



Faith
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

Rev. Ted Brelsford | Pastor
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Sunday, March 15, 2026
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Fourth Sunday of Lent

WELCOME

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Liturgist: Sandy Jordan*

Leader: Creator God, your glory surrounds us.

All: Help us to see with eyes of gratitude and wonder.

Leader: Loving Christ, you come to us in the humble and needy.

All: Help us to see with eyes of compassion and mercy.

Leader: Holy Spirit, you work among us with power and grace.

All: Help us to see with eyes of faith.

**All: We worship you with praise and thanksgiving.
Amen.**

INVOCATION

*HYMN *Open My Eyes, That I May See* Gray #557

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we need your help, even when we do not ask. We confess that we have wandered from your way, and we have done wrong, knowingly and unknowingly. Have mercy on us; wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Open our eyes to your leadings, and bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit, that we may live the life you put before us. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is merciful and kind, eager to forgive and welcome us into grace. May we accept that grace, and rest our souls in it.

Thanks be to God.

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 5:8-14

ANTIPHONAL READING Psalm 23

***HYMN** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Black #2171

SCRIPTURE READING John 9:1-41

SERMON "Surely, We Are Not Blind?"

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

May God's grace be upon these shawls, warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing those they cover.

May these mantles be a safe haven, giving a sense of sacred security and well-being, sustaining and embracing their wearers in good times as well as difficult ones.

May those who receives these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, and graced with the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* Gray #629, x2

***GIFTS and OFFERINGS** *There is an offering plate on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our resources. Amen.*



***DOXOLOGY**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING**

May You Run and Not Be Weary

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all involved in war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know.

For Vickie Bieger, Stephen Dearth, Barb Fink, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Leroy Rockwood, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Sally Schutt, Janet Taber, and family & friends of Gary Cook.

For Those in the Military: Jacob Braun, Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Teegan Partridge, Caydan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Justin Slighter, Joe Solak, Mary Solak, Aaron Wellman and Mark Williams.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2355
Offering collection from March 8, 2026: \$752
Current: \$752 Benevolent: \$0
Attendance on Sunday, March 8, 2026: 38

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today we mark the **66th anniversary of the founding of Faith Church. Invitation & Welcome committee** sponsoring a coffee hour following worship.

Collection for **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** a Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports partners worldwide with ministries that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response.

- **Board Meeting**, Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter flower** order forms and envelopes are available for pick-up located on table outside the Gathering room. **Deadline for orders is Thursday, March 19th.**
- **Christian Education meeting** following worship on Sunday, March 22nd.
- **Lenten Bible study Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:00** in the Gathering Room, February 25th – April 1st.
- **Intro to Meditation** classes: Mondays from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. March 16th – April 20th. See bulletin board outside Church office.
- Our **Maundy Thursday Service** will be on April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall in conjunction with Churchill United Methodist Church. There will be a dramatic reading reflecting on Jesus' life and the events leading up to his crucifixion, and Communion will be served at tables.
- Tickets are available for our **chicken BBQ** scheduled for Saturday, April 18th from 11:30 a.m. until sell out.



- **VALOR** Collection boxes will be located outside Church office.
- **Please wear your name tag.** Name tags are provided for everyone on the wall in the narthex, and everyone is encouraged to please wear them.