Prayer Concerns

˚ Condolences to the family of Becky Kratzer, daughter-in-law of Greg and Liz Lavelle	+Condolences to the family of Sue Shellhouse on the passing of her brother-in-law, Chris
*Condolences to the family of Curtis Jones, brother of Chris and Mike Byrns	Billy E., brother of Sarah J.
+Susan W.	Barb B.
*Janet, Wendy C.'s friend	*Frank O.
Bill and Marilyn R.	

**=1 week ˚˚˚ =2 weeks +=3 weeks ˟=4 weeks on prayer list*

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

3/24 Iris Stroup
3/25 Marilyn Ransom
3/28 Ed & Barb Brewster
3/26 Karen Marino
3/27 Gabriela Martinez & Javier Gonzalez

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Tennille Power
Organist: Javier Gonzalez
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
Liturgist: Greg Lavelle
Greeters: Jean Scothon, Greg Lavelle
Usher: Judi Wagner
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

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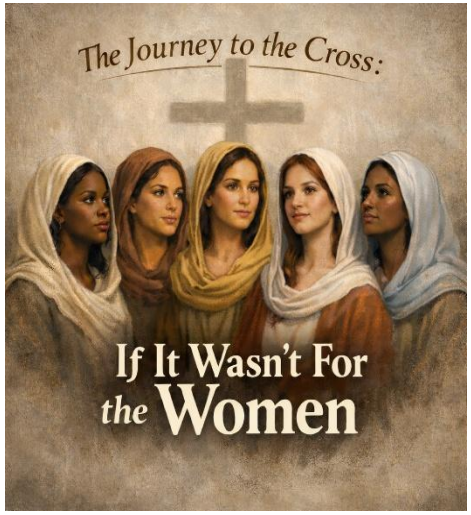

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026 11:00 am

Processional

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Wilbur Held

****Call to Worship*** Greg Lavelle

Leader: When the crowd disappeared and the noise faded,
People: Love remained.
Leader: When the disciples scattered in fear,
People: The women stayed.
Leader: They stood near the cross, bearing witness to suffering.
People: They did not turn away.
Leader: Today we gather to worship the One who endured the cross,
All: And to become a people who remain faithful. Amen.

Unison Prayer

Faithful and enduring God, we come before You remembering the women who stood at the cross when others walked away. In a moment marked by pain, loss, and uncertainty, they remained present. They did not flee from suffering. They did not hide from grief. They stayed. Forgive us when our faith is dependent on comfort. Forgive us when we follow You only when the path is easy. Forgive us when we turn away from difficult moments that require courage and compassion. Form within us a faith that remains. A love that does not abandon. A courage that does not retreat. Teach us to stand where You are present, even when it is hard. Teach us to bear witness to truth, even when it costs us something. As we continue this journey toward the cross, shape us into disciples who follow Christ not only in moments of joy, but also in moments of suffering. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 130

New Testament Reading Hebrews 12:1-6

Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* UMH 298

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Prayer

Leader: Lord, teach us to remain faithful.
People: Teach us to stay.
Leader: When the road becomes difficult,
People: Give us courage to stay.
Leader: When others turn away,
People: Strengthen us to remain.
Leader: When faith costs us something,
People: Help us not to retreat.
Leader: May our lives reflect steadfast love.
All: Make us a people who stay. Amen.

Special Music Impromptu op.90 #3 F. Schubert
Piano Solo: Javier Gonzalez

UMCOR Sunday Offering

Offering Invitation

Doxology UMH 95

Prayer for the Offering

(Online giving available at noumc.org. Click on "Donate" tab.)

Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

Hymn *Stay With Me* TFWS 2198

Sermon Series The Journey to the Cross: If It Wasn't For the Women
Week 4: "The Women Who Stayed"
Pastor Tennille Power

Closing Hymn *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* UMH 297

Benediction/Recessional

Postlude *O Love, How Deep* Kristina Langlois

(*You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)*

**Please stand if you are able.*