



# Broad Street

United Methodist Church

36 E. Broad Street, Burlington, NJ 08016

***Rev. Dr. Temaris L. Moore, Pastor***

March 23, 2025  
Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome! We are happy you are here today.

The order of worship is found in this bulletin.

\*Indicates congregation stands, if able.

PRELUDE

Judy Schetler

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Temaris

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

Pastor Temaris

Children of God, what has God done for you?

**God saves, provides, and holds us in God's steadfast love.**

Consider and remember: in the joyful times and in the sorrowful times, what has God done for you?

**God covers us and lifts us up, protecting and empowering us with steadfast love.**

When you have been like the fig tree in Jesus' story that seems unable to produce and that everyone has given up on, what has God done for you?

**God tends the soil and waters the ground, nurturing us into life with steadfast love.**

Children of God, come, let us worship God who never gives up on us!

**We come to worship and cling to God, for God's steadfast love never fails!**

~Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries September 2024.

\*HYMN

*I'll Fly Away*

TFWS 2282

OPENING PRAYER (pray responsively)

Marsha Danser

We are wounded, worried, betrayed, afraid, and injured. We are physically, mentally, and emotionally challenged.

**Drink from these waters and you will never thirst again.**

We chase thrills, happiness, wealth, health, longevity, him, her, peace; the right job, the right look, anything to lessen our pain. We exhaust even ourselves with our efforts.

**Drink from these waters and you will never thirst again.**

We continue, broken—day in and day out hopelessly applying quick fixes. The pain will not subside. We are beckoned by an eternal yearning. We remember a prayer that grandma taught us; a lesson learned the hard way, or a word from the Word spoken by a sage. We long for relief, we seek it, search for it, yearn for it – relief that can't be purchased or bartered.

**Drink from these waters and never thirst again. God we are grateful that Your thoughts and Your ways are higher than our own. Thank You for forgiving our sins. Thank You for new mercies each new day. Thank You for always welcoming us back into fellowship with You. Thank You for providing waters from which we may drink and never thirst again.**

~written by Toni Payne in The Africana Worship Book, Year C 2008 page 89.

HYMN ***Just as I Am, Without One Plea*** (vs. 1, 3, & 6) UMH 357  
CHILDREN'S SERMON Jalyn Sunshine

### **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pray together) Judy Schetler

**Lord, as You invite all who thirst to come to the waters of life, open our hearts and minds to hear Your voice and follow Your path, as we read Your scriptures today. Guide our steps and lead us into Your truth, that we may find nourishment and joy in Your Holy Word. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

~PrayersforIllumination.(based on Isaiah 55:1-9)

\*PSALTER ***Psalm 63:1-8*** (led by Judy Schetler) UMH 788

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Isaiah 55:1-9** *Marsha Danser*

ANTHEM **Down to the Water to Pray** (arr. By Pepper Choplin)) Sanctuary Choir

THE MESSAGE ***Higher Ways, Deeper Grace*** Pastor Temaris

HYMN **There's Wideness in God's Mercy** UMH 121

### **WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively) Marsha Danser

Almighty God, grant us hearts open to Your grace, that we may truly repent of our sins and embrace a life of holiness, drawing closer to You through this Lenten season.

**Lord, draw us close to You.**

We pray for those who are suffering, especially those who are sick, in pain, or experiencing hardship, that they may find comfort and healing.

**Lord, draw us all close to You.**

We pray for peace and justice in the world, that nations may find ways to resolve conflict peacefully and build a more just and equitable society.

**Lord, draw all nations close to You.**

We pray for wisdom and discernment in our choices, and for the courage to follow Your will in all things.

**Lord, draw us all close to You.**

We pray for the souls of those who have died, that they may rest in Your peace and joy.

**Lord, draw us close to You.**

Now, may God's grace come abundantly into our lives and throughout these forty days of Lent.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for \_\_\_\_\_

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Pastor Temaris

HYMN

*As the Deer*

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\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (pray together)

Pastor Temaris

**Faithful God, our guide and sustainer, as we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit for Your kingdom. In this solemn season of Lent, we remember Your call to repentance and renewal. Help us tend the soil of our hearts so that we may grow in faith and bear witness to Your grace. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in need and light to those in darkness. May we live as Your fruitful servants, trusting in Your abundant mercy. In the name of Christ who calls us to new life, we pray. Amen.**

~based on Luke 13:1-9

### WE SCATTER TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD

\*HYMN

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* (vs. 1, 2, & 5)

UMH 629

\*WORDS OF BLESSINGS (pray together)

Pastor Temaris

**May God bless you with the hope to cling to God, knowing that in the highs and lows, the joys and the sorrows, the known and the unknown of this life, God's love never fails. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

-Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2024.

CLOSING CHORUS

*Jesus, Draw Me Close*

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## Bulletin Dedication

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The Bulletin today is dedicated in honor of our grandson, Travis Montone, who celebrated his birthday on March 20, and our daughter, Jennifer Montone, whose birthday is today, March 23. With Love, Vicki and Buddy Raymond.



Please remember our families and friends in prayer

Evelyn Kraft, Shirley Woolman, Travis Montone, Zachary Montone, Carolyn Shinn, Tony Hoffman, Linda Hoffman, Kristen Godfrey, John Venditti, Rosemarie Serlenga, Bobbie Kroh, Bryon Wright

Requests for inclusion on the prayer list, removal from the list, or to have a name remain on the list longer than two weeks can be emailed to:

office@broadstumc.org or placed in the offering plate.

Please continue to pray for those on the prayer list in previous weeks.

Check out the church website (www.broadstumc.org) for more information on upcoming activities.

## Announcements

### Easter Flowers and Memorial Contributions

Flowers will adorn the sanctuary altar on Easter Sunday and will be distributed to those who purchased them following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please submit your payment with your order, via offering plate or mail. The deadline for orders is **Sunday, April 6, 2025.**

In lieu of flowers, special Easter memorial contributions may be given. These will be listed on a special memorial page on Easter Sunday. The memorial/in honor of form is provided below. Submit the form and payment via offering plate or mail by **Sunday, April 13, 2025.**

Order forms are available in the back of the sanctuary – flowers on one side, contributions on the other. Note the different deadlines.

## *Gift Card Store List*

Buy gift cards to use at your grocery stores and favorite restaurants, and the church makes money for general expenses.

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| Acme \$25, \$50, \$100 increments     | Kohl's \$25, \$100                                     |
| Applebees \$25, \$50                  | Lowes \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1000                 |
| Barnes and Noble \$10, \$25, \$100    | Marshall's \$25, \$100                                 |
| Bath and Body \$10, \$25              | Old Navy \$25, \$100                                   |
| Boscov's \$25                         | Olive Garden \$25, \$100                               |
| Burlington Stores \$25                | Panera Bread \$10, \$25, \$50                          |
| Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25, \$50   | Sam's Club \$25, \$50, \$100                           |
| Cheesecake Factory \$25               | Season's 52 \$25, \$100                                |
| Chili's Grill \$25, \$50              | Shop Rite \$25, \$50, \$100                            |
| Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10, \$25     | Starbucks, \$10, \$25, \$50                            |
| Cracker Barrel \$10, \$25             | Target \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100                         |
| Dunkin Donuts \$10, \$25              | Texas Road House \$25, \$100                           |
| Five Below \$25                       | Visa Gift Cards ( no activation fee) \$25, \$50, \$100 |
| Home Depot \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1000 | Walmart \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250                       |
| IHOP \$25                             | WaWa \$25, \$100                                       |

# Higher Ways Deeper Grace

*Radiant Reflections with Pastor Tamaris*

5 - Day Devotional

Week of March 23, 2025

**Devotional Summary:** As we journey through Lent, Isaiah 55:1-9 invites us to explore the vastness of God's grace and His transcendent ways. This passage, rich with invitations and promises, challenges us to deepen our understanding of God's mercy and to align our lives more closely with His higher purposes.

## **Day 1: Invitation to the Thirsty**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 55:1

**Reflection:** Consider the generosity of God's invitation. He calls everyone who thirsts to come and receive sustenance without cost. This is a picture of grace—unmerited and free.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to accept Your gracious invitation without hesitation, recognizing my deep need for the spiritual nourishment only You can provide.

**Action Step:** Identify what makes you spiritually 'thirsty' and make a plan to address this need through prayer, scripture reading, or speaking with a spiritual mentor.

## **Day 2: Why Spend on What is Not Bread?**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 55:2

**Reflection:** Reflect on the things in life that you pursue which do not satisfy. How might God be calling you to seek nourishment that truly satisfies?

**Prayer:** Father, guide me away from fruitless pursuits and toward Your fulfilling presence.

**Action Step:** Make a list of your daily activities and evaluate which ones contribute to your spiritual growth. Consider reducing or eliminating those that don't.

### **Day 3: Seeking the Lord**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 55:6

**Reflection:** Lent is a perfect time to seek God more intentionally. What practical steps can you take to seek God while He may be found?

**Prayer:** God, I desire to seek You earnestly, especially during this Lenten season. Help me find tangible ways to draw closer to You each day.

**Action Step:** Dedicate a specific time each day for solitude and prayer, consciously drawing near to God.

### **Day 4: God's Higher Ways**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 55:8-9

**Reflection:** Contemplate the vast difference between God's ways and our ways. How does this perspective shift change how you approach challenges or uncertainties?

**Prayer:** Lord, remind me that Your ways and thoughts are higher than mine. Teach me to trust in Your divine plan, even when I don't understand.

**Action Step:** When faced with a decision or a challenge today, take a moment to pray for God's wisdom before acting.

### **Day 5: The Word that Achieves**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 55:11

**Reflection:** God's word is powerful and purposeful. How can you align yourself more closely with the Word of God to ensure it bears fruit in your life?

**Prayer:** Almighty God, let Your word resonate in my heart and life, accomplishing Your purposes in and through me.

**Action Step:** Choose a verse or passage from today's reading to memorize and meditate on throughout the day, allowing God's word to transform your thoughts and actions.

### **Reflection**

# CALENDAR

**Planning ahead... mark your calendars**

***Sunday School for Children & Adults - 9:45 AM***

***Sunday Worship - 11:00 AM  
(September - mid-June)***

***Thursdays - 6 PM  
Praise Band Practice in Lucas Hall***

***Thursdays - 7 PM  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in Lucas Hall***

***Sunday, April 13, 2025 - 11 AM  
Easter Cantata presented by the Sanctuary Choir***

***Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025 - 7 PM  
"The 12 Other Disciples"***

***Good Friday, April 18, 2025 - 8 AM  
Good Friday Women's Breakfast in Lucas Hall***

***Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 - 7 AM  
Sunrise Service at Burlington Waterfront followed  
by breakfast in Lucas Hall.***

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