

**March 15, 2026**  
**Elements of Liturgy**  
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PRELUDE

**Invitation to worship:**

One: Early each morning, God waits to greet us with joy and wonder.

**Many: We wake to find ourselves enveloped in grace.**

One: During the day, Jesus comes to invite us to serve.

**Many: We rise up to bring healing and hope to others.**

One: In the dim evening of our fear and anxiety, the Spirit is still with us.

**Many: The Light of life shines on us in every moment of every day.**

**Prayer of Invocation (unison)**

**God of the living, through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of the Resurrection Day, even as we remember its miracle every Sunday. Remain with us every day of the week, so that we may always rejoice in the gift of the Spirit. Give us hope that we may one day see as you see, with infinite truth and peace. Amen.**

**HYMN PH: #160 Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**O God, we know you want to restore us to goodness and mercy. We sit in the ashes of our hopes, violence all around us, yet you always see us as your beloved children. We are always pointing the finger at others who have broken the rules, and yet you are always ready to pour out your grace on all of us. We try to contain you within boundaries of our own making, but you keep breaking forth in new patterns of merciful love. Have mercy on us and open our eyes to your presence. AMEN.**

Words of Assurance

PH: #514 The Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be.  
World without end, Amen. Amen.*

**OLD TESTAMENT: [Psalm 23](#)**

**GOSPEL LESSON: [John 9: 1-41](#)**

**SERMON: One Thing I Know**

**HYMN NCH: 547 Amazing Grace**

## PRAYERS

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

### **Responsive Prayer for the World**

O God, we pray for our broken world.

**Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for your labor to renew creation, that you seek not to judge but to save, not to destroy but to create

**Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer**

We praise you that you call the nations to peace, and the peoples to justice. With you we mourn that the children and all people of the Middle East continue to suffer from violence.

**Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for people everywhere who are struggling for freedom in the face of those who rule through terror, who plunder the poor and imprison the just.

**Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Save us, O God, from helplessness. Speak to each of us and show us our part to play in your mission of recreating the earth.

**Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse us from all that keeps us from serving you and from loving our neighbors in integrity of word and deed.

**Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer**

We pray to you in the strong name of Jesus Christ, the prayer he taught us to pray,

*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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen*

## OFFERING

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

Doxology PH# 514

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise our God above, ye heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Amen!*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. AMEN.

**HYMN PH: 319 Just as I am**

**BENEDICTION: *Benediction Response***

**POSTLUDE**