

Sunday, March 15, 2026

4th Sunday of Lent



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"Healing the Broken Places"

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Help celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus
this Easter Sunday April 5th. by adorning our
sanctuary

with lilies, tulips or hyacinths dedicated to loved
ones.

Forms are located on the glass topped table in back
of sanctuary.

Completed forms will need to be returned by March
22nd along with

payment. Forms may be placed in offering plate,
or given to Marty Cropper.

Easter Lilies....\$14.00

Hyacinths.....\$10.00

Tulips.....\$10.00

All are in 6" pots. and are yours to take home after
Easter morning service.

If dedications are same as last year, no need to
complete another form, just let Marty know.

"WOW will meet on Tuesday, March 17 at
11:00 am. There will be a bible study,
meeting, and "bring your own lunch" after.
Our Bible Study is "Finding Our Joy in Christ: I
Will Say It Again, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:1-23).

All women of the church are encouraged to
attend."

Order of Worship: Sunday, March 15, 2026

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

"Soon, in the days ahead," God says, "I will pour out my spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit." *(adapted from Joel 2:28-29)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 23)

Beth Fisher

One: God calls you.

All: God calls us to a place with fresh water.

One: God restores our souls.

All: God leads us in righteous paths.

One: Wherever our lives take us.

All: God comforts us and guides us.

One: There is no reason to fear.

All: For God's mercies are with us.

Choral Introit "Jesus is Lord of All"

* Hymn: "Lord, Listen to Your Children"
429 (Red Hymnal)

* Passing the Peace - *Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ*

Call to Confession: (adapted from Eph. 5:8-13)

Even when we have chosen to live in darkness, God brings us forth into light. Even when we try to

Current Prayer Concerns:

Virginia Miller

Lydia Frasca

Bob & Dee Lebo

William Steger

Christine Ruskin-*friend of Marty*

Joe Nasatka-*friend of Marty*

Amy Etheridge- *Friend of Beth Fisher*

Mark Payne- *Friend of Beth Fisher*

Larry Steele — *Family of Dee Lebo*

Pat and Ben Steele — *Family of Dee Lebo*

Beth Miller — *Friend of the Hales*

Chuck Shorley — *Friend of the Hales*

Scott Blank — *Friend of the Hales*

Chris Hazard — *Brother of Ann Hales*

Carol Reese

Sarah & Cliff Dypsky

Maria Kontoyianni— *Friend of Carol Scott*

Gene Peavley - *friend of the Hales*

Brooke Cannell - *relative of the Hales.*

Janet Bischler - *sister-in-law of Rich and Nancy Wright*

Jonelle Jones

Rich Wright

Bob Reese

Patti Seaman—*sister of Jonelle Jones*

Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

Mar 15 Nancy Wright (or Lisa)

Mar 22 Marci Russell

Mar 29 Jan Owens

April 5 Easter NO FELLOWSHIP

April 12 Mabel Rogers

April 19 Jackie Bates

April 26 Vicky Cairns

May 3 Karen Eberle

Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Tues	Mar	17	WOW Meeting	11:00 AM
Tues	Mar	17	Session Meeting	1:00 PM
Wed	Mar	18	Bells Practice	5:00 PM
Wed	Mar	18	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri	Mar	20	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

Birthdays: *David Mumford (3/15) Dave Fresca (3/17)*

Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vases are given:

~ A basket of blue flowers is dedicated to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and in memory of our son, Chris who began his eternal life in Heaven on March 20, 2000. Many fun filled and loving memories bring us smiles. Mom and Dad, Mabel and Donald Rogers.

~ A basket of yellow spring flowers is in praise of our Lord and Savior and in memory of our daughter Caitlyn Lebo who rests in the loving arms of Jesus since March 21st, 2013. Never forgotten, we love you. Mom and Dad.

Chancel vases open for dedications March 2026

March 22, 2026 ...one (1)

March 29, 2026.. two (2)

I am so thankful that God answered my prayers this week for an OC year round rental. I want to thank my church family for your prayers and support.

- Dawn Butler

hide our shame in the dark corners, God's light sees our mistakes. God makes us visible, to ourselves and each other. In our awareness of what we have done and the mistakes we have made, God comes to us with light. In the presence of this daylight, in the company of these saints, we confess our own shortcomings.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

O God, we pray to you in confession that we have chosen to hide ourselves away from you. We know that we have not followed your will, and we want to hide our failings in the dark in the hopes that you cannot see them. We have heard that you love us no matter what we do, but our faith struggles to trust you this much. For all these things, we ask for your forgiveness.

A time for silent meditation

Assurance of Pardon:

God knows what we have done – the things of which we are proud, and the things we wish we could hide and forget. Whether we choose the light or the darkness, God makes our whole lives visible. What God sees, God will forgive. When God sees us wander, God will call us home. When we see everything in God's eyes, God calls us to rise – and to see Jesus shine on us. In God's eyes, in Jesus' light, we have already been forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.

*** Gloria Patri (unison) #622**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Doxology (unison) #625

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem: "In Jesus' Name"

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

O God, open our ears to your teaching, so that our mouths can learn to sing your praise, our feet can learn to follow your steps, and our hands can do your work in this world.

1st Scripture reading: Mark 7:24-29

(p. 998 in pew Bible)

Elder Jan Owens

2nd Reading: Luke 13:10-17

(p. 1033 in pew Bible)

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This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with Children & Youth

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Sermon "Healing the Broken Places"

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* Hymn: "He Touched Me" # 504

(Red Hymnal)

Affirmation of Faith (Apostles Creed) (Unison)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" #382

(Red Hymnal)

Charge

Benediction

Response "Gospel Amen"

Postlude

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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