



First Sunday in Lent

Easter Hill United Methodist Church | February 26, 2023

Rev. Dr. Dale M. Weatherspoon, Pastor

Our Mission is to know Christ and to make Christ Known



Worship Celebration | **1st Sunday of Lent** | **Year A**
February 26, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. | **Black History Month**

The star (✦) indicates where we are to stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ms. Rhonda Long

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

We are learning to follow Jesus.

For those who feel Christ near,

May we not turn away from the discomfort of the journey ahead.

For those who feel as far from Christ as the desert is from the ocean,

May we find Christ in the wilderness with us.

For all of us who stumble and fall in our silence, indifference, and lack of generosity,

May we reach for the hand of Christ, who raises us up to continue on the journey.

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022.

✦ OPENING SONG

p. 429, AAHH

“Yield Not to Temptation”

✦ PRAISE SONG

p. 109, AAHH

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Dale

Prayer requests via online @ www.easterhill.org/prayer

PRAYER SONG

p. 173, Zion Still Sings

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ms. Rhonda Long

Lay Servant: It's offering time!

Church: Praise the Lord!

How to make your offering via the “Giving link @ www.easterhill.org/giving”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ms. Rhonda Long

DOXOLOGY

p. 94, UM Hymnal

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

BLACK HISTORY MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN Ms. Karolyn Langston

THE WORD OF GOD

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7
Matthew 4: 1-11

Ms. Rhonda Long
Volunteer

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY

Ms. Regina Sims

SINGING RESPONSE TO MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY

“We Shall Overcome”

p. 542, AAHH (Verse 1)

MUSICAL SELECTION

“To God Be the Glory”

Ms. Kimberly Harvey, Soloist

THE LITANY

Pastor Dale

The Tempter says, “If you are...”

God, help us prove that we are your people.

If we are the people of God, our love will flow from inside out to God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

God, help us prove that we are your people.

If we are followers of Christ, our faith will plant seeds of justice, so we can reap a harvest of reconciliation and healing where violence and desolation once took root.

God, help us prove that we are your people.

If we are students of the Holy Spirit, our hope will dream a world of flourishing for all of God’s creation, inspiring us to spread God’s abundant life like butter on warm toast.

God, help us prove that we are your people.

Though the Tempter says, “If you are...,” God says, “You are mine.”

God, as the people you claim as your own, teach us to live in and return to love, faith, and hope whenever we fall.

Amen. *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022.*

THE SERMON

Pastor Dale

✦ CLOSING SONG
"Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"

p. 2105, The Faith We Sing

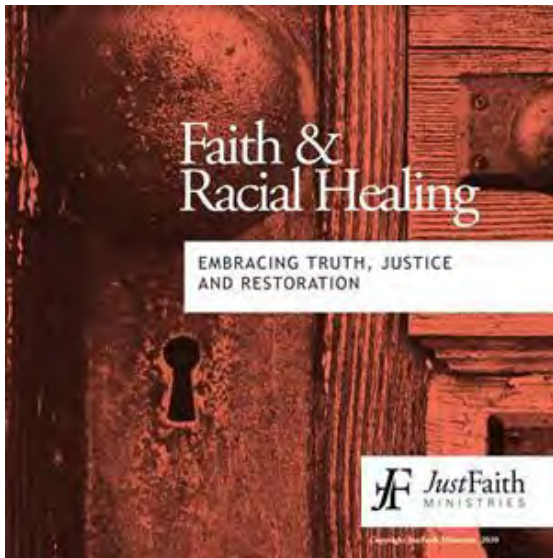
CLOSING BENEDICTION

Pastor Dale

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY & SERVICE



FAITH AND RACIAL HEALING: EMBRACING TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND RESTORATION

Easter Hill UMC | Sunday, Feb. 26 | 12:30p-3p

Our two congregations have formed a small group from JustFaith Ministries (justfaith.org) to participate in this program: *Faith and Racial Healing*.

This eight-week program guides participants in telling the truth about the history of racism in the United States so that we might work toward true reconciliation with God and restoration with one another. We opened with a retreat that continues today. Epworth UMC members were invited to worship at EHUMC today, and our group will meet in the Mann-Swisher hall this afternoon. Pastor Dale is participating. Pastor Debbie and Pastor Kristin Stoneking (Epworth) are co-facilitating. We will meet throughout the next few months, so we ask for your prayers as we grow in our discipleship, our relationship with our congregations, and our faith and racial healing.

LENTEN STUDY – the six-week Lenten Study, using “*Faithful Lent: Connecting the Practices of Lent and Anti-Racism*”, will be held via Zoom each **Wednesday, March 1 through April 5**. Sign-up to receive the study material and the Zoom link by contacting Joyce in the church office or Pastor Dale via email (pastordale316@gmail.com).



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study will meet on **Wednesday, March 1** at **1p** via Zoom. Contact Barbara Scott with any questions. **We Make the Road by Walking**, by **Brian McLaren** is the book used for the study.

SENIOR MINISTRY

The Senior Ministry will be going to the **Richmond Arts Center**, 2540 Barrett Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804 on **March 2, 2023 @ 2 p.m.** The next Senior Ministry meeting will be held on March 9, 2023 at 2:00 p. m. in person at the church.

ELDERTECH ACADEMY: Let's Get Back To Work! | March 3



Computer tutoring is being offered through the Eldertech Academy via Zoom each week. There will be One class session per week: Fridays at **11:00 a.m.** The Zoom link invitation will be sent to you each week prior to the session. If you would like to join the class, contact the church office to give us your email address.

A graphic for NAACP recruitment featuring a collage of diverse people's faces in the background. The text is overlaid in bold black and purple colors.

**I AM
NAACP
ARE YOU?**

**TEXT JOIN TO 20707
TO BECOME A MEMBER.**

#JOINNAACP

Join the NAACP

The time is now. By becoming a member of NAACP, you'll join a network of activists standing up to injustice, fighting back against systemic racism, and answering the call for equality. **THRIVE WITH US** It's one thing to succeed as a community – it's another thing to thrive. For more information contact: M Braxton or E Avelino





UNCF

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UNCF CAMPAIGN 2023

February 1 - March 26

UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND (UNCF) IS THE NATION'S LARGEST, OLDEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL MINORITY HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATION

The East Bay Committee of the United Negro College Fund has agreed to help raise funds because of an ever-increasing need for quality education. The funds generated from the project will be used to provide scholarships, textbooks, library, and laboratory equipment for thousands of deserving students.

The East Bay Committee of the United Negro College Fund would like to thank you for your heartfelt generosity and for being a committed friend to the United Negro College Fund. Our pledge is to keep the doors Open so that students may achieve their educational goals.

Your generous support will make a significant difference as we sustain a tradition of academic excellence.

Due to Covid-19 we will not be able to communicate with you face to face, therefore, we are asking you to mail your donation to any committee member or drop off your donation at Easter Hill and a committee member will process your check. You may receive a request letter with a return envelope inside.

Make your check or money order payable to the United Negro College Fund or UNCF.

Thank you for again for our support and for helping us to live up to the ideal expressed in our motto: "A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste".

Sincerely and stay safe,

East Bay Committee

Mr. & Mrs. Horacio Avelino

Mr. Leon Hunter

Dr. Corann Withers

CALENDAR EVENTS

FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 5, 2023

Monday, February 27, 2023

10:20a CD Group | [via Zoom](#)
7p Q Place | [via Zoom](#)

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

6p UWF Women's Day Committee | [via Zoom](#)

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

1p Adult Bible Study | [via Zoom](#)
6p LENTON STUDY | [via Zoom](#)

Thursday, March 2, 2023

6p SPRC | [Via Zoom](#)
7p Freedom School Steering Committee | [via Zoom](#)

Friday, March 3, 2023

11a ElderTech Academy | [Via Zoom](#)

Saturday, March 4, 2023

9a Prayer Ministry | [via Zoom](#)

Sunday, March 5, 2023

10a Worship Service (Lectionary Year A)
In-person Attendance | Live Stream on Facebook
11:30a Choir Rehearsal

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Joyce Clark, Administrative Assistant

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Rev. Shinya Goto, District Superintendent

STATEMENT OF WELCOME

All creation is of sacred worth. All humans are sacred images of God. Easter Hill United Methodist Church affirms, without reservation, Jesus' life, and ministry of unconditional love. As an inclusive and nurturing family of families, Easter Hill will continue to welcome and offer hospitality to all persons regardless of age, race, gender orientation, religious, economic, educational, or social status.



FirstSunday
IN LENT

