

Welcome!



We are honored that you chose to worship with us today!

OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

13575 OLIVET ROAD
LUSBY, MARYLAND 20657



Sunday March 15, 2026
9:30 AM Worship Experience

OUR MISSION

Rejoice In Jesus,
Grow Our Faith,
Pass It On!

OUR VISION

*We Are Passionate
Christians Making
Disciples of Jesus Christ*

OUR 3 RULES

1. Do no harm.
2. Do good.
3. Stay in love with God.

Rev. Dr. Edward C. Andercheck, Pastor

❖ Order of Worship ❖

March 15, 2026

We Gather

Congregational Announcements.....Liturgist
Opening PrayerLiturgist
Silent Prayer.....Congregation

Processional

We Worship

Introit "Seek Ye First" UMH 405
Welcome.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck
*Call to Worship.....Liturgist

Leader: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Come, all who seek God's presence, who long for mercy and peace.

People: We come with hearts open, ready to receive God's love.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, who gathers us as one family and strengthens us for service in the world.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us" UMH 381

Prayer for the illumination of Scripture (in unison)

*Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.*

Scripture ReadingLiturgist

*Sermon Hymn "Life's Railway to Heaven"

SermonPastor Edward C. Andercheck

Meditative Response "I Can Only Imagine"

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison) UMH #895

Offertory/Offertory Prayer.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

***Doxology (in unison)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below, praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.

*Sending Forth Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH 474

***Benediction & Blessing (in unison)**

The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

**Please stand in posture, sign, or heart.*

**Old Testament
Psalm 23 (NRSVUE)**

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

**New Testament
Ephesians 5:8-14 (NRSVUE)**

⁸ for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

Let us pray: Lord, bless all who are here today, and all those on Zoom. May we spend the next few moments in silent prayer and personal reflection as we prepare ourselves to hear your message. May peace be within each one of us. Amen.



RIPPLE CENTR MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!

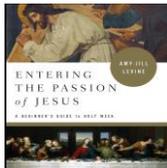
Please see Pastor Andercheck if you desire to serve as a Ripple Center minister

THURSDAY MUSIC REHEARSALS
Strummers @ 3pm ~ Choir @ 4pm

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday (February 25- April 1)

12 noon & 6pm



Books are available in the GNC

Pastor Andercheck will host a discussion on “**Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations**” Wed. **March 25, 2026 @ 5:30 pm** in the GNC. You can obtain a copy of the book in the GNC.

Please remember to sign-up if you are attending. Sign up sheets available in the Church or GNC



APRIL Meal Donations are due Saturday April 4, 2026 @ 3pm
In the Good News Center

RIPPLE CENTER LUNCHEON
THURSDAY APRIL 30
MORE DETAILS FORTHCOMING

Tues., March 17 6:00 pm
Flying Needles @ Olivet United Methodist Church

Thurs., March 19 10:30 am
Ripple Center Ministry
24400 Mervell Dean Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636

Sat., March 21 7:00 am
AA meeting @ Olivet UMC. For more information, call 800-492-0209



Grocery gift cards can be purchased in the office Tuesday– Thursday, 10am – 2pm. For each \$100.00 card purchased, the church receives \$5.00.

CONTACT US

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9:30 am — 3:30 pm

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Zoom Connections

Video: ID: 216-168-3604, PW: 181188

Phone: Call 1-253-215-8782, Enter 216-168-3604#, PW: 181188

All appointments with Pastor Andercheck can be scheduled through the Church Office

Baltimore Washington Conference
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Bishop LaTrelle Easterling,

Resident Bishop

Rev. Dr. Johnsie W. Cogman,

District Superintendent, Two Rivers District

PRAYING TOGETHER

If you become aware of one of our members/regular attendees in the hospital or in need of immediate prayer, don't hesitate to get in touch with Pastor Edward C. Andercheck. You can send prayer requests to olivetumcoffice@comcast.net. We truly believe in the power of prayer; therefore, pray continually so that others will see the power of the Almighty God. *"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results"*. (James 5:16, NLT)

From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Olivet Family,

Earlier this year we shared that our Administrative Assistant, Esedra Bishop, would be concluding her service with Olivet. We are grateful that she has graciously agreed to remain for a season to help guide us through this transition.

During this time, we will be seeking a part-time receptionist to serve in the church office on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. This role will help ensure that the office remains welcoming, organized, and responsive to the needs of our congregation and community.

Please continue to keep Esedra and our church in your prayers as we move through this time of change together.

With gratitude,

Pastor Ed



Rejoicing
Growing
Giving

Jesus said "...It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

Please consider a sacrificial gift Today.

LOVE THROUGH GIVING

Olivet Stewardship: Love in Action

Approved Budget	\$217,207.80
Monthly Income Needed	\$18,100.58
March Giving Total	\$6,844.54

On-Line Giving

<https://www.olivetumc-lusby.org/give>

Unite with Olivet UMC

Welcome to Olivet! We invite you to become a full participant in this worship experience as we sing, pray, read, give, listen, and learn together for God's revelation to us.

We welcome you to unite with us by either of these:

Confession of Faith – expressing first-time belief in Christ and first-time membership in a church.

Reaffirmation of Faith – reconnecting with Christ or re-connecting to the church by renewing your membership.

Affiliate Membership - already a member of another UMC located in another city or state, but desires to be a part of the Olivet Family.

Associate Membership – already a member of another Christian fellowship where you desire to maintain your primary membership but want to be a faithful worshipper at OLIVET UMC.

If God leads you to unite with us, please contact the office at (410) 326-8400 or at olivetumcoffice@comcast.net, and we will journey with you.