

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Lead Me, Lord* No. 473
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *Lead Me, Lord* No. 473

HANDBELL ANTHEM *Fugue in C.* J.S. Bach arr. Douglas E. Wagner

SCRIPTURE Genesis 9:8-17
 Mark 1:9-15

HYMN (*remain seated*) *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* No. 269

SERMON JOURNEY TO SUNRISE: Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
 Believing God

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *A Canticle of Peace* Franklin Ritter
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Old 100th" Hymnal, No. 95

*CLOSING HYMN *This is My Father's World* No. 144

*BENEDICTION

Go forth as signs of God's love.
We go as rainbows of hope and grace.
 Go forth as children of the promise.
We go as signs of God's love!

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* TFWS #2129

*I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
 I have decided to follow Jesus---no turning back, no turning back.*

*The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me,
 the world behind me, the cross before me---no turning back, no turning back.*

*Though none go with me, still I will follow, though none go with me, still I will follow,
 though none go with me, still I will follow---no turning back, no turning back*

POSTLUDE *Let Praise Resound* Elizabeth T. Van Woert

*Please stand as able.

*Music Director: Julia Burns Organist: Brad Bettencourt
 Handbell Director: Leonard Lutz with the Grande Ringers*

Today's Scripture

Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.
 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Today's Liturgist: BQ Perrigney

ATTENDANCE						GIVING
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
01/21	39	53	92	52	144	\$ 4,959
01/28	35	63	98	50	148	\$ 2,029
02/04	24	42	66	20	86	\$ 9,585
02/11	32	69	101	6	107	\$ 6,793
Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038						
STEWARDSHIP REPORT:						
YTD Received \$216,198 Budgeted \$188,885						

HOSPITALITY TIME
 Today's Hosts:
 Communications Committee
 Next Sunday, February 25
 Mission Team



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande
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10:30 AM

Mon	Feb 19	No Quilt Class today. Office Closed for Holiday.
Tue	Feb 20	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study-CH, 1:30 PM Finance-PS, 3:30 PM JOY Circle-member's home, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-Handbell Room.
Wed	Feb 21	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 9:00 Church Work Morning, all invited-CH, 2:00 PM Church Council-MMR.
Thu	Feb 22	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal- HR, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary.
Sat	Feb 24	10:00 AM Branch Street Walking Tour Village of AG Sign up at Connections-To carpool meet at church at 9:30 AM
Sun	Feb 25	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Sanctuary. 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary. UWF Sunday at both services, followed by potluck. 2:00 PM Free Movie "Indiana Jones"-CH.

Abbreviaton Legend

CH--Criswell Hall

S--Sanctuary

K--Kitchen

L--Library---
Room #123

MMR--McMillen
Room #113

PS--Pastor's Study

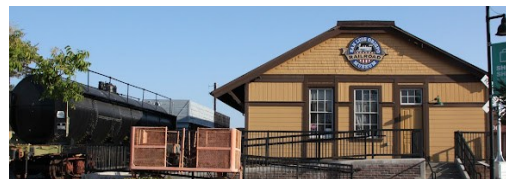
HR--Handbell
Room #115



Sat Feb 24 10:00 AM Branch Street Walking Tour, Village of Arroyo Grande, led by Jim Gregory. Sign up at Connections-To carpool meet at church 9:30 AM



Sat Mar 9 10:00 AM Fellowship tour of the Railroad Museum in SLO. \$5 entry fee. Meet at church at 9:30 AM to carpool.

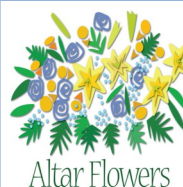


Sun Feb 25 UWF Sunday at both services with potluck luncheon following 2nd service. Please sign up ahead at Connections for potluck.

Sun Feb 25 2:00 PM Fellowship presents "Indiana Jones and The Dial of Destiny", Free Movie; also free popcorn and refreshments. Sign up at Connections.



Sun Mar 10 UMCOR Special Sunday
UMCOR specializes in solutions that help people become self-reliant. Offering received at both services.



No altar flower dedications this Sunday.

For information on dedications and ordering flowers, please contact the church office.

Arroyo Grande UMM
Calling All United Methodist Men!
Sat Mar 2 9:00 AM UMM breakfast meeting at Hilton Garden Inn. Please sign up on UMM sheet in the Narthex.

February 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

"The greatest adventure is what lies ahead."

—JRR Tolkien

PRELUDE *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* arr. John M. Rasley

HANDBELL INTROIT *Allegretto a la Gigue* Donald Allured

*CALL TO WORSHIP

A rainstorm, a flood, a boat, and a promise from God.

A rainbow, a dove, a sign of this promise.

A river, a cousin, a baptism, and a promise from God.

A revelation, a journey, a ministry, a sign of this promise.

On this day, we remember signs of the past,
but also promises for the future.

**On this day, we embark on a journey ancient as the earth,
but refreshing as spring rain.**

On this day, we move closer to the cross,
closer to death, closer to resurrection, closer to Christ.

**All are part of this journey of living, experiencing,
and being the promises of God.**

*OPENING HYMN *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* No. 297

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, we lift up our souls
and search for your promised presence.**

**Reveal yourself to us this day—
in mighty mountains, in brilliant rainbows,
in journeys long past and journeys ahead,
in challenging scriptures, in meaningful prayers,
in repentance and forgiveness, in love and grace.**

**Guide us on the Lenten journey toward the darkness of death
and the hope of resurrection.**

In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell