

“Becoming Disciples More Faithful Than Teachers”

Part 5. Doers of the Will of God

Matthew 7:15-29

1. Watch out for _____ prophets and teachers.

2. Make every effort to do the _____ of God.

3. Be _____, or you will fail.

Keys: 1. false; 2. will; 3. wise

Make Companions in Christ!

Jesus ... called 12 disciples ... [two-by-two] (Matthew 10:1-5)

- Pray for your CIC
- Encounter your CIC
- Define God’s Call with your CIC
- Celebrate and commission CIC for the Kingdom of God!

Announcements/ Reminders

1. Welcome all. “March is Women’s History Month”

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and faith.” (Helen Keller, 1880-1968)

2. Liturgists—thanks!

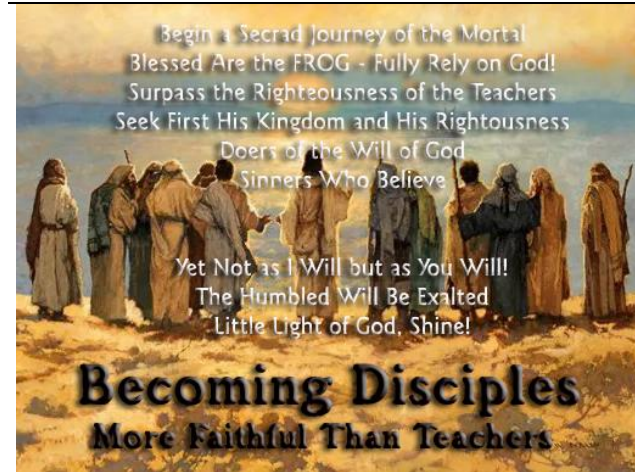
+ March 15: Mary Church

+ March 22: Ann Church

3. Join “Lenten Journey at Covenant” (see Calendar)

4. “Joyful” Music Ministry (Kathryn Herman, Music Director)

+ Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday at 7 p.m.



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Jesus called, equipped and sent the disciples rather than the teachers of the Law for His Kingdom and Righteousness. Come as the

learners of the gospel, rather than teachers of the Law. Be the faithful disciples in the unfaithful society. Follow Jesus of Nazareth. Alleluia!

❖ Liturgical Highlights during Advent

+ Sun., March 15, Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 9 a.m. Children/Youth (Family) Service
- 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet
- 10 a.m. Celebration of Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Church Council

+ Fri., March 20, 12 Hours of Famine, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

+ Fri.-Sun., March 20-22, IGNITE Youth Retreat at Ocean City

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+ GGYM Activities on Fridays at Covenant: Mar. 27th at 6:30p

Celebration of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent: UMCOR Sunday

March 15, 2026 at 10 a.m.

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Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Prelude "A Celtic Set for Lent" Kathryn Herman
ROCKINGHAM OLD, SLANE, IRISH, arr. by Thomas Keesecker

***Call to Worship** – Isaiah 30:15bc

Liturgist: In returning and rest you shall be saved.

People: in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. Alleluia!

***UMH No. 391** "O Happy Day that Fixed My Choice" HAPPY DAY

Opening Prayer

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Personal Prayer

Offered in Silence

We pray for the people of the State of New York, the Empire State, joined our union on July 26, 1788 (settled in 1614). The "Empire State" achieved statehood on July 26, 1788, following a colonial history that began with the establishment of Fort Orange (present-day Albany) in 1624 as the first permanent European settlement. Prior to European arrival the region was the ancestral home for indigenous peoples for thousands of years. The indigenous people included the Haudenosaunee [ho-dee-no-SHOW-nee] Confederacy (also known as the Iroquois Confederacy, the Lenape [leh-NAH-pay], and Mohican [mo-HEE-kan]. The transfer of the land was initially driven by the culturally misunderstood Dutch "purchases" model and the lucrative intertribal Beaver Wars for the fur trade, but it ultimately culminated in massive territorial

losses following the American Revolution, when the new American government seized millions of acres of Haudenosaunee land through coercive treaties and military campaigns. Today, there are eight federally recognized tribes that hold territory within New York State. Most of these are part of the Haudenosaunee [ho-dee-no-SHOW-nee] (Iroquois Confederacy, though some Algonquian [al-GON-kwee-un] nations also maintain federal status. Also pray for those who live in Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Ice Land, Norway, and Sweden.

Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Our Time, Talents, and Treasures

Offertory "Faith" Chancel Choir
by Mark Hayes

***Doxology - UMH No. 94** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

Gospel Lesson "Matthew 7:15-29" New International Version

Musical Offering "Rest (These Ancient Words)" Chancel Choir
Heather Sorenson

Witness to the Word Rev. Dr. DaeHwa Park

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Response to the Word – BOW No. 529

"A Prayer of Saint Patrick (Ireland, 5th Century)"

Acknowledgements and Faith Sharing

Welcome visitors. Join our small groups!

***UMH No. 451** "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

***Benediction** Rev. Dr. DaeHwa Park

Coral Response "An Irish Blessing" Chancel Choir
by James Moore

Postlude "An Irish Blessing" Kathryn Herman
arranged by James Moore

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal; **BOW** – Book of Worship

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12p	High Noon Prayer	Facebook/daehwapark
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