

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 30 March 2014



Mark 4: 1—9

The Parable of the Sower

Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times."

Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."



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The Fourth Sunday of Lent—30 March 2014

✠ DENOTES STANDING AS YOU ARE ABLE

“The Story” - Kingdom

Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

Prelude

Now, I Belong to Jesus (N. Clayton, COMPOSER)

✠ Call To Worship

Pastor David

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

One: Jesus, Our Savior, gave his life so that we may have life.

Many: Thank you, Jesus, for life everlasting!

One: God, Our Father, has loved us and called us His own.

Many: Thank you, Father, for calling us Your children!

One: Christ, Our King, has come to redeem us. Let us worship Him in word and song.

Many: Thank you, Jesus, for our salvation!

ALL: We praise You and honor You, Savior, God and King, for You alone are worthy of all our worship and praise!

* *Please remain standing for our opening hymn.*

✠ Hymn No. 98

To God Be The Glory

Children’s Moment—DVD from “The Story” Chapter 24: No Ordinary Man

* *Children are invited to go with the teachers to Sunday School upstairs in room 211 at this time. Nursery care is available. Youth group meets in Criswell Hall.*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor David

One: The Lord is a good and faithful God, yet we doubt and question God’s plans and intentions toward us. Let us confess our sins, that we might be reconciled to Christ and one another.

ALL: Merciful Savior, we confess that what we say we believe and the beliefs our lives profess frequently aren’t the same. We say that You are good, yet we’re quick to blame You when discomfort, turmoil or distress arises. We say that You love us, but we act as if Your will for our lives cannot be trusted. We proclaim that we are forgiven, yet we continue to carry the burdensome baggage of our past. We profess that You are a Faithful God, yet we’re riddled with anxiety, fear and impatience. Forgive us, Lord. Give us the courage to look honestly at the disparity between what we say we believe and the truth that our actions and attitudes tell. We pray for the grace to close the gap between the two. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor David

One: Friends, the mercy of Jesus Christ covers all your sin and is from everlasting to everlasting. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

Special Music

At Calvary (R. Wilson, COMPOSER)

Don McGuire, ORGAN SOLO

Sharing Joys & Concerns

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

Prayer for Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Lord, Hear Our Cry (R. Hughes, composer)

✠ Doxology

Prayer For Illumination

Pastor David

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

ALL: Lord of Our Lives, we know you are always present to us. Help us to be present to you as we prepare to hear Your word as revealed in the Scripture. Keep us alert that we might hear, and hearing, respond. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:1—9

Pastor David

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message

Kingdom

Pastor David M. Burgeson

✠ Affirmation of Faith—Hymnal #884

✠ Hymn No. 405

Seek Ye First

✠ Benediction

Postlude

Recessional and Hymn (J. Boalt, COMPOSER)





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Worship is led by the Lord’s Crew

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Pastor David

Opening Praise

Flow to You

† Scripture Reading

Matthew 5: 17—20

In Unison

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

† Opening Prayer

Pastor David

Praise

*We’ve A Story
The Heart of Worship
Medley: All Hail King Jesus; Give Thanks*

The Lord’s Crew

Prayer of Adoration

Susan Coho

Worship Giving - Prayer For Our Tithes and Offerings

Pastor David

Offertory

Bless The Lord

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

Mark 4: 1—9

Mike Herber

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message

Kingdom

Pastor David M. Burgeson

Scripture and Communion Reading (on screen)

In Unison

Communion Song

I Lift My Eyes Up to the Heavens

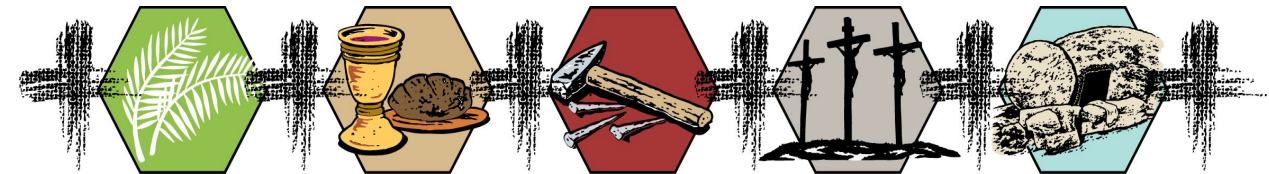
† Benediction Song

The Lord Bless Thee

Pastor David

† Recessional

Sing to the King!



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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!



**Adult Christian Education Event
Café Chocolat—Women's Retreat**

Begins on **Friday, April 11 at 5 PM**
(optional overnight) 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), 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.

HOLY WEEK

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Quiet Communion
April 17 (between 6:30 - 7:30 PM)
Come anytime in that hour for a self led meditation and Holy Communion by Pastor David.

Annual Ecumenical Service for Good Friday
April 18 at 3 PM at St. Patrick's
Six local churches join in worship with choral music, Congregational hymns, and scripture readings.

Combined Good Friday Service
April 18 at 7 PM
at Grover Beach Presbyterian
Combined choir and Tolosa Strings perform selections of John Rutter's "Requiem"

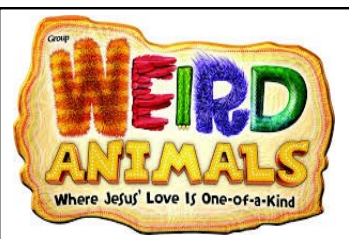
Easter Sunday Worship
April 20 at 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
Followed by an Easter Brunch hosted by the Christian Education Team at 11:30 AM. Join us!



One Great Hour of Sharing—TODAY

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.



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!



UMC of AG Parking Lot Clothing Give-A-Way
April 12 at 11 AM

Please bring your clean and gently used clothing to the church before April 11 so they can be sorted.

Thanks for your help!



UMM Taco Buffet - April 6th

This buffet style meal includes a flower tortilla taco bowl, rice, refried beans, drink choices and a cake for dessert.

Adults: \$7, Kids under 10: \$4.



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.

Do you know where your library books are?

Please check and see if you have any overdue books.

Thanks!



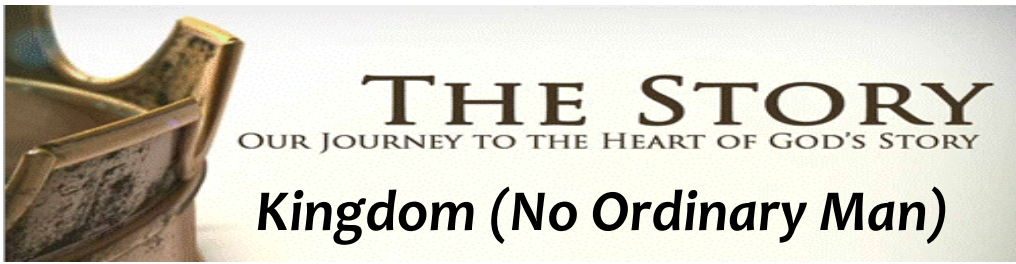
FEED THE HUNGRY®

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 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:
SCCW Emergency Food Ministry
P.O. Box 756,
Grover Beach, CA 93483

All of these ministries are valuable to the work of Jesus Christ and His church. Any help is appreciated!



sermon
notes
week 24

- I. The “kingdom of God” was the theme of Jesus’ teaching and ministry.
 - A. In three of the Gospels—Matthew, Mark and Luke—the kingdom takes center stage, being mentioned over 60 times.
 - B. Monarchy (or kingdom) is hard for us who live in a democracy to appreciate or align with.
 1. Monarchy is not medieval; it is biblical.
 2. A king created the universe, commanded a flood, led the Israelites to freedom, awed foreign kings like Nebuchadnezzar.
 3. The Old Testament prophets predicted a coming kingdom led by a new kind of king—the Messiah. Zechariah 9:9
 4. Jesus Christ is that new, lowly king, a Nazarene carpenter.
- II. What on earth is God up to? God is up to a kingdom.
 - A. Jesus taught about the kingdom. Mark 4:3-9
 1. Jesus’ kingdom weapons are not armies with swords, but farmers with seeds.
 2. Three out of four people will not receive the kingdom.
 - B. The kingdom means God the king is here within our reach.

An eight year old boy and his ten year old brother misbehaved and their mother took them to the preacher. The preacher told the mother that he would talk the boys about God being everywhere, so they need to behave always in God’s presence. He called in the 10 year old and asked him, “Son, do you know where God is?” The boy sat still and silent. The preacher asked the question again, “Son, do you know where God is?” The boy was silent. The preacher asked a third time. The boy jumped up, ran out of the office, grabbed his 8 year old brother, saying, “Wow! Are we in trouble! Let’s get out of here. God is missing and they think we did it!” God is not missing; he is within our reach.

- C. Three principles of the kingdom of God are:
 1. The kingdom of God is a great treasure—like a huge, expensive pearl. (Matthew 13:44-46)
 2. The kingdom of God operates with energies we do not understand or control. (Mark 4:26-29)
 3. The kingdom of God is a worry-free, anxiety-free realm. (Matthew 6:25-27; Matthew 6:33)
- III. Jesus’ miracles demonstrate his royal authority and power. (Mark 4:35 – 5:11)
 - A. Jesus speaks to the winds and waves and they obey. (Mark 4: 35-41)
 - B. Jesus speaks to demons and they fear him and obey. (Mark 5:1-11)
 - C. Jesus introduces us to God who is King and who is “our Father” , or Abba. (Matthew 6: 9-10)

Application: Do you have a king? We all do, in some form or another. Some people read *People* magazine to keep up with their king or queen. We all need a king who is our Father. We all want a king. Jesus has all authority in heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18). In God’s kingdom there is room for only one king—we can’t be our own king or queen. God is creating a kingdom and you’re invited in. Soon, our king will return. Now we’re in training to live the kingdom life. We live in kingdom tension. We know reality is much bigger than people know. We must express the bigger, saving, loving world of the kingdom of God. Three out of four may not believe us, but that other one may. We’re in the minority. People will try to get us to forsake our king (see John 6:56, 66-69). To whom will we go? Jesus is the only king to turn to and to stay with.

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