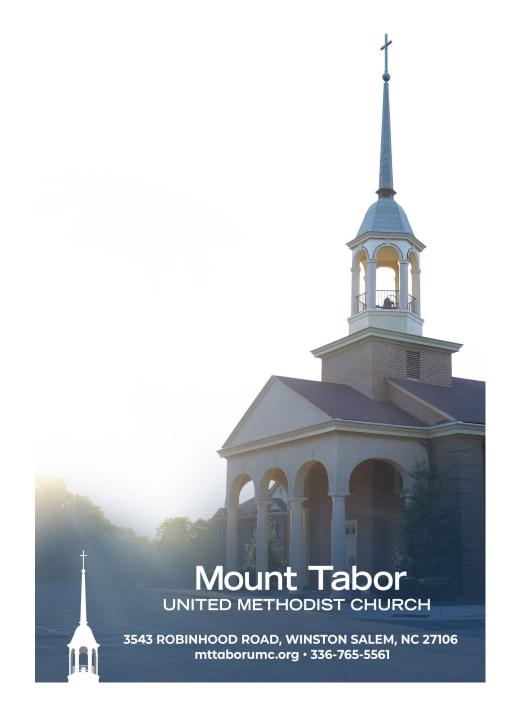
March 17, 2024 The Wilderness of Grief



WORSHIPING GOD AT MOUNT TABOR UMC GATHER JOYFULLY • GROW SPIRITUALLY • GO FAITHFULLY

Traditional Order of Worship Fifth Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 17, 2024 • 11:00am

Hearing enhancement devices, as well as large print bulletins, are available in the Narthex.

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Prelude	Toccata in D Minor	J.S. Bach			
Welcome		Charli Mills			
Introit	Kum Ba Yah (Come By Here)	DESMOND			
 * Call to Worship Will Busch King of glory, we come to worship you; we adore you, our Savior and Lord. You suffered on the cross, and gave your life as a ransom for many. We bless and thank you for the outpouring of your love, and offer our worship today out of unspeakable gratitude. 					
* Hymn # 298	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (all verses)	HAMBURG			
* Time of Greeting Children (3 years old–5th graders) may leave to participate in TaborKIDS Worship today. Parents will pick them up in the Children's Building immediately following the service.					
Extinguishing the Lenten Wreath Susan Miller					
Choral Response	e Our Soul Waits for the Lord	Eric Wyse			
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Michael Brown					
Anthem	O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High	Lloyd Larson			
Sharing of Our T	Michael Brown				
Offertory	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	J.S. Bach			
* Doxology #95	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	OLD 100th			
Hymn # 289	Ah, Holy Jesus	HERZLIEBSTER JESU			
Prayer of Illumination Will Busch					
Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. Fill our minds with your peace and our hearts with your love. Amen.					
Scripture	Mark 15:33-41 (RSV)	Michael Brown			
Message	"The Wilderness of Grief"	Michael Brown			
* Hymn #165	Hallelujah! What a Savior (all verses)	JJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR			
* Benediction		Michael Brown			
* Response	Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days	LENT			
* Chiming of the Trinity					
* Postlude	Postlude in G Minor	J.S. Bach			

*Please stand in body or in spirit

WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor: Dr. Michael B. Brown Liturgists: Will Busch and Susan Miller Traditional Worship Arts Director: Charli Mills Organist/Accompanist: Mike Hendrix

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God by John & Ginger Elliott in honor of the marriage of their daughter Anna Elliott and Tim Albright.

Modern Worship

Sunday, March 17, 2024 9:00am

—**Opening Song**— Lift Your Head Weary Sinner (Chains) (Crowder)

— Welcome and Call to Worship —

---Reception of New Members----Mellies Family

> — Praise Songs — Glorious Day (Passion)

Come As You Are (Crowder)

— TaborKIDS Dismissal—

— Congregational & Offertory Prayer —

— Offertory — The Commission (Cain)

— Message — "The Wilderness of Grief"

> Scripture Mark 15:33-41 (RSV)

—**Closing Song**— It Is Well (Kristene DiMarco)

— Announcements and Sending Forth—

Worship Leaders Senior Pastor: Dr. Michael Brown Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas Worship Host: Kim Harvey Prayer Leader: Deborah Daniels

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WELCOME TO MOUNT TABOR UMC

Welcome to Mount Tabor and please feel at home! If you are a first-time guest, text the word "Hello" to 336-777-7990. Also stop by the Trinity Welcome
Center desk or a Welcome Kiosk on your way out to receive a welcome gift.
The mission of Mount Tabor UMC is to "Gather Joyfully, Grow Spiritually, Go
Faithfully to spread the love of Christ." If you would like to explore ways to Gather, Grow, Go, text "Connect" to 336-777-7990. Prayer requests can be submitted at www.mttaborumc.org/prayer or by contacting Director of
Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation Kim Harvey (336-765-5561 ext. 1021 or kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Nursery care and Mother's Room are available for all services. Children interested in participating in TaborKIDS worship may leave the service at the appropriate time. Wheelchairs are available for use while on church property and the church offices are open Mon.-Fri., 9am-NOON and Mon.-Thurs., 1-4pm See the church website at www.mttaborumc.org for more info.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit announcement info at least two weeks in advance to charity.goff@mttaborumc.org.

GATHER JOYFULLY

* You can worship at MTUMC on Sundays at: Modern, 9:00am, in the Alspaugh Worship Center, or Traditional, 11:00am, in the Sanctuary. Both services are also available via Facebook Live and https:// www.You Tube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming.

GROW SPIRITUALLY & GO FAITHFULLY

- Wednesday Tabor Table Fellowship Dinner will meet Wednesday, March 20, 5:15-6:30pm in the Family Life Center with reservations made either at https://www.mttaborumc.org/tabor-table or in the Trinity Welcome Center. Suggested donation is \$8 for adult (age 13 and up), \$5 for child (age 3-12), free for children under 3. For those living in same home, family max is \$25. The menu is: Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad Bar, Desserts, and Drinks. Kids Option: Chicken Nuggets.
- Mount Tabor's Afterschool Program begins registration this month.
 We'd love to see more of our TaborKIDS during the week! On March 18, open enrollment begins. For more information, call the Afterschool (336-760-0363) or visit their website mttaborumcafterschool.org
- * **TaborKIDS Junior** are invited to experience The Last Supper and the events of Holy Week with Ms. Colleen on Wednesday, March 20 6-7 PM in The Clubhouse. Register here: https://bit.ly/tkjrlastsupper24
- Everyone is invited to join Pastor Michael as he leads a teaching session on the Gospel of Mark on March 20 at 6:15-7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. (If you are attending Tabor Table, you are welcome to bring your meal to the session).
- * **TaborTWEENS (4th & 5th Graders)** will gather on March 24 4:30-5:45 at Peace Haven La Caretta. RSVP to <u>marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org</u>.
- Wednesday Women's Bible Study is participating in the church-wide study of "The Gospel of Mark" on Wednesdays at 9:30 am, in person in the Fellowship Hall, and also via Zoom, from Now through March 27. There is nothing to purchase. Study booklets with a daily reading plan are provided and can also be found in the welcome center, narthex of the sanctuary, on the website, and in the church office. Please feel free to join at any time and invite a friend. For questions or to receive the Zoom link, please contact Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation, Kim

Harvey at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org.

- * All women are invited to attend a Women's Retreat on April 26-28 at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro. The theme will be, "Lean In, Lighten Up, and Let Go" with speaker, Rev. Dianne Lawhorn. Registration now-April 12 is \$241/ person, and includes 5 meals, double occupancy room for 2 nights, and all materials. THREE SPACES REMAIN—Register by April 8 (payment due with registration) Registration forms can be found in the Connect Corner of the Welcome Center, in the church office, and on the website. Questions? Contact Kim Harvey, Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org or 336-765-5561 ext 1021
- * The Annual Paper Shredding Fundraiser for the community hosted by TaborWOMEN Circle 5 is set for Saturday, April 13, 9am-12:00pm in the church parking lot. This safe, on-site document shredding will be provided by Archive Management and donations will be accepted to support Winston-Salem, Forsyth County agencies feeding children as well as supporting other missions of the TaborWOMEN.
- Mount Tabor UMC is hiring a Coordinator of Family Ministries Worship Arts. * The role of the Coordinator is to provide vision, direction, organization and promotion of Worship Arts for children and youth. The position will be working with and coordinating all forms of Worship Arts such as choral music, handbells/chimes, liturgical dance, orchestra and spoken word. The Coordinator will lead some ensembles and recruit volunteers to lead others. This position will offer opportunities for children and youth to take a leadership role in contemporary and traditional worship settings. This is a part time 15 hour per week salaried position and reports to the Director of Children and Family Ministries. APPLICATION PROCESS AND PROCEDURES Full job description, details for posting and a Mount Tabor Job Application are located at: https://www.mttaborumc.org/employment-opportunities The job application can be downloaded, completed, and saved as an attachment for email. A copy of your resume is also required.. Email attachments should include first and last name in any file name you create. Email Application Package (completed application and resume) to: jobs@mttaborumc.org . Application Packages are now being accepted and the posting will remain open until the job is filled.
- Start the Party: Celebrate the Good News at Vacation Bible School July 22-25! Open to children ages 4 as of 8/31 through completed 5th grade as Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party. There is no cost and all are welcome. Snack Supper begins at 5:15 PM and the main program is from 6:00-8:00 PM. Visit bit.ly/mtumcvbs24 for more information and to sign up
- * Art Camp registration is now open! Camp is June 24-27 from 9-12 each morning. Registration is \$125. Children aged 2 through rising Kindergarten should be registered through the Preschool. Forms may be found in the Children's Building Lobby or be downloaded from the Preschool website: mttaborumcpreschool.org -- Children rising 1st grade through completed 5th grade should register here: bit.ly/mtumcart24 - Space is limited - sign up now
- * This year's Easter Offering will go to Samaritan Ministries and the North Hills Elementary Backpack Program which provides weekend meals for children who need it. Please use the special offering envelope on Easter morning or write "Special Easter Offering" on the memo line of your check. All other donations on Easter morning will go to the budget.
- * **Our American Red Cross Blood Drive** will be at Mount Tabor UMC on Tuesday, April 23 from 2-7 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Make your appointment online at https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html using the church zip code 27106 for the April 23 date or contact Ron Grant (336-577-3687).

Mount Tabor at a Glance — Church Calendar

Real-time calendar is available at TinyUrl.com/MTUMC-calendar



Sunday, March 17, 2024

- 9:00 AM Modern Worship Service—Alspaugh Worship Center
- 10:00 AM Children, Tweens, Youth, & Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:00 AM TaborKIDS & TaborTWEENS Sunday School-Children's Building
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt
- 4:00 PM Disciple I Bible Study Rm 207
- 4:00 PM Liturgical Dance Practice— Alspaugh Worship Center
- 5:00 PM Fusion Main Event—Rm 113

Monday, March 18, 2024

- 8:00 AM Bulletin & In The Know Submission Deadline
- 9:00 AM ChurchBusinessAdmin Meeting—Rm 207
- 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry Rm 107
- 10:00 AM Staff Prayer Time—Rm 303
- 11:30 AM TaborTroopers—Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 PM Nar-Anon Family Support Group Rm 108
- 6:00 PM Voices of God's Children Rehearsal Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 934 Meeting Rm 113
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball Family Life Center
- 7:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Voices of God's Children Rehearsal Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Rm 102

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM A Church for All People Ministry Meeting Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Circle #5 Meeting Rm 108
- 6:30 PM Pack 934 Den Meetings Rm 121

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

- 6:50 AM Fusion Youth Prayer Breakfast Bagel Station
- 9:30 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 PM GriefShare Rm 101
- 5:15 PM Last Supper for Tabor Kids Jr. 168
- 5:15 PM Tabor Table Fellowship Meal Trinity Welcome Center
- 6:15 PM The Gospel of Mark w/Pastor Michael Brown Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM DivorceCare Rm 108
- 6:45 PM Adult Volleyball Game Family Life Center
- 7:00 PM MTUMC Delivers to Bethesda Center

Thursday, March 21, 2024

- 7:30 AM Band of Brothers In-person and via Zoom Rm 306
- 12:00 PM Band of Brothers Foothills @ 4th Street
- 6:00 PM B.E.L.L.S. Rehearsal Music/Choir Room
- 6:30 PM Modern Worship Band Rehearsal Alspaugh Worship Center
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Music/Choir Room

Friday, March 22, 2024

Saturday, March 23, 2024

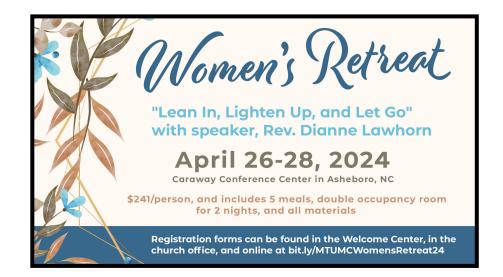
9:00 AM Pickle Ball — Family Life Center

Our Response to God's Grace...

BUDGET PLEDGES	March 10, 2024 A	TTENDANCE	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
FOR 2024	Online Worship	183	LOAN PRINCIPAL
as of February 27, 2024	In-person Worship	409	January 1, 2018
# Pledges: 203 for Pledge Total of \$981,494.00	March 10, 2024 Budget Needs Each Week Budget Gifts Building Fund Bethesda Cemetery Prison Ministry Outreach Other Total	4 GIVING \$31,382.00 \$22,959.00 \$1,180.00 \$350.00 \$100.00 \$100.00 \$50.00 \$2,964.51 \$29,647.51	Balance \$2,440,522.29 Year-To-Date Loan Balance is \$121,234.21 as of March 11, 2024







WORSHIP SCRIPTURE Sunday, March 17, 2024

"The Wilderness of Grief" Mark 15:33-41 (RSV)

³³And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Elo-i, Elo-i, la ma sabach-thani?" which means, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" ³⁵ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah."³⁶ And one ran and, filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that he thus breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome, ⁴¹ who, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered to him; and also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.



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