

**Columbiana First United Methodist**  
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March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Prelude:

**\*Enter the Light of Christ**

**Pastor's Welcome**

**Announcements:**

- **To order Easter lilies in honor or memory of loved ones, fill out the bulletin form and submit it to the offering plate or Miranda, our church secretary. Lillies \$10.00 ea., Tulips and Hyacinths \$8.00 ea. Deadline for orders will be March 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.**
- **The InStep Program needs donations of cookies or brownies for its Build Your Own Pasta Dish event on March 28th. If you can help by donating, please inform Pastor Cyndi.**
- **One Board Meeting, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.**

**\*Opening Prayer:**

**Holy God, in this Lenten season, You meet us with mercy that restores and light that reveals the way. Open our hearts to Your presence as we gather to worship. Where we are weary, bring strength. Where we are wandering, bring guidance. Where we are blind to Your goodness, open our eyes to see. Lead us deeper into Your love, that we may walk in the light of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (all) #454**

**Call to Worship:**

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

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

**L:** The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.

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

**L:** The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God.

**P:** **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.**

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

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

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer**

Offertory:

\*Doxology

#95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Radiant Shepherd, You walk beside us through valleys and over mountaintops, guiding us with grace and guarding us with love. In Your presence, we lack nothing that truly matters. Even in a world clouded by shadows, Your light shines through—inviting us to live as children of the day. Receive these gifts, O God, as signs of our desire to walk in Your ways, to live as Your people, and to shine with the goodness, justice, and truth that reflect Your image. Let our giving be more than ritual; let it be an act of trust, a response to Your faithfulness, and a testimony of Your light at work in us. In Christ's holy name, we pray, Amen.**

**Hymn of Preparation: "Be Thou My Vision" (all) #451**

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

**Gloria Patri**

#70

Message: "Seeing Through His Eyes"

Pastor Cyndi

**\*Closing Hymn: "I Cannot Tell" (insert)**

*(all verses, sung to the tune "O Danny Boy")*

Benediction

**\*Sending: "God Be with You"**

\*Postlude

*\*Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

Oh Dear Heavenly Father,

in this season of returning, you meet us with a love that sees us fully and a grace that never runs out. As we gather in your presence, quiet our restless thoughts and open our hearts to the light you are always shining.

We thank you for the glimpses of healing and renewal that break through even in difficult days—for kindness offered, for burdens shared, for the steady companionship of your Spirit. Teach us to trust these signs of your nearness.

We pray for all who are walking through shadows today—those who are grieving, those who are ill, those weighed down by anxiety, loneliness, or uncertainty.

We join with the Warren family in lifting up their beloved grandson, who has been deployed to Iran. We ask that Your hedge of protection surround him and all who serve alongside him, keeping them secure in every circumstance. Grant them Your Holy Spirit's guidance, bestowing wisdom, strength, and courage for every challenge they encounter.

We trust that You alone are the source of true security and peace, especially in nations that are experiencing the turmoil of war. We pray for the leaders who are steering these conflicts, both those we hear about and those that no longer make the headlines. Sow within their hearts a deep desire for peace, replacing greed and anger with compassion, love, and hope.

May Your transformative power move throughout the world, so that every place overshadowed by conflict becomes a place of renewed hope and possibility.

O God, we ask that You surround all who are struggling with Your constant comfort. May Your gentle light shine upon every place weighed down by sorrow, uncertainty, or heaviness. Where darkness lingers, let Your presence bring reassurance and hope. Grant strength for each new step, so that all who walk difficult paths may feel upheld and guided by Your loving care.

We lift up our community and our world, so in need of compassion, justice, and peace. Where there is division, sow understanding. Where there is fear, plant courage. Where there is despair, kindle hope. Make us instruments of your healing love in the places you have planted us.

As we continue our Lenten journey, shape our hearts to reflect the heart of Christ—patient, generous, humble, and brave. Help us release what harms and cling to what gives life. And lead us, day by day, toward the joy of resurrection already rising on the horizon.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Light and our Redeemer.

**Amen.**