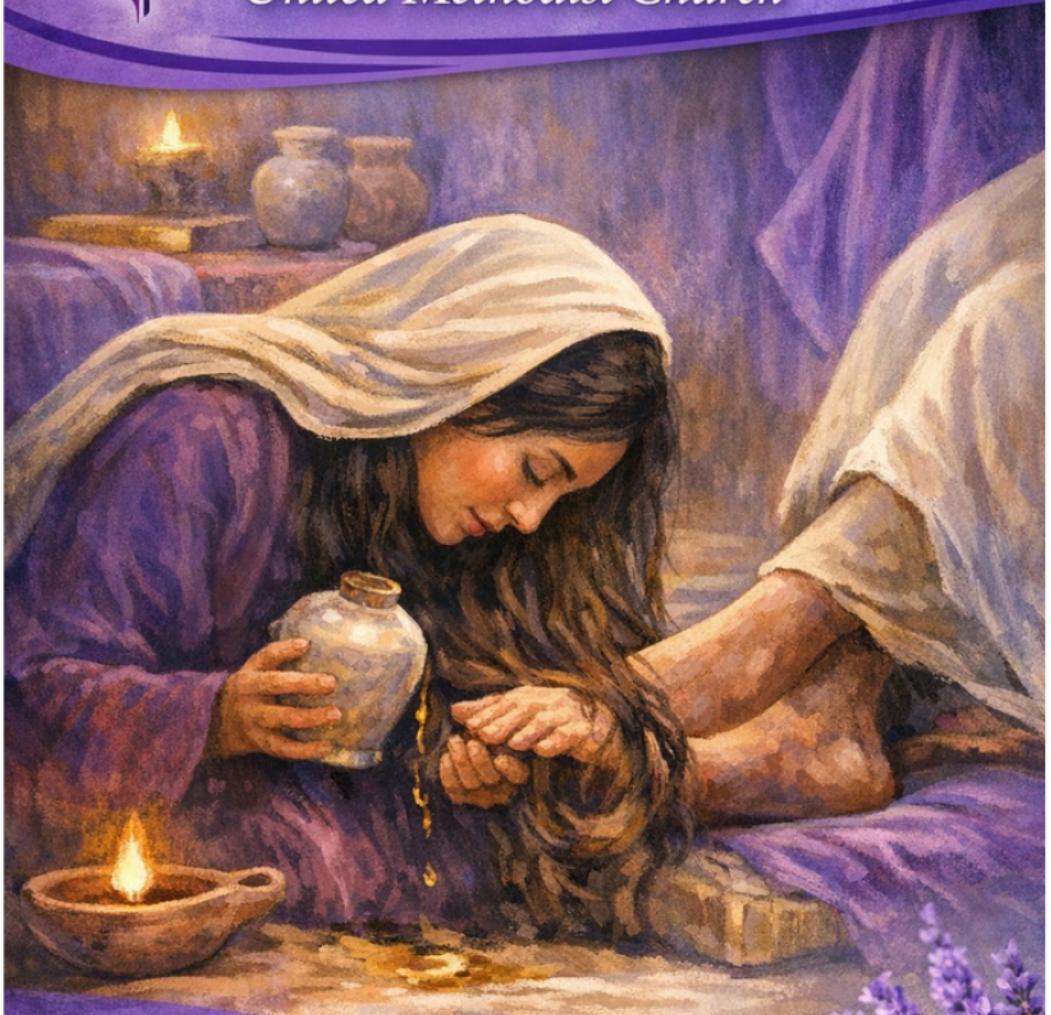




# EDISTO ISLAND

*United Methodist Church*



*The Fragrance  
of Faith*



# SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

**PRELUDE**      “A Lenten Meditation”

Rogers

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT #349**      “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

In times of security and times of uncertainty,

**O Lord, you hear our prayers.**

**Confident in your faithfulness,**

**We will ever praise your name.**

Through the abundance of your steadfast love, you have gathered us into your house.

**In the holiness of your presence, we bow down to worship and adore you.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Holy God, as Mary knelt and poured out her love for Jesus, open our hearts to offer you our whole selves. Let the fragrance of your mercy fill this place. Teach us to trust your abundance, to give with gratitude, and to honor Christ with all we are. Meet us now in grace that never runs dry. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #189**      “Fairest Lord Jesus”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Even in our faithfulness, God loves us still and waits in mercy to forgive. Trusting in the promises given in our baptism, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back in fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day. For the sake of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

(Let us confess our sins in silence.)

Hear the good news! By faith we have been saved, our guilty hearts washed clean. Refreshed, revived, and renewed, empowered by the Holy Spirit, live as ones who are forgiven and freed, giving thanks to God. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**Speak to us, O Lord, your saving Word; fill us with your Holy Spirit and feed us with the bread of life. Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Kings 17: 8-16

### **THE PSALTER #837**

Psalms 116: 1-2, 12-19

### **EPISTLE LESSON**

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

### **\*GOSPEL LESSON**

John 12: 1-11

**SERMON**        “The Fragrance of Faith”

**\*HYMN #405**        “Seek Ye First”

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

God calls us to share what we have – a little bread, a little water – and God uses these simple gifts to bring abundant blessing to the world.

### **GOD’S GIFTS AND OUR TITHES**

### **ANTHEM**

**\*DOXOLOGY #95**

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**Thanks and praise to you, O God; by your grace you bring the dead to life. Let us use the breath you have given us to speak your truth and sing your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. An.**

**\*HYMN #156**        “I Love to Tell the Story”

### **\*SENDING FORTH**

Your life is a gift of grace; use it to the glory of God! Now arise and go with joy! God looks with favor upon you.

**Amen.**

This morning's flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Bob & Debbie Spratlin.

**Participating in Worship Today:** Steve Strange and Alex Cone

**LAST SUNDAY** Attendance: 28 Offering: \$2,150.00

Bill Loy, Robyn Tindall, Dylan Rearden, Ann Bond, Lacey Reeves, Bob Spratlin, Evan McMillan, Donna Padgette, Laura & Jim Emory, Ethelynn Boozer & Family, Nancy Culclasure, Lauren (Donna's niece), Dale Steele, Margaret Steele, Thomas Tindall, Buff Yelton, Dawn & Berry Wren



**Nancie's Clothes Closet**

**Mondays 10:00am-1:00pm & 2:00pm-5:00pm**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22:**

Reception for Mary Ann Odom Fellowship Hall after service

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24:**

Mission Committee Meeting Fellowship Hall 10:00am

Church Council Fellowship Hall 2:00pm

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26:** Lenten Study Fellowship Hall 2:00pm

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2:** Maundy Thursday Service Sanctuary 11:00am

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9:** Women in Faith/Godwin-Pate Circle Meeting

Fellowship Hall 9:30 Social Time 10:00am Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15:** United Methodist Men Fellowship Hall 8:30am

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# Good Tide-ings

Edisto Island United Methodist Church

8193 Palmetto Road

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

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Fellowship Hall after service

MONDAY, MARCH 23

Nancie's Clothes Closet  
10:00am-1:00pm & 2:00pm -5:00pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Mission Committee 10:00am  
Church Council 2:00pm  
Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

5th Lenten Study  
Fellowship Hall  
2:00pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday Service 11:00am  
Sanctuary

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Fellowship Hall  
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United Methodist Men  
Fellowship Hall  
8:30am

## “The Fragrance of Faith”

Last Sunday we stood at the mouth of a tomb with Jesus and heard him call Lazarus back into the land of the living. Many of you said afterward that the story stayed with you — the stone rolling away, the grave clothes falling, the shock of a man walking out into the sunlight again. John 11 has a way of doing that. It reminds us that Jesus doesn't just talk about life; he gives it.

This week, as we move into the 5th Sunday in Lent, the Gospel takes us somewhere quieter but no less powerful. We leave the tomb and step into a home — the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. The air is different here. The mood is different. And what happens in that room will prepare us for the road to the cross.

Mary breaks open a jar of costly perfume and pours it on Jesus' feet. The whole house fills with fragrance. It's an act of devotion so bold, so tender, so costly that it unsettles everyone around her. And yet Jesus receives it as a sign — a sign of love, a sign of truth, a sign that his hour is drawing near.

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## “The Fragrance of Faith”

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This Sunday we’ll explore what that fragrance means for us. What does it look like to offer something costly to Christ? What does love look like when the hour grows near? And how might our own acts of devotion — even small ones — fill this church with a fragrance that lingers long after worship ends?

If last week showed us a Savior who calls us out of death, this week shows us a disciple who teaches us how to live.

I hope you’ll be in worship.

Some stories are meant to be breathed in together. Some moments of grace are meant to be shared in the same room. And this Sunday’s Gospel carries a fragrance that just might stay with you all week.

Come and see. Come and breathe deeply. Come and be shaped for the journey toward Holy Week.

Grace and peace,  
Rev. Len Ripley

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LIVE on YouTube.*

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### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

1<sup>st</sup>: Margaret Green, Violet  
McKenney, Debra Ripley  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Spence Wise  
6<sup>th</sup>: Connie Strange  
9<sup>th</sup>: Scott Wylie  
16<sup>th</sup>: Beverly Wylie  
22<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Strange  
27<sup>th</sup>: Brad Pressley

### **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:**

23<sup>rd</sup>: Wayne & Ann Bond

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Bill Loy  
Robyn Tindall  
Dylan Rearden  
Lacey Reeves  
Bob Spratlin  
Jane Loy  
Evan McMillan  
Donna Padgett  
Laura & Jim Emory  
Ethelynn Boozer & Family  
Nancy Culclasure  
Lauren (Donna’s niece)  
Dale Steele  
Margaret Steele  
Thomas Tindall  
Buff Yelton  
Dawn & Berry Wren

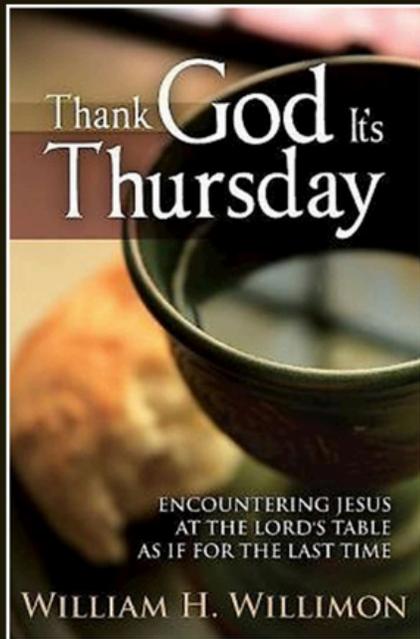
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Please submit prayer requests and information to include in the weekly bulletin and newsletter via email to UMCEdisto@yahoo.com by noon on Wednesday of each week.

# LENTEN STUDY CONTINUES MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>

## EDISTO ISLAND United Methodist Church Lenten Study



Dates and Time  
Thursdays at 2:00 PM  
February 19, 26  
March 5, 12, 19

Our Lenten study continues on Thursday, March 26, at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be reading from *Thank God It's Thursday* by Will Willimon.

He is the Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke University Divinity School, retired bishop of the North Alabama Conference of The United Methodist Church, and former Dean of the Chapel at Duke University.

Copies are available for pickup in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Usher/Greeter/Acolyte
- Weekly flowers for the sanctuary
- Monthly fellowship brunch
- Monthly Communion server
- Monthly Scripture reader

## IMPORTANT HVAC REMINDER

If using the fellowship hall, sanctuary, or clothes closet, please remember upon leaving to shut off all lights, close and lock all doors securely, and adjust the thermostats. (Thermostats should be set to 60 for heat and 80 for cooling.) This will help us control the church electric bills. Thank you!