

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 15, 2026

**OPENING VIDEO** "In Christ Alone" Adrienne Liesching

**OPENING WORDS:** Psalm 130

**\*HYMN** "I Am Thine, O Lord" UMH 419

**WELCOME** Pastor Scott Clawson

### MINUTE FOR GENEROSITY

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, the journey of hope and grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies.

**We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.**

The journey of hope and grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.

**We gather to be formed by hope and grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good and right and true.**

The journey of hope and grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God.

**We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.**

Come, let us worship God, who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of hope and grace.

**Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together! Amen.**

**\*HYMN** "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" UMH 175

### PSALM 23

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### ANTHEM

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** Romans 8: 22-28

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** "My Hope is Built On?" Pastor Scott Clawson

**\*HYMN** "My Hope is Built" UMH 368

#### BENEDICTION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### POSTLUDE

#### 9:30 AM WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolyte: David Knight

Lay Reader: Chris Berry

Ushers: Anderson Family

#### 11:00 AM WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolyte: Ben Hanson

Lay Reader:

Ushers: Carole Zimmerman

#### NMUMC by the Numbers: March 8, 2026

8:15 AM: 14 9:30 AM: 35 11:00 AM: 38 Online: 21

Adult Sunday School: 4 Children's Sunday School: 25

**Total Offering:** \$9,841.22 *Regular Offering:* \$3,546.22\*

Hope4Kids: \$55.00 New Ministry Center: \$5,725.00 Easter Flowers: \$75.00

Organ Fund: \$150.00 Food Pantry: \$50.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$240.00

*\*Amount Needed to Meet Weekly Budget: \$5,862.53*

#### Church Meetings

Monday, March 16: 9:30 AM Choir Practice – 6:30 PM – ED Building

Tuesday, March 17: Morning Bible Study – 10:00 AM – Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 17: Church Council Meeting – 7:00 PM – ED Building Kitchen

Wednesday, March 18: Hope Preschool Fundraiser – 5:00 PM – Spring Ridge

New York J&P Pizza

Thursday, March 19: Pastor's Meeting – 10:00 AM – Pastor's Office

Thursday, March 19: 11:00 AM Choir Practice – 6:30 PM – ED Building

Friday March 20- Sunday, March 22: IGNITE Youth Conference– Contact Kate

Hanson

#### Save the Date: Community Easter Egg Hunt at NMUMC | March 28

10:00-11:00 AM—story time and games

11:00 AM Hard Start for the Egg Hunt

Candy donations can be dropped off in the sanctuary by March 22nd

**Giving Tree Total: \$1,035,963.000 | \$825,963.00 Commitment Pledges  
\$210,000.00 Commitment Estate Pledges**

**Daily Devotions for the Lenten Season will be provided by the Saint Andrews devotional "Blessed Are the Meek" which is available in the rear of the sanctuary.**

### **A Message from Your Generosity Team**

The response to our Generosity campaign has been promising, but we still need help from those who have not responded. We are quickly nearing the March 31st deadline of the Capital Campaign to fund the New Ministry Center.

Your Generosity Team needs to know whether you are able to financially commit to the project at this time. Starting the week of March 8, team members will be reaching out to those who have not yet returned a Commitment Card. We encourage everyone attending worship at NMUMC to prayerfully reflect on how they might contribute to completing this project in the upcoming year.

### **VAL (Visualizing Abundant Life) Building Team**

Much work is going on behind the scenes: assembling information required by the permitting offices of the Town of New Market and Frederick County. The stormwater management proposal for the site has been submitted to Frederick County, and we are replying to the comments generated by that submission. Our professionals (Shawn Benjaminson, civil engineer; Donna Rosano, architect; and Phil Gamble, building project manager) are in the Schematic Design Phase of the project (mechanical and electrical systems, etc.) and plan to submit our final plans to the Town of New Market in April.

Small Committee Teams (Kitchen Team, Preschool Team, etc.) are in the process of developing more detailed designs with the architect. Please keep this project in your prayers.

### **Children's Sunday School is in need of snacks!**



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THE LENTEN SEASON

*My Hope is  
Built On?*

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WELCOME TO

NEW MARKET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH