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Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Fourth Sunday in Lent)

March 30, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

600

"Wonderful Words of Life"

*The Apostles' Creed

881

*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 8:1-9

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

529

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

~Joys and Concerns

~General Prayers & Intercession

~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

895

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" # 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept our tithes and offerings, O Lord, together with our lives, to be used by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, for the expansion of your kingdom, in our local Community, and around the face of the earth, that many shall come to know your Son, Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jackie Howard, piano

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-4

MESSAGE

Pastor 'Debo

Week # 1 of "It Is Written" – Not By Bread Alone

*CLOSING HYMN

127

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Chapel)
11:30 a.m. Strategic Planning Team (Parlor)
12:00 p.m. Chair Yoga in the Parlor

Thursday, April 3, 2025

5:30 p.m. Evangelism meeting in the Parlor

Saturday, April 5, 2025

7:00 a.m. Weekly Prayer Huddle (see details in announcements)
9:00 a.m. Leadership Retreat (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, April 6, 2025

9:30 a.m. Adult Discipleship/Sunday School (Chapel)
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

CELEBRATIONS IN APRIL 2025

Birthdays

2 Sharon Byerly
10 Angela Hill
11 Barry Axe
13 Max Smith
18 Sharon Layne
22 Gregg Witham

27 Marcella Green
30 Jerry Raymond

Anniversaries

9 Charles & Patti Crist

17 Charles & Kathy Shafer

23 Pastor 'Debo & 'Lola
Onabanjo
28 Jan & Connie Cox

MINISTRY TEAM/STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation
Media Team: Jessica Thomas, Daniel Onabanjo & Paul Jassogne
Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer
Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer
Custodian: Jeff Byerly
Pianist: Jackie Howard
Liturgist: Greg Howard
Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo

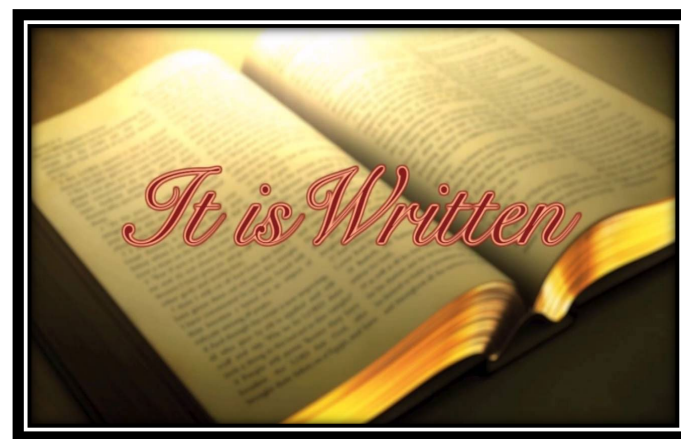


GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
Allegheny West

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(Fourth Sunday in Lent)



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Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.
Children's Church (ages 5-13) starts at 10:45 a.m.
Church Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

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“He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What was the purpose of the wilderness experience for the ancient Jews according to this passage?

Monday March 31

Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:1-9; Reflection Verse: Joshua 1:7

“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What do we glean from God’s instruction to Joshua in this passage?

Tuesday April 1

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-13; Reflection Verses: Mark 1:12-13

“At once the Spirit sent [Jesus] out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why do you think the Spirit sent Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted?

Wednesday April 2

Scripture Reading: Mark 7:1-13; Reflection Verse: Mark 7:8

“You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How can we guard against the mistakes of the religious elites denounced by Jesus?

Thursday April 3

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:12-31; Reflection Verse: Mark 14:27

“You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, “for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.””

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How did the action of the disciples fulfill what was written?

Friday April 4

Scripture Reading: Luke 3:1-20; Reflection Verse: Luke 3:4

“As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How does the action of John the Baptist fulfill the prophet’s message? What lessons can we learn from John the Baptist? (see **Ephesians 2:10**)

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Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What insight does this response by Jesus to His first temptation provide for us? How can we live on every Word that comes from the mouth of God?

Deuteronomy 8:1-9

Do Not Forget the LORD

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⁶ Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; ⁸ a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹ a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

Matthew 4:1-4

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted^[a] by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

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***The Apostles' Creed**

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

Amazing God, we pray that through the Holy Spirit your preferred future for Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church will be made known to us. We ask that you use us to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our friends, family, and community. Give us the courage to follow the leading of your Holy Spirit wherever that may take us. Open our eyes so that we may see the new things you are already doing among us. AMEN