

# *Scott United Methodist Church*

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## *Second Sunday In Lent*



**“It is well with those who conduct their affairs with justice.  
With hearts steady and unafraid, we trust in the Lord’s unfailing care.”**  
Based on Psalm 112 (NIV)

**Today’s Message: *When the Spirit Builds the Church***

**Rev. Alma Johnson-Hawkins**

*Communion and Worship Service*

10:00 AM

Sunday, March 1, 2026

# Order of Worship

## Welcome

### Centering Words

**Mrs. Hope Wright, Liturgist**

Today we gather as the Spirit-built church, remembering, 'How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.' As we worship, may the Holy Spirit knit us together in love and shape us into a community where God's presence and joy are clearly seen.

### \*Opening Song

*God is Here*

**Congregation**

### \*Call to Worship

**Liturgist**

**L=Leader, C=Congregation**

L: In this season of Lent, we remember the cross, we wrestle with delay, and we wait in hope for resurrection.

**C: We trust God's timing. We trust God's heart. We trust God's plan.**

L: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.

**C: We come together as one family in Christ, joined by the Spirit's love.**

L: It is like precious oil poured out, a sign of God's blessing and calling.

**C: God anoints us to be a people of grace, mercy, and peace.**

L: It is like the dew that falls on the mountains, refreshing and life-giving.

**C: God's presence renews us, restores us, and makes us one.**

L: Where sisters and brothers dwell together in unity, there the Lord commands His blessing.

**C: We open our hearts to God's blessing and to one another.**

**ALL: Come, let us worship the Lord who builds us into one Spirit-filled, united church.**

### \*Opening Prayer:

**Pastor Alma**

### Inspirational Praise:

*Build Your Church*

**Congregation**

### \*Affirmation of Faith:

**Congregation**

### Life Together:

#### March Birthday and Anniversary Recognition

We are pleased to share that our worship services are being recorded and available to watch on YouTube, Scott UMC Pasadena, CA. You can also join us live each Sunday via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. **Zoom Meeting ID: 891 2370 4246 ~ Dial in: 669-900 6833]. We kindly ask all Zoom participants to keep their microphones muted and their video off.**

**1st Wednesday Lunch and Bible Basics ~ Wednesday, March 4, beginning at 12:30 pm.** This is a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend to break bread and share a meal. Please sign up on the RSVP sheet located on the table in the Narthex. This Wednesday's menu includes greens, mac and cheese, smoked chicken, chicken étouffée (smothered chicken), and brisket, all made possible by the Hospitality Ministry and generously sponsored by Jimmy Lawson. Rev. Hawkins will facilitate a time of conversation on types of prayer. We hope to see you there!

**Visionary Outreach Ministry ~** Sharing Christ's light in our community is central to who we are as God's people. Our Visionary Outreach Ministry is being renewed with a fresh focus on evangelism and compassionate service. If you sense God nudging you toward this ministry, please sign the interest RSVP sheet on the table in the narthex or contact the church office for more information. An interest meeting (date TBD) will be held for those who would like to learn more or explore serving in this ministry.

**Request for Pastoral Care ~** If you or someone you know needs pastoral care, you may call or send a direct message to Pastor Alma at 626-755-4026 to share your needs and concerns.

**Monday Morning Prayer Group** ~ Every Monday at 8:00 a.m. [Zoom Meeting ID: 823 4274 8470 ~ Meeting Passcode: 700091 ~ Dial in: 669-900-6833]. Consider bringing your prayer request in person on Monday morning.

**Pastor's Online Bible Study** ~ Led by Rev. C. Hawkins on Wednesdays, at 1:00 p.m. [Zoom Meeting ID: 891 2370 4246 ~ Meeting Passcode: ~ 183551 ~ Dial in: 669-900 6833].

**Friday Evening Online Bible Study** ~ Led by Ms. Labarbara Madison, at 7:00 p.m. [Zoom Meeting ID: 575 251 3265, wait for the host to grant entrance to the meeting].

**Greetings of Friendship and Peace:** In the spirit of Christ, with a heart of peace, standing firmly anchored to the rock on which the church is built.

Liturgist: Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with You**

Liturgist: I invite you to move about and share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

**Prayer Song:** *Holy Spirit Rain Down* **Congregation**

**Intercessory Prayers for the People** **Prayer Ministry**

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession:** **Liturgist**

*Let us come before God in adoration and confession because He is gracious and always ready to forgive.*

[Unison] **Gracious Lord, we stand in awe of Your divine power and sovereignty, for You reign over all creation with unmatched authority. You are the Creator who spoke the universe into existence, yet You humbly walk alongside us, caring for our every need. We worship You for Your greatness and for Your gentle heart that embraces us as Your cherished children, and Joint Heirs to Your Kingdom. In the light of Your majesty, we confess our tendency to rely on our own strength and understanding, neglecting to seek Your guidance. We ask for forgiveness for moments when we've allowed pride to cloud our hearts, forgetting our call to serve others with humility. Transform us, Lord, that we may reflect and reveal Your character in our lives. Help us to embrace our roles as Your servants, living in a way that brings glory to Your name. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:** **Pastor Alma**

*Friends in Christ, hear this good news:* In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, God is transforming you to reflect His character as His cherished children and joint heirs of His Kingdom, renewing your hearts and reshaping your lives for His glory.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Song of Celebration:** *Hallelujah, Salvation, and Glory* **Congregation**

**Scripture Reading:** "Listen to the word of God, knowing His Kingdom is near:" **Mrs. Iquo Archibong**

New Testament Acts 2:42-47 (NRSVue)

New Testament Epistle James 2:26

New Testament Gospel John 13:12-17, 34-35 (NRSVue)

Reader: This is the Word of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** **When the Spirit Builds the Church** **Pastor Alma**

**Responding to the Word:**

*Invitation to Discipleship / Silent Reflection*

**Offering / Doxology:** **Ushers**

**Communion** **UMH# 13**

**Closing Song:** *Build Your Church (Reprise)* **Congregation**

**Sending for Service and Benediction:** **Pastor Alma**

\* Stand as you are able and as you wish

*"Bring a Friend to Worship Next Sunday!"*

## *Monday Morning Intercessory Prayers*

Beverly Wallace  
Tonice Hall

Joyce Archie  
Ollie Carr

Doris Spratlen  
Lois Young

Betty Ford  
Suzanne Williams

Grace Scarlett  
Solomon Grimmert  
Jr

Diane Boston  
Amber Boston  
Kim Barr

Employees facing  
possible layoffs.

Ray and Barbara  
Hairston  
And  
Family

We pray for those  
living alone feeling  
abandoned

Candidates in Cal-  
Pac applying for  
clergy orders

Mildred Moore  
(Hospice)

The Banks Family

Kelly Cowherd  
Kathy Cowherd

Victims of violence

Family Members &  
care providers

Kiana Felix  
and  
Family

Ms. Patricia "Patty"  
Brown

All Clergy and  
Ministry Leaders

Young Christians  
distracted from the  
faith

Adult children, now  
caregivers, for their  
parents

*Offer Special prayers for Patty Brown, Grace Scarlett, Suzanne Williams, Betty Ford, Mildred Moore, Tonice Hall, and Sidney Chatman.*

*Lord, grant our President, Congress, and all military leaders wisdom, restraint, and a reverent fear of You as they deliberate matters of war and peace, that they may pursue justice and protect human life.*

*Lord, purify Your Church and lead true Christian congregations to distance themselves from every form of Christian nationalism, so that our allegiance to Christ and His kingdom stands above all earthly powers.*

*Lord, strengthen and guide adult children who are now assuming more oversight and care for their aging parents, granting them patience, compassion, resources, and unity within their families.*

*Lord, bring healing and reconciliation to broken relationships, softening hardened hearts, repairing trust, and restoring love where there has been hurt, betrayal, or misunderstanding.*

*Lord, have mercy on a generation of young people growing up without responsible parents; surround them with godly mentors, safe communities, and the healing love that only You can give.*

*Lord, protect vulnerable children and youth from exploitation, neglect, and despair; and raise up believers who will advocate, foster, mentor, and stand in the gap as spiritual mothers and fathers.*

*We trust You, Lord, and surrender our concerns into Your faithful care. Lord, hear our prayer, in Jesus' name, Amen.*

**Resident Bishop, California Pacific Annual Conference  
Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank**

**North District Superintendent  
Rev. Garth Gilliam**

**SUMC  
Rev. Alma Johnson-Hawkins, Pastor  
Ms. Megan Pinnock, Lay Leader**

**Mrs. Hope Wright, Liturgist  
Mrs. Iquo Archibong, Scripture Reader  
Ms. Pauline Drummond, Visual Media  
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Ms. Fran Gilmore, Audio  
Ms. Marion Snaer, Usher**

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