

Sunny Side United Methodist Church
Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 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 (based upon *Gifts of the Dark Wood*, Eric Elnes)

Psalm 46: 10

Be still and know that I am God.

Prayer (from My Redeemer Lives website)

O God of the still, small voice, quiet our inner spirit.

Help us to focus upon You, and You alone; to hear Your voice within.

There are so many other voices demanding our attention.

But we cannot attend to them without You....

Be still and know that I am God.

You say to us as You said to Elijah...

May Your voice speak through us.

In weakness, be our strength.

In poverty, be our wealth.

In depression, be our joy.

In apathy, be our love.

We cannot sing Love's song, O Lord,

unless it be Your voice singing in us.

Take this heart, and with this mouth

make Your praise and thanksgiving a reality here and now.

Because of, and in the Name of our Messiah, Jesus. **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:** "I am Thine, O Lord"

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Litany of Confession, Assurance, and Peace

For being too busy for stillness or to listen for Your voice,

Forgive and restore us, O God.

For filling the holes in our spirit with things that cannot truly feed us,

Forgive and restore us, O God.

For denying the world our best selves by putting harsh demands on ourselves and others,

Forgive us and restore us, O God.

Offer your silent prayers of confession.

Hear these words of assurance:

You are an integral part of God's awesome creation.

God delights in you and wants to spend time with you.

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

Thanks be to God! Amen!

May the unsurpassing peace of Christ be with us all!

Glory to God! Amen!

Hymn: "Be Still, My Soul"

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Choir Anthem: "Finale of Praise," arr. by Joseph M. Martin

Scripture: 1 Kings 19: 1-16

Message: "The Gift of the Holy Pause"

Rev. JoAn Kinrade

***Hymn:** "In the Garden"

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***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: Sylvia Avery, Jan Falcone's friend Alvin Kelly, The family and friends of Jeff Maddux, Janice Meadows, Kathy Little, Don Smith, Matthew Henry and family, Sharon Roderick, Bennie Watson, Vivian Locke, 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:

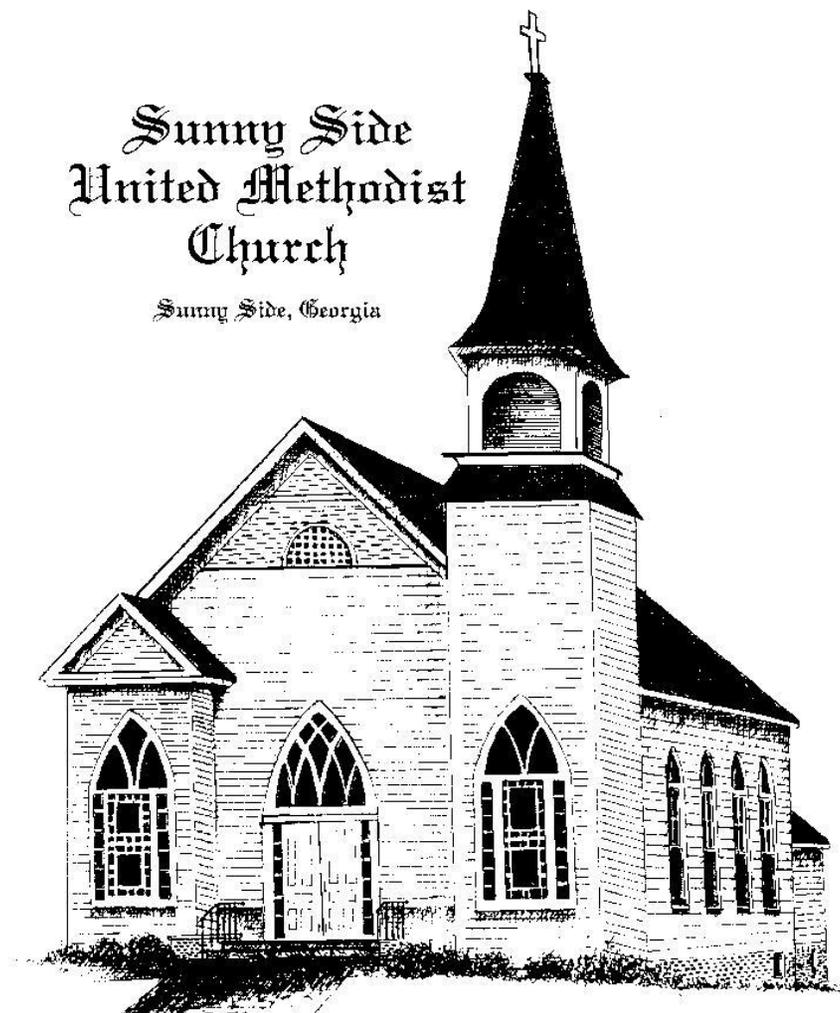
Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion, **April 2, at 7pm at Hampton UMC**
 Good Friday, **April 3 at 12noon, at Sunny Side UMC**
 Easter Sunrise with breakfast following, Sunday, **April 5, 7am**
 Easter Resurrection Celebration, **April 5, 11am**

For your calendars:

Tue, March 10 Trustees, **5:30pm** Admin. Council, **6:30pm**
Wed, March 11 Bible Study, **5pm**, Choir Practice, **6:45pm**
Sat, March 14 United Women in Faith. **9:30am** Come and bring a friend!
Tue, March 17 Midwest Truck Delivery, **12noon**
Wed, March 18 Food Pantry, **9am**
 Bible Study, **5pm**, Choir Practice, **6:45pm**

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<u>GIVING REPORT</u> (Mar 1, 2026)	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$ 3,030.00	\$23,871.40
Budget	<u>\$ 3,557.42</u>	<u>\$32,016.81</u>
Difference	\$ -527.42	\$ -8,145.41