

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 15, 2026

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

René Vierne

INTROIT

The Lord is My Shepherd (from Psalm 23)
Cameron Carpenter, soloist

Guimont

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 23)

Leader: Because You are our Shepherd, O LORD, we shall not want.

People: You make us lie down in green pastures; You lead us beside still waters; You restore our souls.

Leader: You lead us in right paths for Your name's sake.

People: Even though we walk through the darkest valley, we fear no evil.

Leader: For You, O LORD, are with us; Your rod and staff—they comfort us.

People: You prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies; You anoint our heads with oil; our cups overflow.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives.

People: We shall dwell in Your house, O LORD, forever.

*HYMN #172

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
verses 1 and 3

RESIGNATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light: forgive us when we prefer to walk in darkness. God of truth, forgive us when we speak or act falsely. God of justice, forgive us when we fail to defend the powerless. God of love, forgive us when we strike out in anger or harbor a grudge. God of mercy, forgive us when we show too much concern for ourselves. God of glory, forgive us when we fail to reflect Your image in us. For Your forgiveness we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

Let Darkness Fall

Albinoni/Giazotto

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 9:13-41

New Testament, pp. 78-79

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

"We're Not Blind, Are We?"

Dr. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #93

Ah, Holy Jesus
verses 1 and 4

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Philippians 2:5-11)

Christ Jesus, Though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to exploit, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every other name, that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God that Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #92

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Shepherd Me, O Lord

SHEPHERD ME

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Tom Long.