**Fourth Sunday of Lent** **Sunday, March 15, 2026**

**Theme: Bridging to the Future: Reflecting with Humility and Anticipation**

**"For once you were darkness, now in the Lord you are light" Ephesians 5:8**

## *GATHERING*

*Prelude:* "Were You There?" Brian Glyncannon

Call to Worship
Leader: Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies.
**People: We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.**
Leader: The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.
**People: We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good and right and true.**
Leader: The journey of grace calls us to pay attention so that we may discern what is pleasing to God.
**People: We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to work toward all that is pleasing to God.**
Leader: So come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace.
**People: Indeed, we worship God as we journey in grace together! AMEN**

*Hymn: #144 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" Bell Choir

*Prayer of the Day and Confession

**O Lord, you are our Shepherd, and yet we want. We lie down when we could act. We stir the pot when we could offer peace. At times our eyes glaze over with temptation instead of embracing the compelling reasons for right living. Too often we seek courage and comfort in the familiar rather than exploring new paths. We find it easier to dislike those who differ from us or hate our enemies instead of engaging in conversation that breaks through the barriers. We make judgments about identity without understanding what makes people the way they are. We eat alone and aside from others instead of breaking bread with them. We see scarcity even when you offer abundance. So today, as we would always be well to do, we pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy, so that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever.**

**Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, journey alongside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. AMEN**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**
Hear now these words of assurance spoken by Isaiah the prophet: "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Thanks be to God

## *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD*

*Anthem:* "I Have Decided" arr. Dennis Robert
Bell Choir

Scripture: John 9:1-41  The man born blind

Sermon: **“Seeing Clearly”**

*Hymn:  #812 “O Save Me God and Hear My Cry”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

**Radiant Shepherd, you walk beside us through valleys and over mountaintops,**

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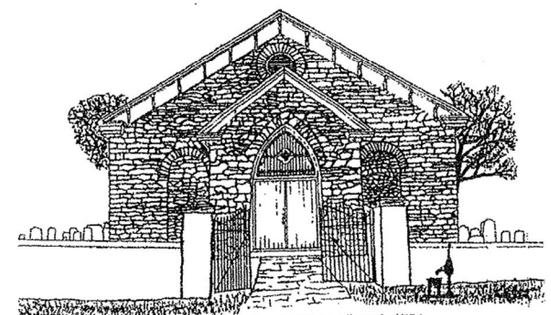

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**us with a cup that overflows. In your presence, we lack nothing that truly matters. Even in a world clouded by shadows, your light shines through— inviting us to live as children of the day. Receive our gifts whenever we offer them as signs of our desire to walk in your ways. Anointed with healing, may goodness, justice, and truth shine forth as gifts to reflect your image. Let our giving be more than a ritual, rather a response to your faithfulness toward us. In Christ's holy name we pray, AMEN.**

Announcements

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #833 "O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go"

*Charge and Benediction
Leader: Beloved, may the blessing of God's mercy go before you, behind you, and surround you.
**People: As we go forth, we will journey in grace, reflecting the Light of new life wherever we go.**

Silent Prayer (*be seated*)
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. AMEN

*Postlude:* "Savior, When in Dust to Thee" Robert Lau
(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service
*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director