

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

INTROIT

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts!

P: To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

P: So that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

† HYMN *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* UMH #128

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merciful God, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others; open my ears that I may hear their cries; open my heart so that they need not be without relief; let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places. And so, open my eyes and my ears that I may in this new day be able to do some work of peace for thee. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Psalm 23*

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

SPECIAL MUSIC *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Zion Bell Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

† HYMN *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH #454

GOSPEL LESSON John 9:1-17

¹ As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

MESSAGE *"How Blind Are We?"* Rev. David Magruder

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Modern Affirmation* UMH #885

† GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

† HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* UMH #381

† BENEDICTION

Fourth Sunday in *Lent* † Stand as you are able

EASTER SUNDAY



Easter Sunday Worship

6:15 am - Sunrise Service in the Social Hall
followed by Pancake Breakfast

10 am - Easter Worship Service

Lectionary for March/April 2026

<u>March 22</u>	<u>March 29</u>	<u>April 5</u>	<u>April 12</u>
Ezekeil 37:1-14	Isaiah 50 4-9a	Acts 10:34-43	Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalms 130	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Psalms 16
Romans 8 :6-11	Matthew 21:1-11	Colossians 3:1-4	1 Peter 1:3-9
John 11:1-45	Matthew 26:14-27:66	Matthew 28:1-10	John 20:19-31

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