

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 15, 2026
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH — Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE — *Arioso* (The Handbell Choir) — Mary McCleary

From Psalm 23

CALL TO WORSHIP — Pat Higgins

The Lord is our shepherd.
God gives us everything we need.
He leads us to paths of renewal.
Our lives overflow with blessings.
God's goodness and faithful love
will be our companions forever.

***HYMN 14** — *For the Beauty of the Earth* — DIX

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: (Refrain)

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)

For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Faithful God,
you tell us not to worry.
Yet we do.
We chase security.
We cling to control.
We fear tomorrow.
Forgive our anxious hearts.
Forgive our small faith.
Teach us to seek your kingdom first.
Teach us to trust your care today.
Teach us to rest in your promises.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY 804** (v. 1) *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *O Sifuni Mungu (O Praise God)* arr. Roger Emerson
(The Chancel Choir)

Viumbe vyote vya mungu wetu na mfalme wetu,
All creatures of our God and King,

Paseni sauti ili nasi Mwimbe
Lift up your voice and with us sing

Watu wote, viumbe vyote, awaye yote, sifu mungu!
All men, all creation, everybody praise God!

All creatures of our God and King, O sifuni mungu!
Lift up your voice and with us sing, O sifuni mungu!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, imbeni!
Thou silver moon with softer gleam, paseni, sauti, imbeni!

Thou flowing water pure and clear, O sifuni mungu!
Make music for thy Lord to hear! O sifuni mungu!
Thou fire, so masterful and bright, imbeni!
That givest man both warmth and light, imbeni!

Let all things their Creator bless, O sifuni mungu!
And worship Him in humbleness, O sifuni mungu!
Praise the Father, praise the Son, imbeni, imbeni!
And praise the Spirit, three in one, paseni sauti imbeni!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

page 882 **SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 6:25-34

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Age of Anxiety* Rev. Boggess
Higher Ground: Sermon on the Mount

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Pat Higgins

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors:
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Temple/
(The Handbell Choir) arr. Douglas Wagner

***DOXOLOGY 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Philippians 4:6-7 ***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Pat Higgins

Do not worry about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 840** *When Peace like a River* VILLE DU HAVRE

When peace like a river
attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:
It is well with my soul;
it is well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded
my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

He lives: O the bliss
of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

Lord, hasten the day
when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* Dix/
(The Handbell Choir) arr. Douglas Wagner

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

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