



*Huguenot United Methodist Church*  
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**March 15, 2026 at 11 a.m. – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*\*Please stand as able.*

*Gavotte Verso Close to Thee O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
*Ring Joyous with the Sound!* Huguenot Ringers

*Prelude Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Connie Salmeri

*Welcome, Registration of Attendance and Announcements* Judy Smith

***\*Call to Worship***

Leader: Some days, it's hard to recognize the signs, when what we have come to know and rely on is ablaze and everything looks like ashes.

People: **Do you not know what the Holy One can do with ashes? Then the Earth maker knelt down and formed humanity from the dust of the ground, and breathed new life.**

Leader: Some days, it's difficult to believe the signs, when truths are erased and buried and there is nothing left to witness but the bare dirt.

People: **Do you not know what the Holy One can do with dirt? Then the Pain bearer spat in the dirt and made mud, spreading it on the man's eyes and visions appeared of a new day rising.**

Leader: Some days, it feels impossible to embrace the signs, so we come together to pay attention, and seek, and be changed. We find our grounding in the ashes that were once stars in the dirt that holds galaxies in the mud that birthed our bones and breath. Then the Life-giver who made safe ground in the middle of the sea said, See, I am doing a new thing. Do you not perceive it? And a way was made out of no way toward hope.

***\*Hymn of Praise*** *God of the Ages* UMH # 698

*Psalter* *Psalms 23, UMH # 754* Smith

*Reading* *Lent, UMH # 268* Smith

*Anthem* *Love Lifted Me* The Choir

*Offering/Doxology* *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Huguenot Ringers

***\*Hymn of Preparation*** *Faith of Our Fathers* UMH # 710

*Scripture* *1 Samuel 16: 1-13* James C. Sprouse

*Homily* *El Roi: The God Who Sees* Sprouse

*Congregational Prayers and Lord's Prayer*

*Hymn of Dismissal* *A Mighty Fortress* UMH # 110

***\*Benediction*** Sprouse

*Postlude* *Glory in the Cross* Salmeri

# Lent



Welcome to Huguenot United Methodist Church!

## HUMC Highlights

- Our nursery caregivers are here and ready to welcome children this morning! Childcare is provided from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- The **Adult Bible Study** met today at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *Please join us next Sunday!*

## Upcoming Events

- **EASTER WEEK:** March 29-Palm Sunday, April 2-Maundy Thursday (Service at 7 p.m.), April 3-Good Friday, April 5-Easter Sunday (Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. and Sanctuary Service at 11 a.m.)
- Sun., April 12 – Coffee Fellowship following worship service
- Sun., April 12 – Last day for donations for the Cleaning Kits for Annual Conference

**Happy Birthday to**  
Peggy Harris (March 17)  
Todd Lumadue (March 19)

## This Week's Church Calendar

### **Sunday, March 15 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

10 a.m...Adult Bible Study (FH)

11 a.m...Worship

### **Tuesday, March 17**

7 p.m...Handbell Practice (S)

### **Wednesday, March 18**

10 a.m...Preschool Chapel Time with Pastor Jim

7 p.m...Choir Practice

### **Friday, March 19**

10 a.m...Library Work Day

### **Sunday, March 22 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

10 a.m...Adult Bible Study (FH)

11 a.m...Worship

CR – Choir Room    FH – Fellowship Hall  
K – Kitchen    L – Library    PR – Puppet Room

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### *Huguenot Ministry Staff*

*Pastor:* James C. Sprouse (703) 608-3045  
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*Director of Music:* Constance Salmeri  
*Lay Leader:* Gerry Flinchbaugh  
*Office Administrator:* Elaine Grider  
*Preschool Director:* Debbi Mintz  
Nursery Caregivers: Rosalie Koch and Volunteer

### *Mission Moment*

**Cleaning Kits for VA UMC Annual Conference**  
Huguenot UMC's next Mission Outreach Project will be preparing Cleaning Kits. Cleaning kits provide supplies to help individuals and families clean up after flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes and other natural disasters. Each kit consists of a five-gallon bucket filled with designated cleaning supplies. Each kit costs approx. \$75. Our goal is to prepare ten kits. We are asking members and friends of the congregation to make monetary donations towards the purchase of supplies for the kits. Please mark your donation as Cleaning Kits. The deadline for donations is Sunday, April 12, 2026.

**Thank you!**

**“To Be a Church in Service and in Witness to Our Members and Community.”**