

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

*You are invited to stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

Pre-Service Music

Please take this time to write any prayer requests you may have on the prayer cards in the pews. They will be received during the offering and shared during prayers of the people.

Prelude *Jesus Paid It All* Lydia Ermer, tuba solo

Greeting The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

***Call to Worship** (screen) Pam Tice, Liturgist

LEADER: As we gather in this sacred moment for a sacred purpose, let us make the most of our time together.

PEOPLE: We have come to worship the Lord our God.

LEADER: As we sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, let us make the most of our time together.

PEOPLE: We have come to worship the Lord our God.

LEADER: As we respond to the melody in our hearts, let us make the most of our time together.

PEOPLE: We have come to worship the Lord our God.

***Opening Hymn** *Awake, O Sleeper* #551
(tune— O For a Thousand Tongues)

***Opening Prayer** (screen)

Gracious God, who created us in God's own image, we are grateful for all that you have done for us, for all that you are doing in us, and for all that you will do through us. Open our eyes to see your presence among us, moving in powerful ways at all times and in all places. Open our ears to hear familiar words in new ways—ways that will change us and challenge us to become the people you created us to be. Grant us the power and the courage to come out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus Christ, that we may serve you by serving others. We love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Community Connections

Children's Message

Receiving God's Tithes and Prayers

Offertory *As the Deer* Sanctuary Choir

***Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

***Offertory Prayer** (screen)

Generous God, you tenderly care for each person you have created. You miraculously restore people to health and shine light into the lives of those who are discouraged. Guide us so that we will not regard others according to outward appearances but seek to find your love in their hearts. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves to contribute to the work of your kingdom on earth until Christ returns in glory. Amen.

***Hymn of Reflection** *Thy Word Is a Lamp* #601

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (screen)
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture *Ephesians 5:8-14* Screen

Sermon *Secrets For a Happy Journey* Rev. Lori Reyes

***Closing Hymn** *O Zion, Haste* #573

***Mission Statement** (screen)

Leader: We are a community called to worship and glorify God by

**People: Bringing People to Christ,
Growing People in Christ,
And Serving People for Christ.**

Leader: This is our mission.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

Postlude

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The pastor-on-call is available outside of regular office hours for those experiencing true emergencies, such as a critical hospitalization or urgent physical, emotional or spiritual need.

To inquire about services that the church offers, such as joining the church, transferring membership, confirmation, baptism or any other questions or information, please call the church office during business hours.

***** Office Hours are Mon– Friday from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm *****

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

EASTER SHARE-A-MEAL

Share-a-Meal donations give the opportunity to dedicate the special gift in honor or memory of a designated person(s). The donations collected are used to help to provide financial gifts to members of our church community this Easter. **Donation deadline: March 26th.**



APRIL SERVICE CLUB

All are welcome to join us for our **next meeting Sunday, April 2nd at immediately after worship.**

Lunch will not be provided, please bring a sack lunch.

In addition to our regular activities, we will be assembling 28 Easter baskets to gift to some of our Emilie family. If you would like to help provide goodies for the Easter gifts, please bring up to 28 small items or candy to add to the baskets.

Items can be placed in the collection bin in the narthex or dropped off in the church office during normal business hours.

Deadline to drop off items is Sunday, April 2nd.

GRASS CUTTING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Emilie's grass cutting team is looking to add a few volunteers to the rotation schedule for the coming spring/summer season. If you would like more information or would like to join this vital team, please contact the church office or Ken Hahn.

Note: Ride on & push mowers options.



SAVE THE DATES

April 2—Palm Sunday

April 2—April Service Club (following worship)

April 6—Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm

April 7—Good Friday Cantata, 7pm

April 9—Easter Sunday (6am Sunrise/Cemetery, 10am Sanctuary)

April 7-10—Church Office Closed

April 29—Day School Flea Market, 8am-1pm

May 7—Ryan's 25th Anniversary Celebration

SPECIAL GIVING SUNDAY

UMCOR SUNDAY—TODAY

DONATE IN-PERSON OR ONLINE
EMILIEUMC.COM/GIVE

The special offering on this Sunday underwrites UMCOR's "cost of doing business" making it possible for UMCOR to focus on responding to communities and individuals when they need immediate assistance. It allows UMCOR to preserve the promise that 100% of any donation to a specific UMCOR project or missionary will go towards that project and not administrative cost.



SECRET SISTER MINISTRY

April—May—June—July

This ministry is a way for our Sister's in Christ to support, encourage & lift each other up in a fun way. Participants are matched up and then asked to pray for, send notes and/ or small gifts to their sister anonymously for a period of 4 months. At the end of the 4 months you'll learn who your Secret Sister is during a reveal gathering.

Women interested in participating are asked to complete and submit a Personal Profile by TODAY.

Personal Profiles can be found on the Secret Sister table in the hallway near the glass doors. Please note this is a 4 month commitment to be in prayer and connection with your Sisters in Christ.

Contact Cindy in the Church Office with questions or to join in this next 4 month round. business@emilieumc.com/ 215-945-5502



TRENTON THUNDER FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

SATURDAY, JULY 29TH, 2023

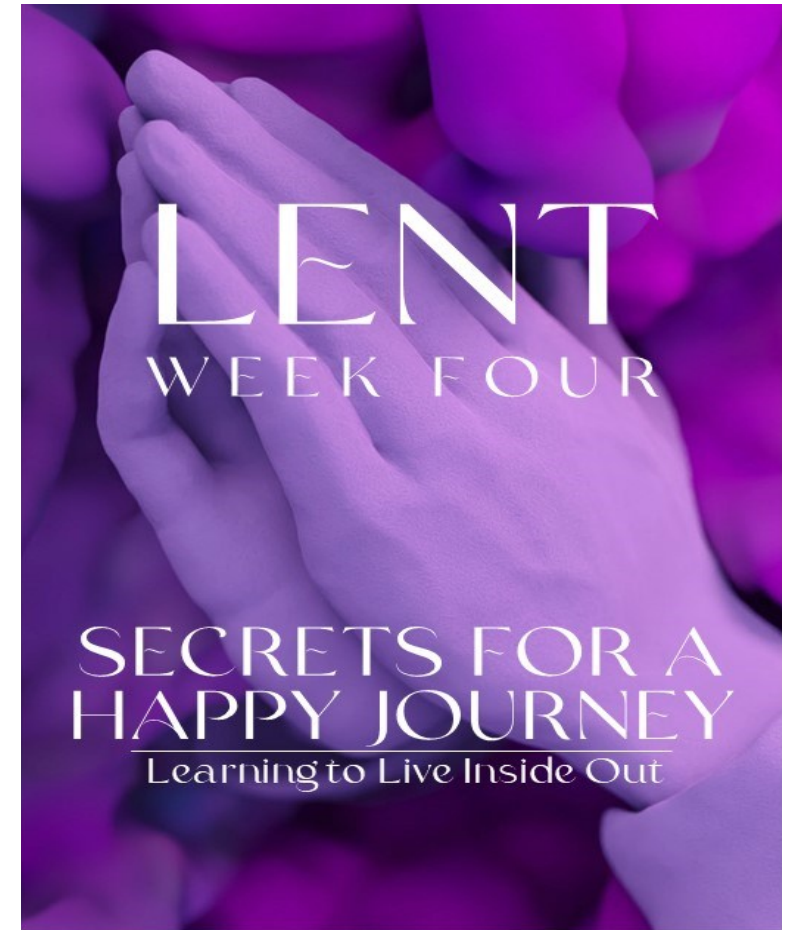
(6:30PM)

- FIREWORKS NIGHT -

Take me out to the ball game! Emilie UMC is partnering with Trenton Thunder baseball to offer this fun summer fellowship opportunity. Contact the Church office to reserve your tickets & join your church family at the game (tickets are \$8 per person).

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