



## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, 2026

10:00 am

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*\*indicates that all who are able are invited to stand.*

**Bold** indicates congregational response.

*Liturgist for today is George Norton.*

### WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PERSONAL MEDITATION TIME

Hand Chimes Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 23)*

*The Lord shepherds us.*

**God restores our souls.**

*We shall not fear evil.*

**For God is always with us.**

HYMN -

*"Amazing Grace"*

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## THE TENEBRAE

*"I came into this world so that those who do not see may see." Truth is not owned; it is received.*

**Not defended; it is lived.**

*We confess how often we prefer certainty over compassion,*

**comfort over courage, blindness over transformation.**

*When truth is used to harm rather than heal*

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

(Silence)

*Let us pray together.*

**Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence, and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.**

*Song: (Chimes play through several times first)*

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.  
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when you come into your kingdom.**

A WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

NEW TESTAMENT – Ephesians 5:8-14

GOSPEL - John 9:1-41 (Lumos Video Bible, ESV)

SERMON

Linda Dickerson

*“For the Sake of the World: The Great Ends of the Church”*  
*The Preservation of the Truth*

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Aran Garnett-Deakin

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*... Therefore, we join our voices with those of every time and place, and with all creation we sing your praise, saying,*

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*... we declare the mystery of faith,*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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.**

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer: **Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on, help us to share your grace with others, and draw us ever closer to you. Amen.**

HYMN - *"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"* 314

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 434

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  
Renew your image in our hearts,  
and all our sins remove.**

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FELLOWSHIP TIME – All are invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**The Great Ends of the Church** (Lenten sermon series)  
*(Book of Order, F-1.0304)*

- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind (2/22)
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God (3/1)
- The maintenance of divine worship (3/8)
- The preservation of the truth (3/15)
- The promotion of social righteousness (3/22)
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world (3/29)