

# March 23, 2025

3rd Sunday in Lent United Women in Faith Mission Emphasis 8:00 am & 11:00 am · www.holmanumc.com



## **CENTERING MOMENT**

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Seek God and thirst for the Lord. For God's steadfast love is sweeter than honey and more satisfying than the finest bread.

PRELUDE

"Alabaster Box"

Robert Johnson, Jr.

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver

Organist

Associate Pastor

Janice Sjostran, Cece Winans

WELCOME

GREETING

Rose Whitehead, 8:00 am Liturgist HUMC Spiritual Growth Coordinator Carmen Hayes, 11:00 am Liturgist Vice President, HUWFaith

# \*LITANY FOR WOMEN IN MISSION

Leader: Lord, you have called women throughout history to serve with faith and purpose.

# All: Strengthen us, O Lord, in our mission.

Leader: For the women who serve the Church in ministry, teaching, and leadership—

All: May they be guided by your wisdom and grace.

Leader: For the women who care for the sick, the poor, and the forgotten— All: May they be your hands of mercy in the world.

Leader: For the women who proclaim your Word and live out the Gospel— All: May they be bold in faith and steadfast in truth. Leader: For the women who nurture families, build communities, and act with justice—

All: May they reflect your love and strength.

Leader: For the young women discerning their call to serve— All: May they hear your voice and follow with courage.

Leader: For all women in mission, known and unknown, seen and unseen—

All: May they be sustained by your Spirit and filled with your peace.

Leader: We give thanks for the work of United Women in Faith, which began with the commitment to service in mission made by eight women in 1869, and continues today, 156 years later.

# All: We affirm the commitment of United Women in Faith that love in action can change the world.

Leader: Lord, bless the work of their hands, the prayers of their hearts, and the journey of their lives.

All: Amen.

#### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

Lord of overflowing abundance, we praise you with joyful lips and bless you with uplifted hands. When our souls are parched, you offer us wine and milk without price, and satisfy our hunger. Guard us when we stand for what is right, and save us from the time of trial, that we may be worthy disciples of your Son, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

*PRAISE & WORSHIP	"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"	Hymnal #521
MINISTRY OF MUSIC	"Sisters" Yolanda Adams, Yvonne Lewis	Holman Women's Day Chorus
MISSION MOMENT 8:00 am	Altadena UMC	Aviana Springs Lay Servant, Team Director
11:00 am	Saturday School for African American History (SSAAH)	Alvairene Scott
*SCRIPTURE	<b>Psalm 78:1-7</b> New Revised Standard Version	
INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER		Alnita Dunn President, Holman UWF
SONG OF PREPARATION	"For Every Mountain" Kurt Carr	Women's Day Chorus Deborah Bell, <i>soloist</i>
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#### "Tell the Story"

Sally Vonner General Secretary & CEO National United Women in Faith

#### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

**INVITATIONAL HYMN** 

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** 

## **PRESENTATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **THANKSGIVING FOR TITHES & OFFERING**

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: Seek the Lord while God may be found. People: We will call upon the Lord, while God is near. Leader: Embrace the paths that lead to life. People: We will return to our God. Leader: Seek the Lord while God may be found. People: We will call upon the Lord, while God is near.

#### POSTLUDE

"I Love to Tell the Story" *"Tell Me a Bedtime Story" (medley)* Katherine Hankey, William G. Fischer, Herbie Hancock Robert Johnson, Jr.

TODAY IN WORSHIP: Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Lead Pastor; Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver, Associate Pastor; Rev. Louis Chase, Minister of Community Outreach; In Memoriam Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr., Pastor Emeritus; Sally Vonner, Guest Speaker; Rose Whitehead, HUMC Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Liturgist (8:00 am); Carmen Hayes, Vice President, HUWFaith, Liturgist (11:00 am); Holman Women's Day Chorus, Melida Skeete Smith, Director; Robert Johnson, Jr., Organist; Ricardo L. J. Mowatt, Drummer; David R. Sears, Production Mixer; Mark Conway, Video Director; Keith McGruder, House Mixer; Fitzroy Younge, House Mixer; Jules Green, Post-Production; Mychael Carter, Audio Tech/Mixer

# **RADIO BROADCAST & ALTAR FLOWERS**

The live broadcast of today's 11:00 am worship service on Radio Free KJLH, 102.3 FM, is sponsored by Beverly Hills-West and Los Angeles Links to promote Black Kidney Kare, a powerful community event discussing chronic kidney disease at Holman UMC on Saturday, March 29 from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. Black Kidney Kare will feature presentations by health experts, nutritional wellness workshops, and free kidney health screenings. Together, we can protect our health, our families, and our future.

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Holman United Women in Faith "in honor of those Visionaries, Trailblazers, and Leaders who worked tirelessly and diligently to establish an organization 156 years ago to promote the welfare of women, children, and youth. Today, we proudly remember with love all women past and present who were and are members of Holman UWF. *The legacy continues!*"

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Dr. Dorris Woods, who wishes "Happy birthday to Dr. Burton Woods, Dr. Brannon Woods and Brian Woods, father and sons. I love you."

Alnita Dunn

President, Holman UWF

Rev. Dr. Oliver

# CHOLMAN Announcements

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

**PRAYER LIST** | All those affected by recent wildfires and storms, Tiffany Hall, Toni Edwards, Luisa Clark-Harris and family, Maritza Brown, Kamille Linton, Hazel Storey, Ovis Massey, Cynthia Marroquin-Henley, Thresa Thomas, Gweneth Alexander, Samantha McQueen, Larry Turner, Freddie Muse, Jr.

**BEREAVEMENT | Frank Edward Pinder III, MD**, the husband of Wilma Williams Pinder, made his transition on Tuesday, March 11. Arrangements are pending. • Sydney Pitter, the father of Roy Pitter, passed away on Tuesday, February 25 in Kingston, Jamaica. His funeral service will be held Saturday, March 29 at Hanover Street Baptist Church in Kingston. • Please remember these families in prayer.

#### AFTER WORSHIP

- Join us for **Fellowship Hour**, hosted by the **Holman United Women in Faith** in L. L. White Hall, immediately following the worship service.
- The **HUWF Women's Recognition & Appreciation Program** begins at 1:00 pm in L. L. White Hall.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Lenten Study & Prayer continues online this Wednesday, March 26, and on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent at 7:00 pm. Sign up today to get the daily online prayer journal.
- There will be two **Storehouse Ministry** events this week: Wednesday Group meets March 26, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm in the Education Building. Food distribution continues Thursday, March 27 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm in the Education Building.
- Next Sunday, March 30, there will be a single combined worship service at 11:00 am.
- 80th Anniversary t-shirts will be available for pickup on Sunday April 6, 2025.
- Saturday School for African American History (SSAAH) continues on Saturday, April 12, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. To register, visit <u>https://tinyurl.com/HolmanSSAAH</u>.

**Sally Vonner** oversees the implementation of the organization's vision, mission, and strategic plan to positively impact the lives of women, children, and youth around the world. She collaborates with United Women in Faith's senior executives from the Offices of the General Secretary, Connectional, Finance and Asset Management, Operations, and Transformation on day-to-day operations.

Vonner has served in many areas of The United Methodist Church — leading women's retreats, as a jurisdictional conference delegate or alternate for three quadrennia, and in immigration assistance and reform, community development, and dismantling racism initiatives at jurisdiction and conference levels.



Ms. Vonner is a graduate of Perkins School of Theology with an M.Div. and Women's Studies certification. She graduated from East Texas State University with a B.S. degree in Biology. She serves on the board of the Scarritt Bennett Center in Nashville, TN.