

Sunny Side United Methodist Church
Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026

We are so glad you are worshipping with us this morning! We hope you feel the love and peace of Christ in this place! If you have a prayer request or are a first-time guest, please complete a card from the pew rack in front of you and put it in the offering plate.

Gathering Music

Tom Robinson

Welcome

This Week's Theme and Prayer

Luke 17: 33

Whoever tries to preserve their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life will preserve it.

Trusted and Loving God, enter our lives and open us to the gifts residing deep within the Holy Darkness of our lives. Help us to empty ourselves with every breath. Make room in us so that you might take up residence in the depth of our being. In the Name of Jesus- the One who emptied himself, even to death on the cross for us- we pray, **Amen.**

***Chiming of the Hour**

Choral Call to Worship. "There's a Path," by Bell and McFee

There's a path though it winds its way through darkness.

We would choose to avoid it if we could.

We awake to an unexpected calling

God says, "Come... there are gifts in the Dark Wood."

Prelude

***Hymn:** "Old Rugged Cross" 504

Litany of Confession, Assurance, and Peace

For filling up our lives with little room for You,

Forgive and restore us, O God.

For worry that outlasts trust,

Forgive and restore us, O God.

For choosing being right over being in relationship,

Forgive and restore us, O God.

Offer your silent prayers of confession.

Hear these words of assurance:

God chooses relationship over perfection.

"Loved by God" is who we are!

God is with us, forgiving and restoring us to wholeheartedness.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

May the unsurprising peace of Christ be with us all!

Glory to God! Amen!

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Choir Anthem: "Forgiven", by Buryl Red, arr. by Skipper and Mauldin

Gwen Lansing, soloist

Forgiven, I've been forgiven; God has looked beyond my sin,
Saved me from what I might have been, Gave me a new life within.

Though He had chosen me to be His own, I turned my back and walked away.
And when He often urged me to return, I simply said, "Another day."

The path of sinful life I chose to go, I did not care what others thought.
But still He loved my life more than His own, And with His life my soul He bought.

Forgiven, I've been forgiven; God has looked beyond my sin,
Saved me from what I might have been, Gave me a new life within.
I am forgiven by His grace.

Scripture: Mark 15: 22-38 and Philippians 2: 1-11

Message: "The Gift of Emptiness" **Rev. JoAn Kinrade**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer after Receiving

At the foot of the cross, O God, we behold the Suffering Servant who gave his life as a sacrifice for us. For this we are deeply grateful. Empower us by Christ's spirit to serve rather than be served- to lose ourselves in loving care for others.

Amen.

***Hymn:** "Fill My Cup, Lord" (sing twice). 641

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*You are invited to stand at this point in the service, as you are able.
Please silence cell phones during the worship service.

Pastoral Care: Rev. JoAn Kinrade, joan.kinrade@georgiaumc.net

Prayer Requests: Danny Gregg, Janice Meadows, Kathy Little, Don Smith (surgery March 4th), James Ross' aunt Jessica, Mark Kay Kukla's mother, Peggy's Rankin's brother Tommy, Candi Babcock's friend Ann McGrath, the family and friends of Jonna McRae, the family and friends of Jackie Bond, Bonnie Whalen's granddaughter Gracie, Matthew Henry and family, Sharon Roderick, Vivian Locke, Bennie Watson, Wanda O'Neal, Lois Head, Carl and Rosalyn Hayes, Susan and Bob Francis, Judith and Richard Crowther, Dave and Carol Sparks.

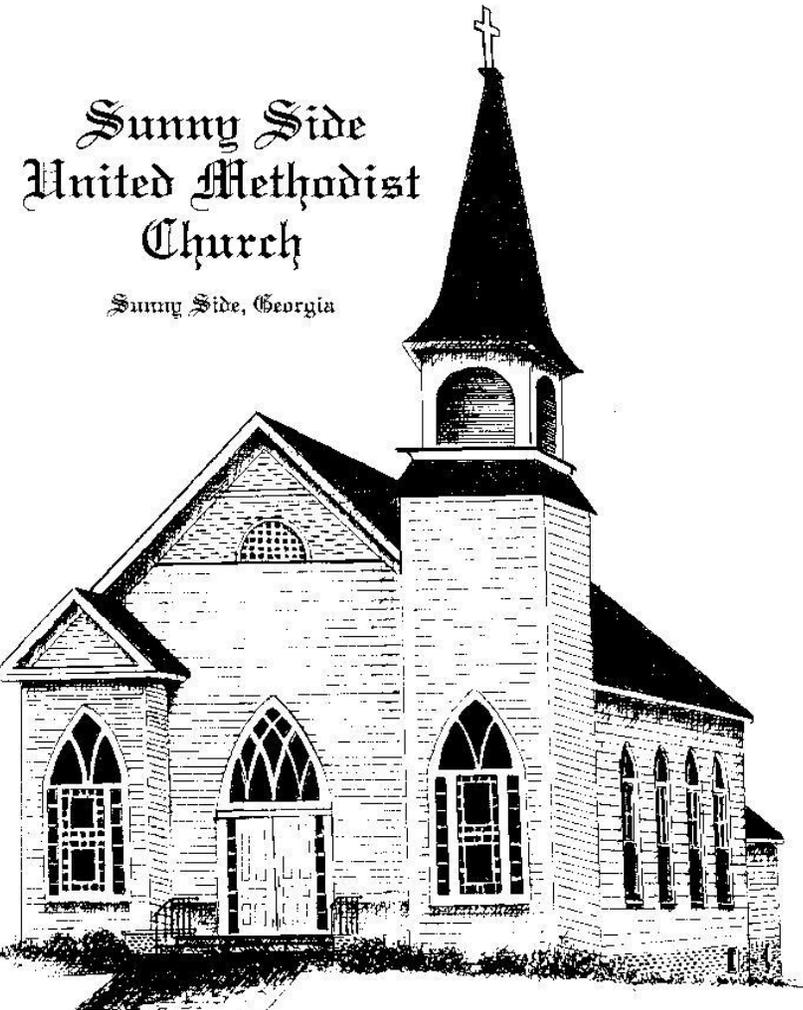
HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion, **April 2, at 7pm at Hampton UMC**
Good Friday, **April 3 at 12noon, at Sunny Side UMC**
Easter Sunrise with breakfast following, Sunday, **April 5, 7am**
Easter Resurrection Celebration, **April 5, 11am**

For your calendars:

Wed, March 4 Food Pantry, **volunteers report at 8:15am**
Bible Study, **5pm**, Choir Practice, **6:45pm**
Tue, March 10 Trustees, **5:30pm** Admin. Council, **6:30pm**
Wed, March 11 Bible Study, **5pm**, Choir Practice, **6:45pm**
Tue, March 17 Midwest Truck Delivery, **12noon**
Wed, March 18 Food Pantry, **9am**
Bible Study, **5pm**, Choir Practice, **6:45pm**

<u>GIVING REPORT</u> (Feb 22, 2026)	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$ 2,185.00	\$20,841.40
Budget	<u>\$ 3,557.42</u>	<u>\$28,459.38</u>
Difference	\$-1,372.42	\$ -7,617.98



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