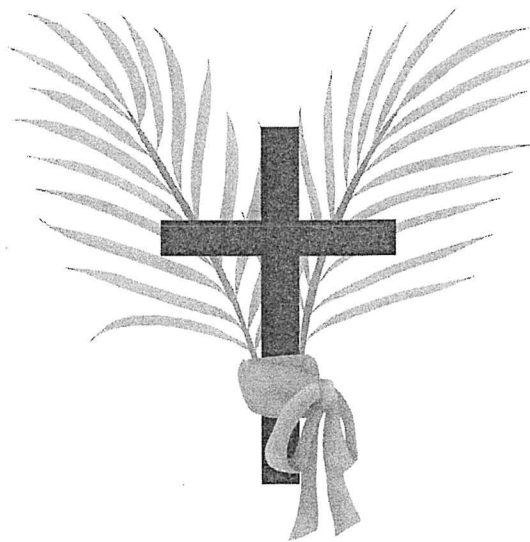


Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026
10:30 a.m.



OUR LORD'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There's a Place for You Here

*As you view and participate in this worship please note that **bolded text** invites ALL to voice.*

Gathering Music "Amazing Grace"

by John Newton

Graceful Engagement

Think on This for Today

God does not value us for what we look like. God sees into our hearts and knows what we feel and believe. Anyone can be called by God to achieve greatness. And everyone is cared for by the Good Shepherd, who gives us all that we need. For we are all "children of light," created by the One who is light, and in whom there is no darkness at all.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Settling In

Prelude "As the Deer"

by Martin Nystrom

One voice: Good morning, Church! I see you!
ALL voices: I am here!

*Praise Sentences

God gives us what we need!

God shows us how to live!

Praise God for being with us no matter what!

Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength!

*Call to Worship

Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies.

We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.

The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.

We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good and right and true.

The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God.

We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.

Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace.

Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together!

*Opening Hymn "Come and Find the Quiet Center" *all verses* FWS 2128

*Opening Prayer

Loving Shepherd, You know our names; You care for us. When we face darkness and death, You journey alongside us. When we hunger for Your love, fill us with Your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at Your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Message

One: And Jesus said... **ALL: Let the children come!**

Reading of Scripture Psalm 23 NIRV; Ephesians 5:8-14 NIRV

Sermon "Journeying With Grace"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

(please text prayers to 414-378-4012 and Pastor Kelly will receive them)

Response Chorus "Shepherd Me, O God" 2x

FWS 2058

Caring for Community Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer ALL Together

UMH 895

Invitation to Giving Action

Peace be with each of you.

And, also with you!

*Doxology

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**Praise the Source who gives us life.
Praise to Christ, who shares our strife.
Praise the Spirit, who sustains,
bearing us through grief and pain.
To the holy Trinity glory, praise, and honor be.**

*Blessing Prayer

Radiant Shepherd, You walk beside us through valleys and over mountaintops, guiding us with grace and guarding us with love. In Your presence, we lack nothing that truly matters. Even in a world clouded by shadows, Your light shines through - inviting us to live as children of the day. Receive these gifts, O God, as signs of our desire to walk in Your ways, to live as Your people, and to shine with the goodness, justice, and truth that reflect Your image. Let our giving be more than ritual; let it be an act of trust, a response to Your faithfulness, and a testimony of Your light at work in us. In Christ's holy name, we pray, let it be so.

*Responsive Sending Forth

Go into the world, carrying the light of Christ into the darkness!

We go, with hearts full and eyes open!

Receive God's love and care, and share that love and care with others!

We go, with eyes reflecting God's light and hands open to share it!

May you walk in the light of Christ all the days of your life!

We will follow Christ wherever he leads us!

*Charge and Final Blessing

Respond "Yes!" after each blessing phrase and join in ALL together for the final phrase: "This day and in every day to come!"

*Closing Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *all verses*

UMH 206

*Postlude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

by J. S. Bach

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Lectionary readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 *"David is chosen and anointed"*; Psalm 23 *"My head is anointed with oil"*; Ephesians 5:8-14 *"Live as children of light"*; John 9:1-41 *"The man born blind"*



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Highlighting, with gratitude, these servant leaders for today...

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Worship resource: **Ministry Matters**, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/>, **Discipleship Ministries**, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/>, **Doxology from "Praising God"** by Ruth C. Duck/Patricia Wilson-Kastner

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"Love boldly, serve joyfully, lead courageously"