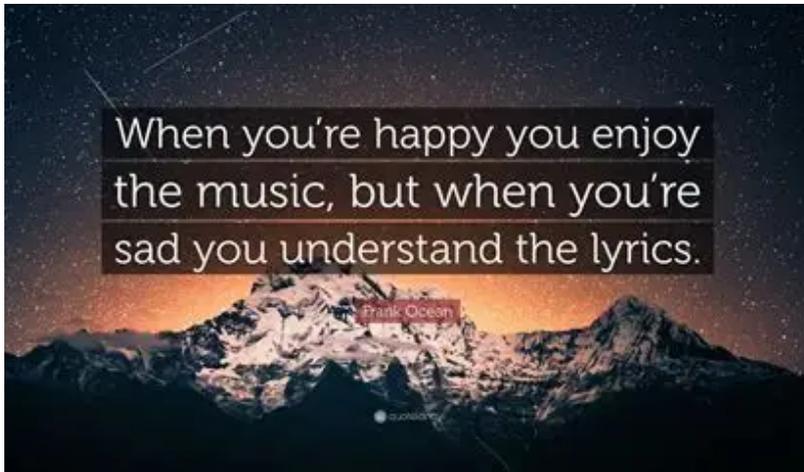


FUMC San Benito 4th Core Belief:

A church that is humble in our victories and honest in our failures, struggles and doubts. We will be truthful with each other and with God.



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Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary.

**Congregation, please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Tom Hoehn

Point to Ponder: Experiencing people's sadness can help us feel more connected and not alone.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rudy Hyde

Leader: The songs of Lent have sad sounds,

People: Arising from our real life of Jesus Walk to the Cross.

Leader: A song of guidance through troubled time,

People: Redeeming our tragedies and celebrating our coming triumphs.

Leader: A song of guidance because there is hope beyond the sorrow

People: God always revels in our uniqueness and delights in our commonness.

Leader: So let's sing a Psalm today that points us through sorrow

People: For our God tends the wounds of the heart and He restores hope to our despairing times,

Leader: Yes, God brings light into where there is darkness and blesses us each day.

***HYMN OF WORSHIP**

No. 292

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Heavenly Father, I come before You with a humble heart, acknowledging my weaknesses and the ways I have fallen short. Lord, I ask for Your mercy—wash me clean and renew my spirit. Help me to turn away from sin and walk in the light of Your truth.

Teach me to accept Your forgiveness and to forgive others as You have forgiven me. May this Lent be a time of true repentance, where I surrender my burdens and embrace the freedom that comes through Your grace. Thank You for never giving up on me.

A moment of silence with God for your personal prayer of confession.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS

No. 298

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rudy Hyde

followed by THE LORD’S PRAYER

YOUR GIVING MADE A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: O God, just as we look into a mirror to see any soiled spots on our face, so let us look to you in order to understand the way we should wash away the things in our life and heart that would block us from giving freely to you. As we seek to give the best to you in this offering time dwell in our hearts and guide our thoughts and actions in this season of Lent. In Jesus name. . . Amen

***DOXOLOGY**

Scripture for Month of March: James1:19

You must understand this, my beloved: everyone must be quick to listen, slow to speak & slow to get angry

James1:19

PSALTAR LESSON

Bill Elliott

Psalm 25:1-10

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

"Strength in Sad Songs"

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

No. 419

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Melissa

Pastor: We are in the middle of our Lenten journey.

People: May we be witnesses to these days when Jesus Christ calls us nearer to the Cross.

Pastor: May our Lenten travels be for us and for the world a sign of Christ's love for all humanity. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™