

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

275 North Halcyon Road
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Contact us with any questions!

M - F from 9 AM – 1 PM (subject to change)

* Our Senior Pastor is off on Mondays.

Church Office: 805 . 481 . 2692

On The Web @ worshipweekly.com

Via E-mail: fumcag@sbcglobal.net

AG UM Children's Center

Program Tours Daily by appointment ONLY
on Monday thru Friday 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
or 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM. *Come and find out if
we are a good fit for you and your child.*

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Be sure to fill out an information sheet and turn it
into the church office so that we can update our
database. Copies are available in the Narthex or via
the church office. We don't want to miss your
birthday, or an opportunity to send you the newslet-
ter, as well as, pastor's weekly e-mail.

Meet Our CHURCH STAFF

Cal-Pac Conference Bishop:

Minerva G. Carcaño

North District Superintendent:

Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth

Senior Pastor:

Rev. David M. Burgeson

Missionary (retired):

Judy Atwood

Church Office Administrator:

Sarah Burgeson

Bookkeeper:

Victoria Gandy

Website Manager:

Jamie Foster

Choir Director:

Julie Burns

Praise Team Director:

Susan Coho

Organist:

Don McGuire

Choral Pianist:

Dennis Eiler

Multi-Media Director:

Mike Coho

Puppet People, Chair:

Mike Herber

Handbell Choir Director:

Leonard Lutz

Christian Education Directors:

Susan Coho, *Adult*

Mike & Linda Herber, *Youth*

Victoria Gandy, *Children*

AG UM Children's Center

Director:

Madrigal Quaglino

Bookkeeper:

Victoria Gandy

10:30 AM Order of Worship for 23 March 2014



THE STORY

The Start of Jesus' Ministry



Matthew 4: 1—11

Jesus is tempted in the Wilderness

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

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is also

written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.



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The Third Sunday of Lent—23 March 2014

† DENOTES STANDING AS YOU ARE ABLE

“The Story” - The Start of Jesus’ Ministry

Worship is led by the Lord’s Crew

Welcome and News of the Church Pastor David

Opening Praise Come, Now Is The Time to Worship

† Scripture Reading Romans 15:1—13 In Unison

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.” For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’s truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name.”

Again, it says, “Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.” And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him.” And again, Isaiah says, “The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

† Opening Prayer Pastor David

Praise Here I Am To Worship The Lord’s Crew
Let the Waters Rise
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Prayer of Adoration Susan Coho

Worship Giving - Prayer Our Tithes and Offerings Pastor David
Offertory Offertory (Preludium on a theme by J.S. Bach)

Greet One Another & Share God’s Peace (Please return to your seat when you hear the music)

Sharing Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayer & Thanksgiving Pastor David

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1—11 Mike Herber
One: This is the word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Message *The Beginning of Jesus’ Ministry*
Pastor David M. Burgeson

Communion Scripture Reading I Corinthians 11:23—26 In Unison
Communion Song Hero

† Benediction Song *The Lord Bless Thee* Pastor David

† Recessional *Awesome God*

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Prelude By *Still Waters* (L. Smith, composer)

Choral Introit *Sing To The King* (by Mark Hayes)

✠ **Call To Worship** Kent Unsworth

* Please stand as you are able in body and/or in spirit for our *Call To Worship*:

One: We gather as God's people in a world divided and distressed.

Many: Yet we gather as one people, united by God.

One: We gather as God's people, journeying to Jerusalem.

Many: Yet we gather as one people, steadfastly traveling forward together.

One: We gather as God's people, frightened by whirlpools of worry which spin us out of control.

ALL: Yet we gather as one people following in the unflinching steps of Jesus the Christ, whose name we praise.

* Please remain standing for our opening hymn.

✠ **Hymn No. 269** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Children’s Moment Carolyn Russell

* Grades K—6 are invited to go with the teachers to Sunday School upstairs in room 211 at this time. Nursery available. Youth meet in room 215.

Prayer of Confession Kent Unsworth

One: Trusting, with the psalmist, that God is truly good and upright, and willing to teach sinners in God's own ways, let us confess our sins with confidence, seeking God's instruction. Please join me in our prayer of confession:

ALL: Merciful God, forgive us when we stray from your path and succumb to the temptation of the moment. Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your path. Forgive us for failing to see every person as one of your beloved children. Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your path: Forgive us when we fail to share from the resources we have, when others go hungry for lack of food, or have no place to rest. Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your path. Forgive us when we hold onto our anger and hurts, failing to forgive as you have forgiven us. Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your path.

Assurance of Pardon Kent Unsworth

One: For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. Believe the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

Choral Anthem *Majesty (Here I Am)*

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer of Joy & Thanksgiving—The Lord’s Prayer

Pastoral Prayer for Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *By Faith* (B. Frick, composer)

✠ **Doxology**

Prayer For Illumination Kent Unsworth

One: Please join me in our *Prayer for Illumination*.

ALL: Spirit of God, enliven our hearts and minds that, as we hear the Scripture read and proclaimed,

we may hear your word for us, each one individually and by name. Grant us courage to receive it, and stir in us a desire to respond in love and faithful obedience. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1—11 Kent Unsworth

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message *The Start of Jesus’ Ministry*
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✠ **Affirmation of Faith—in unison**

We believe in one God who created us and loves us, still and all.

We believe in Jesus Christ who leads us and calls us to follow.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, present to us in our challenges and changes.

We believe we are the church, called to bring solace to the troubled, hope to the hopeless and love to the lonely.

We believe in the power of prayer, which enables us to live a life of love and service in the grace of God. Amen.

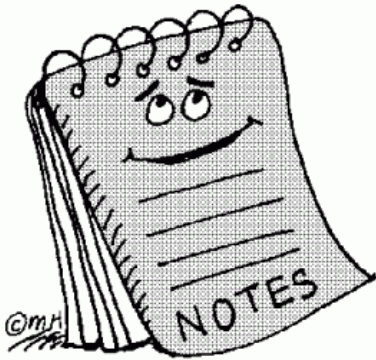
✠ **Hymn No. 569** *We’ve A Story To Tell to the Nations*

✠ **Benediction & Choral Response**

Postlude *The Grace of God* (W. Clarke, composer)

SERMON NOTES

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Join us TODAY after worship in Criswell Hall for a Coffee Hour. We want to get to know you!

Worship Team

is our coffee host this week.
Next Week's Coffee Hour Host:



"Spud"- tacular—March 30th
Tickets: \$6/\$8—support CAMP!
Get yours TODAY in Criswell Hall.

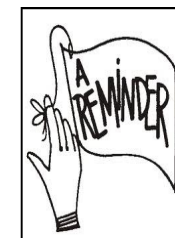


Altar Flowers

"In honor of Pat Wiemers' birthday."
- the Prestemons



The Story Self-led Study & Cinema—10 AM on the Criswell Hall stage.
How To Study The Bible - 6 PM (MMR).



Register Your Attendance!
Registration pads are passed during worship. Please be sure to include address & e-mail. If you have any changes, please indicate so on the form.



- UMC of AG Emergency Food Distribution—** Monday from 1—3 PM (CH).
- Women of Prayer—**Monday at 7 PM (S).
- Men's Bible Study —**Monday at 7 PM (215).
- Sew 'n' Sews —**Tuesday at 9 AM (MMR).
- Grande Ringers Handbell Practice—**Tues. & Thurs. at 5 PM in the hand bell room.
- Senior Exercise—**T/W/Th. at 8:30 AM (CH)
- Church Work Day –** Wednesday at 9 AM.
- Mary-Martha Circle—**Wednesday at 9:30 AM (MMR)
- Wednesday Night Supper —**Wednesday at 5 PM (CH). All are welcome.
- The Story Study—Ch. 24: "No Ordinary Man" -** Wednesday at 5:45 PM (MMR).
- Kid's Night Out (K- 6th) -** Wednesday at 5:45 PM (CH).
- Youth Group -** Wednesday at 7 PM (215).
- Choir Practice —**Wednesday at 7 PM.
- Intercessory Prayer —**Thursday at 10 AM (L).
- Mission Team—**Thursday at 11 AM (MMR).
- Church Council—**Thursday at 6:30 PM (MMR)
- AM Bible Study—**Friday at 8:30 AM (L).
- UMW Book Club—**Friday at 11 AM (MMR).
- Messy Church Information Meeting—** Saturday at 9 AM (UMC of Santa Maria).
- One Great Hour of Sharing—**NEXT Sunday (3/30) Please consider your gift.
- Spud-tacular—**NEXT Sunday (3/30) Get your ticket TODAY & support camperships!



JOIN US FOR A
FELLOWSHIP DINNER
Wednesdays at 5 PM—Criswell Hall - FREE!

This week dinner is:
Spaghetti and Garlic Bread
If you can bring anything, please contact the church office.
Join us!!



Adults Sundays at 10 AM
Wednesdays at 5:45 PM;
Fridays at 8:30 AM
Youth Wednesdays at 7 PM
Children Sundays at 10:30 AM and
Wednesdays at 6 PM
An ALL age study like you have never seen!



An Adult Christian Education Event
Café Chocolat—A Women's Retreat
Begins on **Friday, April 11 at 5 PM** and ends on **Saturday, April 12 at 4 PM**

Your **\$40 registration fee** includes: three meals (dinner on 4/11 with breakfast & lunch on 4/12), optional overnight accommodations, six interactive study sessions, a journal and a keepsake bracelet. (Scholarships available). **Visit the Café Chocolat registration table in Criswell Hall TODAY** and pick up a brochure/schedule. **Register with event director, Linda Herber by April 5th.**



UMM Taco Buffet - April 21st
Ole! Calling all Senors, Senoras, and Senioritas. It is time for the **Annual UMM Taco Buffet**. Meals include a taco bowl, rice, refried beans, lemonade, coffee, tea and a cake for dessert. Served buffet style to allow you to make it just how you like it. Adults: \$7 and kids under 10 are \$4. Tickets available 3/23 & 30 or at the door.



One Great Hour of Sharing
NEXT week—March 30

Please prayerfully consider how you can give to this global ministry!

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), is one of the four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. Working in more than 138 countries, the offering provides hope to people 365 days each year. The UCC works with international partners, and together we provide support to health, education, refugee, agricultural, and emergency relief initiatives.



Pastor's Lenten Book Recommendation
Pastor has 9 copies of a book entitled "A World Worth Saving" Lenten Practice for Action. The cost is only \$11 per book. Please see Pastor David or the church office for more info.



Something Weird is Coming!
Mark your calendar for **June 23—27.**
See Victoria Gandy in Criswell Hall to find out where you can plug in!

WOO HOO!!
Summer CAMP's early bird deadline has been extended to March 31!

You still have time to save **\$50** for your camper. 

Do you know where your library books are!

There are books missing from the Library.
Please check and see if you have any overdue books.
Thanks!

FEED THE HUNGRY®

UMC of AG
Emergency Food Pantry
Food is distributed from our church every **MONDAY** from 1—3 PM. You can help!
(* monetary donations are appreciated made out to FUMCAG - memo UMC of AG Food Pantry).

People's Kitchen Team
needs workers on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday and Thursday of each month to help make lunches and serve them to the hungry in our community.
Contact the Ashtons in Criswell Hall to help.

5 Cities Christian Women Food Pantry
Donations of non-perishable food are welcome at any time. A marked basket is in the Narthex for your convenience.

Monetary donations pay to:
5CCW Emergency Food Ministry
P.O. Box 756,
Grover Beach, CA 93483
All valuable to the work of Jesus Christ and the ministry of His church.
Any help is appreciated!



sermon notes week 23

- I. Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River; it is good. (Matthew 3:16-17)
 - A. At Jesus' baptism the sky ripped open, a voice declared from heaven, "This is my Son whom I love."
 - B. But baptism is for sinners, yet the Son of God was baptized. Why?
 1. God's people were hungry for spiritual reality.
 2. Jesus, by baptism, identified with God's people, by saying, "It's right for us to do this." Jesus said, "Us."

[Max Lucado tells about visiting the Jordan River and baptizing himself in a spot that might have been close to where Jesus was baptized. Even though Max made confession of faith at age 10, at age 53 he did this ceremony in the Jordan River. Jesus was God who walked the earth, got wet in the Jordan. Jesus was one of "us."]

C. Jesus' baptism was good.

- II. Jesus confronts the devil in the wilderness; it was scary. (Matthew 4:1-11)
 - A. Jesus re-enacts the temptation in the Garden of Eden.
 - B. Jesus, each time he was tempted, referred to God and to the Word of God.
 - C. As, the "second Adam," Jesus won the rematch with the devil.
 1. The Bible makes it plain that the origin of evil is with the devil.
 2. "Devil" is from the word *diabolos* which comes from a verb which means "to divide."
 3. The devil, Satan, is not a myth, but a very real being who wants to divide us from God and from one another.
 - D. The devil tried to take Jesus out by giving his best punch, but Jesus didn't even blink. Jesus won, and that was scary... scary good.

- III. Jesus was confronted by the devil through the religious leaders of the day. (Luke 6:6-11)
 - A. 6000 Pharisees and Sadducees, jealous of Jesus' impact on people, conspired to have Jesus killed.
 1. Jesus healed a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath.
 2. The religious leaders objected and Jesus stared them down with the anger of God because their hearts were hardened.
 - B. Nicodemus was a notable exception to the hostile religious leaders. (John 3:2-16)
 1. Nicodemus, a high-ranking leader, came to Jesus at night (Nick at Nite) and affirmed Jesus as an agent from God.
 2. Jesus responded by telling Nicodemus that he needed to be "born again"—a concept totally foreign to Nicodemus.
 3. This rebirth, like our first birth, is something we have no control over. It is not a mulligan, but miracle of God. It is not a second chance; it is a new beginning.

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