March 15, 2026 Worship Service 10:15 a.m.
Fourth Sunday in Lent

We invite you to rest here in the arms of the divine…
…to feel the connection, to feel the belonging,
to feel that you have a place among us. You belong to our story.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Ken Maurer*

Good morning and welcome to Coleman Memorial Chapel! We are so glad you have chosen to join us today as we have worship and time for fellowship. I open our service with the following from Psalm 145:8, "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES *Esther Mefferd*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

We extol You, our God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.
We will speak of the glory of Your kingdom.
We will tell of Your power.
We will make known to all people Your mighty deeds.
We will give witness to Your wondrous works.
The Lord is near to all who call on Him in truth.
Let's call on Him as we worship together.

*OPENING HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Blue #263

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Almighty and Victorious God, we thank You and praise You for Your justice and mercy that allows us to blossom and flourish. We confess that our witness to Your truth often exposes our own weaknesses and doubts in that truth. Forgive us when we fail to use the name of Jesus as our strength and shield from every snare. By the power of Your Spirit, renew us and strengthen us to live in Your light and walk in Your truth. Together we pray in the name of the only light that we will ever need, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please stand if you are able. Please mute your phone. No food in the sanctuary.

Please take a moment for private prayer to make your own confession.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, beloved of God, open your eyes to the Light of the World! Forgiveness is ours through faith in his saving grace. Know that in Christ you are forgiven. Walk in the light and be at peace. And let everyone say- **Amen!**

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
We do not pass the plate for collection, instead a plate may be found on the front table.

*DOXOLOGY *We give thee but thine own,* Blue #428
Whate'er the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

*APOSTLE'S CREED (see text on inside flap of green hymnbook)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Response, Green #614
Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline Your ear to us and grant us Your peace. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 37:12-24 *Bruce Ott*

HYMN (seated) "What Wondrous Love is This" Blue #85

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 18:28-40

SERMON *"Bearing Witness to the Truth"* *Pastor Karen*

*CLOSING HYMN "Take the Name of Jesus with You" Green #116

**BENEDICTION* *"Take the Name of Jesus with You" refrain only*
"Precious Name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.
Precious Name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven."

"Green" means The Hymnal for Worship & Celebration (green cover)
"Blue" means The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue cover)

For general questions, contact a church council member (see bulletin board).
For church grounds maintenance requests, contact Ken Maurer.
For church building maintenance requests, contact Bosh Lesher.
Covenant Pastor: Rev. Karen S. Bachman; email: **PastorK.CMC1@gmail.com**
Music Team: Rev. Sally Ott, Bruce Ott, Esther Mefferd, and Ryan Hoover.

OUR PRAYERS

Please contact any board member or the pastor if you wish to add to this list. In our prayers today and your prayers this week, please remember the following:

- (congregation's requests)
- People fleeing from violence and war, occupation, and oppression; the heart and soul of war mongers and all others like them.
- Our church mission and the congregation that supports it.
- Our country and all who live, work, and serve here and abroad.
- Our "hometown heroes" and other volunteers who care for special members of our community and those who are sick.
- Our Coleman Memorial Chapel family who cannot be here with us.
- Our leaders – local, state, and national – that they listen to the Holy Spirit.
- Local non-profits doing the work of the kingdom of God.

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Congregational Annual Meeting, postponed due to snow and illness.
Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 3, 7 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service, April 5, 6:30 a.m.
Pop Your Trunk & Diaper Drive, April 18, 10 a.m. to Noon
Spring Breakfast by Donation, May 9, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Car Show & Chicken BBQ, July 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Soup & Sub Sale & Old-Time Baseball, date August 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Fall Breakfast by Donation, October 3, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Christmas Bazaar, December 5
Christmas Candlelight Service, December 20, 7 p.m. (reservations required)

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Traditional Worship 10:15 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship: Before and after the service.