



HEYWARD STREET UMC

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Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Song *What A Friend* Praise Team

Scripture Esther 7 and 8 Pew Bible p 448
(selected verses)

Receiving the Offering

Sermon The Big Reveal Rev. Blom

Song *Hills and Valleys* Praise Team

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Song *I Thank God* Praise Team

Benediction

Esther is One Surprise After Another



The book of Esther reads like a storyteller's dream with an obtuse king, strategic young queen, and a greedy villain who gets his comeuppance. However, this book is only listed once in our three-year cycle of scriptures and omits the famous line, "You have come for just a time as this." Also, the book of Esther has no overt mention of God. Yet, this timeless story reveals how God can save and redeem the people through unlikely, and even, unwitting people.

Thank you from Native American Ministries of SCUMC

Blessings and peace to the congregations involved in the Worship event at Whaley St UMC. We thoroughly enjoyed the dinner, intergenerational activities, and genuine fellowship.
Note shared by Rev. Susan Culler

Finance Committee meets today after worship in the conference room.

Collection Box In Breezeway

For those in our community who are without stable shelter, summer items are being collected. For a full list of items, see the weekly email. This is a joint project with a USC social work student.



Many thanks to Valerie Thompson for playing flute in last week's worship service.



Praying for HSUMC Friends and Family

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