First United Methodist Church

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March 15, 2026 — March 21, 2026

"4th Sunday in Lent"

Usher/Greeter: Carol Hollenbeck
Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Sharon Feichtenbiner
Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Needed
Fellowship: Needed
Monthly Noisy Offering: UMCOR—Emergency Relief

Monday (3/16)	Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (3/17)	
Wednesday (3/18)	Lenten Soup, Bread, Devotion Service 5:30 PM
Thursday (3/19)	
Friday (3/20)	
Saturday (3/21)	

March 22, 2026 — March 28, 2026

"5th Sunday in Lent"

Usher/Greeter: Needed
Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Bette Jahn
Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Needed
Fellowship: Needed
Monthly Noisy Offering: UMCOR—Emergency Relief

Monday (3/23)	Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (3/24)	
Wednesday (3/25)	Lenten Soup, Bread, Devotion Service 5:30 PM
Thursday (3/26)	
Friday (3/27)	
Saturday (3/28)	

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

3/15/26	1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
3/22/26	Ezek 37:1-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Katie Putnam, Martha Weeks, Gordie Barry, Louise Burson & family, Mary Prater, Ron Williams, Char Crosby, Penny Tracy, Ken & Cyndi Burgin, Joel Prater, Jean Smith, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Carol Weinert, Curt & Celie Norton, Rita Salter, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Kerry Billings & family concerns, Michael & Kathleen Haynes family concerns, Connie Meade, Sandi Kolder, Betty Tracy, Jesse Baker, travel mercies, church ministries, unspoken joys and concerns, and for our world needs.

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March 15, 2026

"WE EXIST TO JOYFULLY SHARE GOD'S LOVE, PREACH THE GOOD NEWS AND MAKE DISCIPLES."

First United Methodist Church
March 15, 2026
"4th Sunday in Lent"

WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Gentle, Holy Savior by Charles Gounod

***WELCOME FRIENDS SONG**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WELCOME—INVOCATION

PSALM 23

***PRAISE CHORUS**: FWS 2270 He Has Made Me Glad

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. This light is from God, and enables those who have seen the light to share the light with others. Share your light, for this is the gift which God has given us, and which we are to give others.

P: What if we try to share the light but others do not want it?

L: None is so blind as the one who refuses to see. It is our job to share the light. We must share it, but we cannot be responsible for the actions of those who refuse. We can, however, persevere in trying to share it.

P: How do we do this? If we try too hard or too often, all we might do is anger people and drive them away!

L: Sometimes it is better to remain quiet, live as a person who sees the light and believes in it, and prays with persistence for those who choose to not see it. We cannot succeed by force feeding the light to anyone!

P: O God, help us to live in the light, to share the light with those who seek it, and to pray diligently for those who are not receptive to the light, that some day they will seek and find that light in their lives.

***OPENING HYMN**: UMH 152 I Sing the Almighty Power of God

***APOSTLES' CREED**: UMH 881

YOUTH TIME

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**: UMH 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

***GOSPEL READING:** John 9:1-41

SERMON: Journeying in Grace

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,
Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us,
And grant us Thy peace. (2x)
Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: Surely, Goodness & Mercy by J.W. Peterson

***DOXOLOGY**: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

FAVORITE HYMN (from the red Hymnal) Congregation's Choice

***CLOSING HYMN**: UMH 128 He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING HYMN**: (front cover of hymnal) Go Now In Peace

POSTLUDE: Paean of Victory by Edward H. Wetherill

<u>The Altar Rail is always open to all.</u>

<u>March Mission Noisy Offering—UMCOR (Emergency Relief)</u>

This noisy offering assists those in need of disaster relief around the world.
God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)
* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE