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4th Sunday in Lent – March 15, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND TOLLING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the beginning God said, "Let there be light," and light shone in the darkness.

P: The light still shines, and the darkness has not overcome it.

L: When our vision is clouded and our understanding fails, Christ comes near.

P: Opening our eyes to grace and truth.

L: Let us worship the One who brings light to the world.

P: Let us worship God!

HYMN #64 *O God, Beyond All Praising*

CONFESSION

Merciful God, there are times when we do not see clearly. We rush to judgment. We assume we know the whole story. We turn away from those whose struggles we do not understand. Sometimes we close our eyes to the light you offer. Open our hearts again, we pray. Give us humility to admit what we do not know and courage to follow where Christ leads. In your mercy, forgive us and lead us into the light of your grace.

ASSURANCE

The One who gave sight to the blind also opens the eyes of our hearts. God does not leave us in darkness. Through Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and led into the light.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

#734 GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE John 9: 1-41

MEDITATION

HYMN #491 *Open Our Eyes*

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN #484 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 / OFFERING RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above the heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, as we offer these gifts, we give thanks for the ways you sustain our lives and our community. Use what we offer to bring light where there is need, hope where there is discouragement, and compassion where people feel unseen. Bless these gifts and the work they will support, that your love may be known in this place and beyond. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**HYMN #93 *Praise the One Who Breaks the
Darkness***

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION (#250 verses 1, 2)

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day.**

**The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,
who found in weakness greater power,
embraces us, though lost and flawed,
and leads us to his Rising Hour.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Shawn & Tom Castellano in honor of Tom's birthday.

CONSISTORY MEETING this Wednesday at 1:30 pm.

BIBLE STUDY will meet on Thursday at 10 am.

Altar flower sponsor is needed for Sunday, May 3. Please speak to Diane O'Rorke if you are interested. Diane's phone number is 484-515-4506. Thanks!

TODAY is the last day to order Easter flowers.

LIBRARY HOURS – Every Saturday from 10 am until noon.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE will be held on Thursday, April 2 at 7 pm.

NO BIRTHDAYS OR ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

03/08/2026 GIVING--\$821.00 GIVING THUS FAR--\$7,023.00