

## DISCOVER/SHARE

### Lenten Devotions

During Lent, we journey along *The Way of the Cross*—each step, each week, moving us closer to Good Friday. This notion of *The Way* presents an interesting metaphor. While it's a simple word bringing to mind a road, a path, a route we take, it also suggests the *means* by which we do things. We speak of the way we talk. The way we walk. The way we live. As an aid in our journey toward the cross, South Mainers offer us online Lent devotions twice a week at [smbc.org/blog](https://smbc.org/blog), exploring a road they have walked or experienced which helped them understand or practice the way of Jesus' cross more fully.

### Spring Break Midtown Midweek

As school schedules take a week off, some of our Midtown Midweek programming also takes a break this week. Fellowship Supper, Family Ministry activities, and Bible study will not happen. The Balance class, book club, and Sanctuary Choir will meet as normal.

### MainStreamers

On March 12, our Minister for Pastoral Care, Greg Funderburk, will share some exciting stories about his recent sabbatical and explore some of the museums he visited and artwork he took in while away. Join us as Greg also shares with us the deep influence his sabbatical has had on his ministry and writing. Games begin in Turner Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM. Lunch is served at 11:30 AM followed by our program.

### Easter Sunday Schedule

This year on Easter Sunday we'll offer worship services at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Join us for glorious Easter worship as we celebrate Resurrection Sunday, praising from the depths of our souls Christ who died and rose again. Our Bible study groups will not meet on Easter.

### Fellowship Lunch

Pork tenderloin, wild rice, roasted broccoli, and dessert (\$12)  
Cheese quesadillas, fruit, and dessert (\$7)



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# THE WAY OF THE CROSS

**WORSHIP**  
MARCH 10, 2024  
10:00 AM  
STREAMING AT [SMBC.ORG](https://smbc.org)

*But God said to him, “You fool...”*

Luke 12:20

### Walking through Worship Today

The Way of the Cross is one of gratitude and generosity, but we often hoard the blessings of God as if they are scarce instead of abundant, as the Parable of the Rich Fool portrays. This morning’s service begins by recounting God’s faithfulness: “All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.” We then transition into a time of confession, asking God for forgiveness and acknowledging our need for God. We sing *I Need Thee Every Hour*, and the Sanctuary Choir then sings a setting of Psalm 51 as a celebration of God’s forgiveness. After hearing the Good News, we respond in generosity and full-hearted commitment, as we surrender our lives to the One who gave us life eternal.

## GATHER

### Tolling the Hour

#### Prelude

*Prelude in A minor* BWV 543  
(J.S. Bach)  
Yuri McCoy, Organist

#### Call to Worship

Lane Craig, Family Ministry Resident

## PRAISE

#### Hymn 48

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

## REFLECT

### Litany of Confession

Adam Cogliano, Minister for Music & Worship

Lord, all we have needed  
Your hand has provided,

**And yet, too often, we live  
as if we need more.**

We believe every blessing  
You have given us is for us alone.

**We take and consume more  
than we give and share.**

We are blinded by our need to acquire,  
**Ignoring the needs of those around us.**  
Our possessions cloud our love for others.

**Our greed clouds our love for You.**

Forgive us, O Lord.

**Forgive us, O Lord. Help us to live according  
to our need for You, generous and gracious  
in all that we do. Amen.**

### Hymn 404

*I Need Thee Every Hour*  
Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 5

### Anthem of Forgiveness

*Restore My Joy* (Cindy Berry)  
Sanctuary Choir

Have mercy on me, O God,  
According to Thy love.  
Wash me from my iniquity,  
Cleanse me from my sin  
And make me whole again.  
Accept the sacrifices that I bring,  
A broken spirit, a contrite heart.

Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean.  
Wash me and I will be whiter than snow.  
Hide Thy face from my sin,  
Let me once again hear joy!

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation,  
Restore my joy.

Then will I sing of Thy mercy.  
Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways.  
I will sing of Thy righteousness,  
And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.  
O Lord, have mercy.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And restore my joy.

### Good News

Steve Wells, Pastor

## RESPOND

### Hymn 499

*I Surrender All*

### Offertory

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
(arr. Dan Miller)  
Yuri McCoy

### Doxology (OLD HUNDRETH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

### Offertory Prayer

Michelle Hunt

## SHARE

### Welcoming and Covenant with New Members

In response to your decision,  
we pledge ourselves  
to be the family of God for you in this place.  
We offer you our love, our care,  
our kinship, and our hopes.  
We hope to learn from you,  
give to you, and receive from you  
by God’s grace.

### Benediction

Steve Wells

### Postlude

*Fugue in A minor* BWV 543  
(J.S. Bach)  
Yuri McCoy

### Guest QR Code



Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. Please scan this QR code to share your information so we can connect with you this week.