prayer Ministry

You may submit prayer, concerns, and praises online 24 hours a day through our website, (cofumc.org/church-online). Additionally, you are encouraged to visit this page regularly so that you may intercede on behalf of the community.

Ministry with Children

After the message, children are invited to head to Sunday School and parents may pick them up after service in the Next Gen room at the end of the Education Wing.

Holy Communion

As a United Methodist congregation, we practice an open Communion Table. This means that **all** are welcome to participate. For those with allergies, gluten free elements are available upon request.

Technology & Guest Wi-Fi

For those with hearing impairment, please see one of our ushers for hearing augmentation services that are available. To access wi-fi during worship, the guest password is:

[Godlovesyou](#)



Generosity

Tithes and offerings may be placed in the brass plate on the altar during the Sharing of the Meal. Or, you may give electronically through our website by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Please stand as you are able. We're glad you're here. Welcome!*

PRELUDE	<i>A Wilderness Wandering People</i>	Praise TEam
*GATHERING SONG	<i>Home</i>	Screens
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Hannah Godfrey
*OPENING HYMN	<i>Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy</i>	UMH #340
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Rev. Abi Foerster
*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS		
WORDS OF WELCOME		
MINISTRY MOMENT	<i>Prayer Focus</i>	Beth Carter, Lay Leader
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Luke 15:1 -3, 11b - 32, 2 Cor. 5:16 -21 (NRSV)	Joseph East
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Tierra Whitlow
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	<i>Create in Me a Clean Heart</i>	Screens
SERMON	Prodigal Grace	Rev. Abi Foerster
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		Screens
*DOXOLOGY		UMH #95
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Mercy</i>	Sanctuary Choir
<p><i>Please prepare your tithes and offerings during the special music so that you may place them in the brass plate on the altar during the Sharing of the Meal. Or, you may also give electronically through our website https://cofumc.org/mycof-donate/. Thank you for your generosity.</i></p>		
INVITATION TO THE TABLE		Rev. Abi Foerster
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		
*SHARING THE MEAL	<i>Goodness of God</i>	Screens
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Hannah Godfrey
*SENDING HYMN	<i>He Who Began a Good Work in You</i>	TFWS #2163
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Abi Foerster
*SUNG BLESSING & DISMISSAL	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	UMH #665
*POSTLUDE	<i>Home (Reprise)</i>	Praise Team

WAYS TO CONNECT, GROW & SERVE



LOOKING FOR SOME BUNNY TO HELP!

Help Bless Our Children on Easter Sunday!
Donate a dozen or more eggs by March 29, 2026.

EGG HUNT



Our Community Easter Egg Hunt is coming up, and we need your help stuffing plastic eggs with candy and small surprises. It's an easy, fun way to bless our neighborhood kids. Please pick up a bag of empty plastic eggs from the purple bin near the welcome table, fill them at home with candy (instructions provided), and then return them by Palm Sunday. Also please note that you are taking eggs on the clipboard nearby. Thank you for helping us share that love.





ALL CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday, March 28
8 AM - 12 PM

SIGN UP NOW!

- Yardwork
- Easter Prep
- Jobs for All



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2
6 PM Dinner | 7 PM Worship

Co-Hosted by COF & Vale UMC
This interactive, intergenerational service witnesses God's invitations to encounter, to connect, and to be transformed.

Soup & Salad Menu*

- Lentil Soup
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Garden Salad & Warm Bread

*There will be gluten free options available.

RSVP to office@cofumc.org

welcome!

EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 AFTER 10 AM SERVICE

Infants - Children in 6th Grade
Front Lawn of Community of Faith

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Self-Guided Pilgrimage

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross
7 AM - 7 PM
COFUMC Sanctuary




RISE AGAINST HUNGER®

SPECIAL LENT OFFERING!




GO TEAM

GOAL!

\$4,200 = 10,152 meals

\$4,900 = 12,096 meals

\$6,200 = 15,120 meals



GRAINS OF HOPE
Nourish • Inspire • Connect

VOLUNTEER!

FOOD PANTRY

Pick up groceries. Distribute food.
Support our food pantry

TUESDAY DISTRIBUTION
4 - 6 PM

GROCERY RUNS
All Days Needed
Mornings

For more information contact Hannah Godfrey

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