

# Sedge Garden

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Traditional Worship Service

March 9, 2025

10:55 a.m.

1st Sunday in Lent

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Prelude *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* Martha Sobaje

\*\*Chiming of the Hour

\*\*Call to Worship

One: Welcome to Sedge Garden. We thank you for your desire to be here – whether you are participating online or in person – together we are the church; together we are the body of Christ.

**Many: Thank you. But honestly, sometimes life is such a struggle because so many things seem to get in the way.**

One: Yes, so many times in life other things can seem more important. So many things grab us and want not only our attention but our devotion, too.

**Many: The truth is sometimes I feel okay about coming here and other times not so much. It is hard because sometimes I feel so empty and other times, I feel so full.**

One: Ironically, life itself is not complicated. It is living out life that seems to be so complicated.

**Many: Yes, life has so many choices, and we all know that choices have consequences – the good and the bad.**

One: But sometimes in life, it is not always about the pain but about the numbness.

**Many: Like the numbness of just going through the motions, waiting for life to change?**

One: Yes, but today can be different than yesterday, and today can be even more. None of us are alone – we are here, and God is here.

**ALL: God, forgive me for what I have made myself to become. Forgive me when I make my life more about me and less about you.**

\*\*Hymn No. 163 *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know* HENDON

Welcome and Announcements

Life at Sedge Garden

\*\*Prayer of Confession UMBOW 490

\*\*Gloria Patri UMH 71

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| Garden Kids Moment   |  | Morgan Shaw      |
| Offering/Anthem  | <i>Lament of the Cross</i>                           | Joseph M. Martin |
|  | Chancel Choir with soloists Jane Kamiab and Owen Bey |                  |
| **Doxology   |  | UMH 95           |
| Scripture Reading  |  | Luke 18:10-14    |
| Sermon   | <i>The Real Thief</i>                                |                  |
| Pastoral Prayer  |  |                  |
| Lord's Prayer  |  |                  |
| <p><b>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.</b></p> |  |                  |
| **Hymn No. 165   | <i>Hallelujah! What A Savior</i>                     | P. Bliss         |
| **Benediction  |  |                  |
| **Chiming of the Trinity   |  |                  |
| **Postlude   | <i>On My Heart Imprint Your Image</i>                | Konig/Hildebrand |

March 2, 2025 Attendance

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|--------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| First Fruits | 80  | Traditional Worship | 78  |
| Online       | 370 | Online              | 348 |

## Today's Worship Leadership

Pastor Keith Edwards

Cindy Darden, Traditional Music Director

Morgan Shaw, Garden Kids Moment

Anne White, Liturgist

Debby Alexander, Otis Eubanks, Ashley Locklear, Tony Tice, Ushers

Tommy Holder, Sheila Holder, Greg Roth, Tech Team

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## Congregational Care Circle of Concerns

Shirley Ayers

Bill Ayers

Michele Cheek

Landon Graham

Denny Holder

Vince Murphy

Bryan Staley

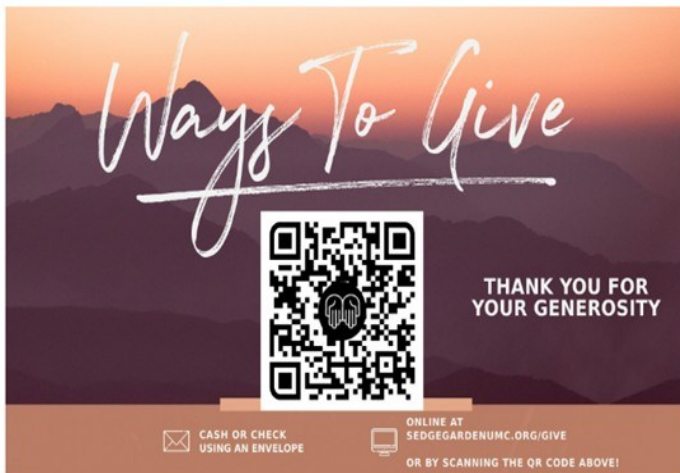
Ruth Tucker

Robin Weavil

... and prayers unspoken

*Please join us in praying for our church everyday at 3 p.m.!*

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Pastor Keith's upcoming messages:

**"Feeling Empty, Filling Full"**

Lent & Easter Sermon Series

March 16 - **"Filling the Holes"**

Luke 20:19-31

March 23 - FF - **Lenten Song Service**

TW Chancel Choir Cantata -  
**Behold What Manner of Love**

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Restrooms are located in the Narthex (front entrance) and through the double doors and on the left at the front of the sanctuary. Please know that there is a Nursery available to children, birth to 2-years-old. There is a diaper changing station in the Narthex, as well as in the nursery. If you have any questions, or need directions, please see one of our Greeters for assistance.

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# March 2025 Gift of the Month

**Pancake  
Mix  
&  
Syrup**



**Bible Study with  
Rev. Karen**



**Wednesdays at 11:00 am  
or Sundays at 4:00 pm  
Room 134, ASK Classroom**



# Wee Care! March Gift of the Month

**Cereal  
Drive**



## Golden Agers Luncheon

**Monday, March 10th  
1:00 pm**

**Menu:**

**Crockpot Barbecue,  
Slaw, Baked Beans,  
&  
Lime Sherbet**

**The history of  
St. Patrick's  
Day**

**Chancel  
Choir  
Cantata**

**Traditional  
Worship**

**March 23,  
2025**

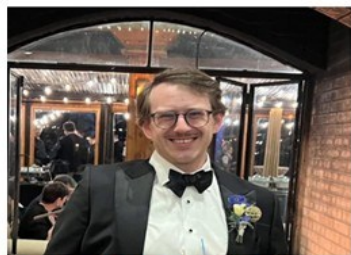
**Behold  
What  
Manner of  
Love**

**By Eugene  
Butler**




**Rachel's Roses  
March 13th**

**6:30pm-8pm  
A.S.K. Classroom**

**LoveNotes Presents:  
An Afternoon of Song:  
Musical Theatre, Spirituals,  
and Operetta  
Featuring:  
Caleb Skinner, tenor  
Cindy Darden, accompanist**

**Free and open to the public.**

**Sunday, March 23, 2025  
3:00pm**

**A love offering will be received for  
The Shalom Project**

# COFFEE CONNECTIONS

The Youth group will  
host a place to  
gather, connect, and  
belong.

**March 30th  
9:45-10:30**

This is more than  
"just" coffee.

