

March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE "Adagio" Guilmant

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is merciful and gracious, Ps. 103:8
slow to anger and abounding in love.
In Christ there is a new creation. 2 Cor. 5:17
The old has passed away; everything is new!
The Lord of life is lifted up! John 3:14
Let us look to Christ and live.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ HYMN: GTG #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION Rom. 5:8

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from
your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when
we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in
love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of
righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE "Come and See (Kyrie)" MH KYRIE
Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.
Interlude
Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.

Translation: Lord, Lord, Lord have mercy. Christ, Christ, Christ have mercy.
Christ, Christ, we adore you. Alleluia, Lord have mercy.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Rom. 5:5

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

HYMN: GTG #288 "Spirit of the Living God" LIVING GOD
(sing three times)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING Matt. 6:21

OFFERTORY Improvisation C. Brown

+ RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adapted from the Belhar Confession (1982)
**We believe that the unity of the church can be established only
in freedom and not under constraint; and that the variety of
spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, and convictions, as
well as the various languages and cultures, are, by virtue of our
reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and
enrichment, within the one visible people of God.**
**We believe that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition
for membership in this church.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 16:1-13 O.T. page 203
David is chosen and anointed

PSALM Psalm 23
My head anointed with oil

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;**
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 5:8-14 N.T. page 150
Live as children of light

GOSPEL LESSON John 9:1-41 N.T. page 78
The man born blind

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Matt. 4:4
We live not by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Chant de la Creuse" Franck

SERMON "He Put Mud on My Eyes" Rev. Bill Pinches

+ HYMN: GTG #649 AMAZING GRACE
"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

+ CHARGE Mark 8:34
Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:
If any wish to be my disciples
let them take up the cross and follow me.
Amen.

+ BLESSING Luke 4:1-2
May the Spirit of the triune God
strengthen and sustain you,
all throughout these forty days
and into the life that is to come.
Alleluia!

+ BENEDICTION: GTG #748 "Go with Us, Lord" TALLIS' CANON

POSTLUDE Four Versets, No. 1 "Allegro ma non troppo" Guilmant

**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.**
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY
Guest Organist: Caitlyn Brown
Liturgist: Emelia Hammond
Greeters: Camille Subject and Barb VanDyke
Next Week's Greeters: Mary and Will Ozee
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Tim Hammond and Dan Baker

Today's flowers are given by Donna Hujsak
in memory of Bill Hujsak
and by Tammy and Steve Sowles
in memory of Spencer Sowles

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#69: Philip

Early Christian legends say that the apostle Philip peached the Gospel in Greece, Syria, and Phrygia, and that he was martyred in the city of Hierapolis (in western Turkey).

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 106. Are there limits to your obligation to obey your parents?

Yes. No mere human being is God. Blind obedience is not required, for everything should be tested by loyalty and obedience to God. When it seems as though I should not obey, I should always be alert to possible self-deception on my part, and should pray that we may all walk in the truth of God's will.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School	11:30 am
Wednesday	Lunch packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Midweek Prayer Service	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (K-12)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mar. 15: Bruce Archer
Mar. 16: Amelia Tessman
Mar. 18: Brenda Strayer
Mar. 20: Luke Mackey
Mar. 20: Violet Mackey
Mar. 21: Dan Baker
Mar. 21: Nora Edmondson

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Christ and the Pauper
by Andrey Mironov, 2009

"One thing I do know,
that though I was blind, now I see."
(John 9:25)