

MARCH 15, 2026 10:30AM

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME

Emma Bushong

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**CENTERING PRAYER**

Open our hearts, loving God,  
that your Spirit may dwell in our hearts this day,  
inspiring us with moments of praise, reflection, repentance,  
hearing, and proclaiming your Good News.

Amen.

PRELUDE

Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Robbie Jones, organ

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God all my life long.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord:

**who made heaven and earth, and all that is in them;**

who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord sets the prisoner free and heals our sickness.**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

**The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow,**

**but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

**The Lord will reign forever.**

**Praise the Lord!**

(from Psalm 146)

†HYMN NO. 126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Keller Hawkins

Loving and merciful God,

you told us that when a foreigner lives among us that we should not mistreat them.

**Holy God, we confess that we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.**

Jesus told us blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

**We confess that we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.**

You also said that when we gather the grapes of our vineyards, do not glean what is left,  
but let it be given to the immigrant, the orphan, and the widow.  
**We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.**  
**We are truly sorry for the ways that we have missed the mark,**  
**and see repentance for our harmful actions and our inaction.**  
**Forgive us, Creator and Sustainer.**  
**Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

*silent meditation*

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Loving Savior, we are truly grateful for your words of promise:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.”

**By God’s grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.**  
May this good news change our lives!  
**Amen.**

## **†PASSING THE PEACE**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Raholanda White

Leviticus 19:33-34 | *Common English Bible*

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **ANTHEM**

The Eyes of All Wait upon Thee  
Sanctuary Choir

Jean Berger

## **†GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 19:13-15 | *New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition*

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**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

Protection and Care for the Vulnerable

Paul Purdue

## **†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**God makes me lie down in green pastures, leads me beside still waters, and restores my soul.**

**Called by God, I seek to walk in the paths of righteousness.**

**Even though I may walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;**  
**your rod and your shepherd’s staff provide me with safety and comfort.**

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**  
**you anoint my head with oil and my cup overflows.**

**Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,**

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Amen.

(from Psalm 23)

†HYMN NO. 451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

OFFERING

Hunter Wade

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need  
Kim Sheehan, flute; Emily Bowland, clarinet

arr. Mack Wilberg

†DOXOLOGY

TALLIS CANON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE 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.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

†HYMN NO. 191

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

†BENEDICTION

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**LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Sanctuary Choir

Robbie Jones, Organist

Paul Purdue, Senior Pastor

Matthew Webb, Director of Music Ministry

Emma Bushong, Director of Ministry with Young People

Hunter Wade, Wesley Foundation Director /Discipleship Associate

Keller Hawkins, Ordained Deacon in Extension Ministry

The sparse arrangement of twigs and branches represents the barrenness of the forty days of Lent,  
the season of preparation for Easter.

Liturgy selected/written by Matthew Webb.

<sup>1</sup>Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

*Memorials*

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*Donors:*

Beverly Mintmire

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