

March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent · 8:00 am & 11:00 am
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CENTERING MOMENT

*God is our refuge and strength, our companion and guide.
Leaning into this truth helps us find our way through difficult seasons of our lives.*

PRELUDE

*“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”
Georg Neumark*

Robert Johnson, Jr.
Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver
Associate Pastor

GREETING

Juanita Cannon
Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome home, beloved children of God!

People: Gathered in God’s arms, we come to worship.

Leader: Sheltered in God’s love, we come to grow in love.

People: Abiding in God, we seek solace and comfort.

Leader: Even as God sends us on wilderness journeys,

*People: we trust that God is with us,
guiding and protecting our days.*

*Abingdon Worship Annual
(Mary Scifres)*

OPENING PRAYER

*Merciful God, your ways lead to life;
your light shines through the darkness.*

*The promises you made to our ancestors
continue to this day.*

*We, too, share the bounty of your blessings,
and the grace of eternal life in your name.*

*May we be worthy of our calling
and help others find their way. Amen.*

*Abingdon Worship Annual
(B.J. Beu)*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS	<i>“Forty Days and Forty Nights”</i>	Insert
MINISTRY OF MUSIC	<i>“Behold the Lamb of God”</i> <i>George F. Händel</i>	Holman Choir
SCRIPTURE	<i>Luke 4:1-13</i> Common English Bible	
SONG OF PREPARATION	<i>“Run Li'l Chillun!”</i> <i>Words and music by Hall Johnson</i>	Holman Choir
MESSAGE	<i>“Shake the Devil Off”</i>	Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin <i>Lead Pastor</i>
INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		
INVITATIONAL HYMN	<i>“Take Time to Be Holy”</i>	Hymnal #395
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
THANKSGIVING FOR TITHES & OFFERING		
BENEDICTION		
	<i>Leader: With God as our guide, we go into the world.</i> <i>With Christ as our companion,</i> <i>People: we go strengthened for the journey.</i>	
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>“Lord, Make Us More Holy”</i> <i>arr. Roland M. Carter</i>	Holman Choir
POSTLUDE	<i>“Shake the Devil Off”</i> <i>Johnny Thompson, Dorothy Norwood</i>	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*; Juanita Cannon, *Liturgist*; The Holman Choir, William Campbell, Jr., *Director*; Robert Johnson, Jr., *Organist*; 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*



WAYS TO GIVE

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAYER LIST | All those affected by recent wildfires and storms, Roxanne Liskey, Maritza Brown, Kamille Linton, Hazel Storey, Ovis Massey, Cynthia Marroquin-Henley, Thresa Thomas, Gweneth Alexander, Samantha McQueen, Larry Turner, Freddie Muse, Jr.



BEREAVEMENT | A celebration of the life of **June Chavez** will be held on Friday, March 14 at 11:00 am in the Holman sanctuary. • **Freddie Lee Roberts** transitioned on February 1. Arrangements are pending. • A funeral service for **Rev. Dr. Lydia Waters**, Interim Pastor of Grace UMC, was held Friday, March 7 at Crossroads UMC in Compton, CA. • **Please remember the families in prayer.**

AFTER WORSHIP

- Join us for **Fellowship Hour**, hosted by the **Hospitality Ministry** in L. L. White Hall, immediately following the worship service.
- Holman 80th Anniversary t-shirt sales end today. All sales benefit the parsonage restoration.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The **Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)** will hold its monthly online meeting this Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 pm. For details, please visit holmanumc.com/calendar.
- **Lenten Study Weekly Check-In** begins online Wednesday, March 12. Sign up today to get the daily online prayer journal. The weekly check-ins are Wednesday evenings throughout Lent at 7:00 pm.
- **Saturday School for African American History (SSAAH)** continues on Saturday, March 22, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. To register, visit holmanumc.com/calendar.
- The **Junius B. Dotson Institute for Music & Worship in the Black Church and Beyond** will meet at Holman UMC from Monday, March 17 through Wednesday, March 19.
- The **General Meeting of Black Methodists for Church Renewal** will be held at Holman UMC from Wednesday, March 19 through Saturday, March 22.
- On Sunday, March 23rd, the United Women in Faith (UWF) will observe **Mission Emphasis Sunday**. Ms. Sally Vonner, UWF General Secretary and CEO, will deliver the message at both the 8:00 am and 11:00 am worship services. The Combined Women's Chorus, under the direction of Melida Skeete Smith, will provide the music. Come and let us join together as we worship God on **Mission Emphasis Sunday**.

This Week @ HOLMAN

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Sunday, March 9

Sunday Worship

8:00am–9:15am | Sanctuary

Adult Sunday School: Zoom + Phone

9:30am–10:30am | Every Sunday | Online

Book Talk

9:15am–10:15am | Every Sunday | Online

Noel Leo Erskine, *Black Theology and Black Faith*

Children's Church

DIGITAL LESSON "[Jesus and the Sneaky Tempter](#)"

9:30am–10:30am | Every Sunday | Johnson Chapel

Sunday Worship

11:00am–12:15pm | Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 11

A-MAN STEM Center: After School Program

3:30pm–5:30pm | Every Tuesday | Education Building

SPRC Monthly Meeting

6:30pm–7:45pm | Online

Wednesday, March 12

Storehouse Ministry Wednesday Group

10:00am–1:00pm | Love Education Building

Lenten Study & Prayer: Practical Steps to Live Out Your Faith Every Day **([Study Guide Order Link](#))**

7:00pm–8:00pm | Online

Prayer Shawl Ministry

12:00pm–2:00pm | Crockett Library

Thursday, March 13

Storehouse Ministry Food Distribution

9:15am–1:00pm | Volunteers | Love Education Building

10:00am–1:00pm | Clients | Love Education Building

Friday, March 14

Friday Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

7:30am–8:30am | Every Friday | Phone

Mark Your Calendars!

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Junius B. Dotson Institute for Music & Worship in the Black Church and Beyond All day

Wednesday, March 19–Saturday, March 22

Black Methodists for Church Renewal General Meeting ([Registration Link](#))

All day

Saturday, March 22

Saturday School for African American History (SSAAH)

9:00am–12:00pm | Love Education Building

Sunday, March 23

United Women in Faith Mission Emphasis

8:00am & 11:00 am Worship | Sanctuary

12:30pm–2:00pm Reception | L. L. White Hall

Saturday, March 29

Black Kidney Kare Symposium

9:00am–2:00pm | L. L. White Hall

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

Friday, April 18

Good Friday

Sunday, April 20

Easter Day