

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 26, 2017 11:00 am

"God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Prelude                    "Like a Shepherd" (arr. Rasley)                    Sandy Gries

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

L: When the world is dark and full of doubt and fear,

P: we will turn on the light.

L: When we cannot find our way back to love and peace,

P: we will turn on the light.

L: Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight.

P: Come and praise God, the Light of the world! Amen.

\*Opening Hymn                    "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"                    UMH 203

Lighting of the Candles

\*Opening Prayer (in unison)

"God of light and truth, open our eyes to see Your presence among us at all times and in all places. Open our ears to hear familiar words in new ways. Grant us the power and courage to come out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus Christ, that we may serve You by serving others. Amen."

Skit                    "Casual for the Choir"                    Voices In Praise

Anthem                    "Clap Your Hands"                    Voices In Praise

Children's Message                    Holly Reynolds Lee

Hymn Response                    "Be Thou My Vision" (vs. 1)                    UMH 451

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

"Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and open to us a future in which we can be changed. Lead us into Your light that we may see ourselves and others as You see them. In Christ's name. Amen."

\*Please rise either in posture or in spirit.

Hebrew Scripture                    1 Samuel                    16:1-13  
Gospel Lesson                    John                    9:1-41  
L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
P: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Faith                    "He Touched Me"                    UMH 367

Message                    "But Now I See"                    Rev. Wayne Chung  
Samuel thinks a king must look like a king. People judge by looks but God does not. Jesus touches a man born blind to give physical eyesight and spiritual insight. What does it take to receive healing? "The blind will see and those who see will become blind."

Giving in Response to God's Love                    Offertory                    "Abide With Me"                    Voices In Praise

\*Doxology                    "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"                    UMH 95

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

\*Closing Hymn                    "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"                    UMH 526

Sending Forth God's Light and Love

\*Hymn Response                    "Amen"                    UMH 898

Postlude                    "Fanfare" (Lemmens)                    Sandy Gries

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Ezekiel 37:1-14                    Psalm 130                    Romans 8:6-11                    John 11:1-45

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

**Our Prayers:** The Kotoriy Family, Florence Bowles, Elsie Arnold, The Elliott Family following the death of John's father, Sally Lounsbury recovering from surgery, Iva Gene Ward recovering from surgery, Deloras Ward recovering from surgery, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr., Laura Wise – sister of Donna Nestor, Diana Marshall – niece of Martha Wooldridge, Jack Dorsey, Kathy Wallace, Bill Fowler, Those who travel

**Our Presence:**

Worship Attendance Last Sunday	174
Average Weekly Attendance	183
Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday	62

**Our Gifts:** Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

**Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)**

	January-February 2017			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$70,308	\$65,016	\$5,292	8%
Missions Fund	\$3,117	\$3,258	(\$141)	-4%
P&I Fund	\$2,981	\$3,000	(\$19)	-1%
Building Fund	\$12,477	\$11,000	\$1,477	13%
Kitchen Fund	\$670	\$4,000	(\$3,330)	-83%
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal 30	Other 10	YTD Cereal 352	

\*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$113,581 as of February 28, 2017

Mortgage Loan Balance = \$501,177 as of February 28, 2017

**Service:**

Ministers

Secretary

Music Team

Custodian

Counters

Ushers

Acolytes

Altar Guild for April

Friendship Hour

Stephen Ministry Coordinator

Pastor

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Jim Fowler

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Richard Chaney &amp; Wheeler Green

Rebecca &amp; Seth Heyer

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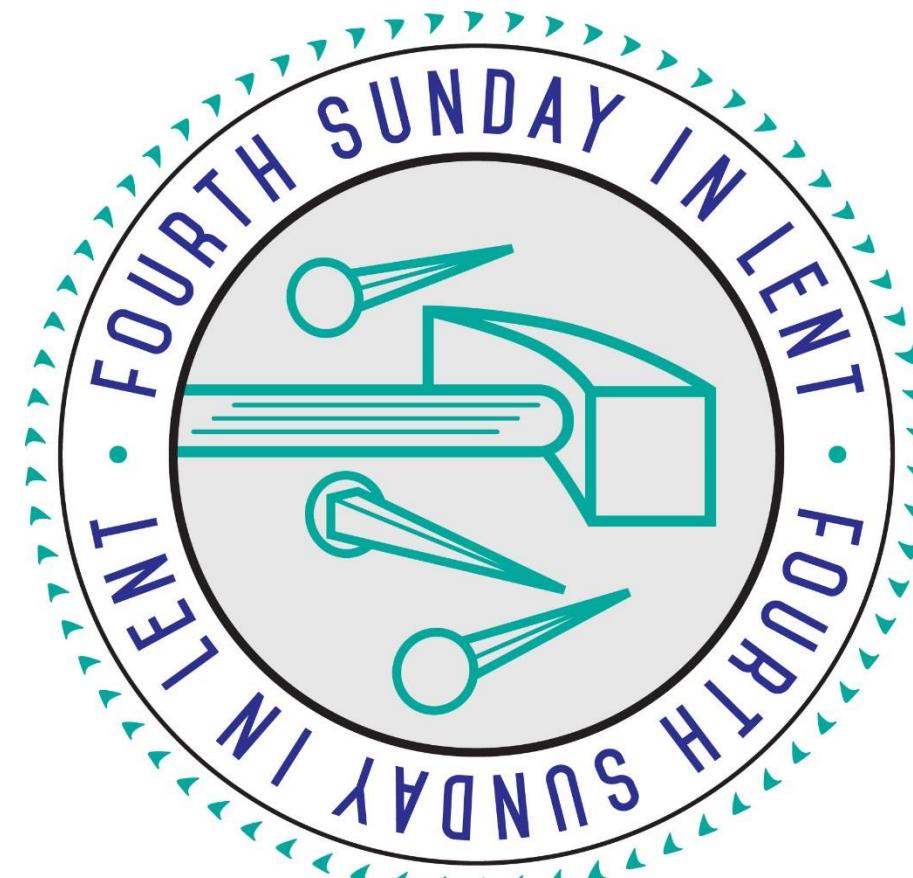
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Sunday, March 26, 2017  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Our Mission**

: "Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends.  
Love All; Serve All; Follow One!"

**Our Motto**

: "Each One, Reach One!"