

**Worship**  
**Sunday, March 15, 2026**  
**4th Sunday in Lent**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Responsive Call to Worship:**

*God loves the field mouse.*

**God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.**

*God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.*

**God loves the child who rocks and claps.**

*God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.*

**God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.**

*God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.*

**God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.**

*God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.*

**There is no bit of creation that God does not love.**

*So let us worship this good-news God! Amen.*

**Opening Hymn:** *See the Precious Children (tune Beach Spring)*

[Good News devotional Lent 4]

**Invitation to Confession:**

**Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness:**

*God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."*

**Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.**

*Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."*

**We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.**

*God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."*

**We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.**

*Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them."*

**We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways.**

*Fortunately for all of us, God also said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."*

**By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.**

*May this good news change our lives!*

**Amen.**

**Passing the Peace**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

UMH 277, verses 1 & 2

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Holy One, sometimes the simplest of your commands are the hardest for us to hear. You say, "Love your enemy." "Turn the other cheek." "Care for the widow and the orphan." And we want to know: How? When? Where? Today as we turn to your word, open up space in us to simply hear your truth for what it is. Open up space in our hearts to dream new dreams, to imagine new realities, to draw closer to you and closer to love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we listen, we pray. Amen.**

**Scripture:** Matthew 19:13-14 NRSVue; Deuteronomy 24:17-22 NRSVue

(reader) *The Word of the Lord!*

**(All) Thanks be to God!**

**Message:** *The Good News is... protection and care for the vulnerable*

**Hymn of Response:** *For the Healing of the Nations*

UMH #428, vs. 1, 2, 4

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory:**

**Doxology – Hymn 95 (Old 100<sup>th</sup>)**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Opportunities Coming Soon! (Announcements)**

**Blessing (Benediction)**

**Closing Song:** *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

UMH #549, vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

***Please join us for the PIF Potluck after Worship; in the FMC Gym***

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**TODAY'S SERVANTS:**

*Reader: Greg Berry  
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