

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Bonnie Jacque, Pastor

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

TIME OF SHARING

PASSING THE PEACE

SUNG INTROIT Be Still and Know #743x2 Screen

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God, Be still and know that I am God.

CALL TO WORSHIP Screen

One: When the world is dark and full of hate and fear, when we cannot see God

MANY: WE WILL TURN ON THE LIGHT.

One: When we cannot find our way back to love and peace

MANY: WE WILL TURN ON THE LIGHT.

One: When our vision dims due to the darkness within

MANY: WE WILL TURN ON THE LIGHT.

One: Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight.

MANY: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD IS JESUS CHRIST.

One: Come and worship the one who brings sight to the blind.

MANY: HALLELUJAH! PRAISE GOD, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

<https://ministrymatters.com> worship elements Sharon McCart

OPENING PRAYER Screen

SOURCE OF LIGHT, GOD OF GREAT MERCY AND LOVE, WE COME TO YOU THIS DAY SEEKING RESTORATION OF OUR SIGHT. CLEAR AWAY OUR BLINDNESS, AND GIVE US A NEW VISION OF ALL THAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH IN YOUR NAME. GIVE US STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE TO TRULY WITNESS TO YOUR ABIDING LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS. AMEN.

<https://ministrymatters.com> worship connection Nancy C. Townley

HYMN Open My Eyes, That I May See Screen

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE GLIMPSES OF TRUTH YOU HAVE FOR ME; PLACE IN MY HANDS THE WONDERFUL KEY THAT SHALL UNLOCK AND SET ME FREE.

SILENTLY NOW, ON BENDED KNEE, READY I WAIT YOUR WILL TO SEE; OPEN MY EYES, ILLUMINE ME, SPIRIT DIVINE.

**OPEN MY EARS, THAT I MAY HEAR VOICES OF TRUTH YOU SEND SO CLEAR;
AND WHILE THE MESSAGE SOUNDS IN MY EAR;P EVERYTHING FALSE WILL
DISAPPEAR.**

**SILENTLY NOW, ON BENDED KNEE, READY I WAIT YOUR WILL TO SEE;
OPEN MY EARS, ILLUMINATE ME, SPIRIT DIVINE.**

**OPEN MY MOUTH, AND LET ME BEAR GLADLY THE WARM TRUTH
EVERYWHERE;**

**OPEN MY HEART, AND LET ME PREPARE LOVE WITH YOUR CHILDREN THUS
TO SHARE.**

**SILENTLY NOW, ON BENDED KNEE, READY I WAIT YOUR WILL TO SEE;
OPEN MY HEART, ILLUMINE ME, SPIRIT DIVINE.**

CALL TO CONFESSION Screen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Screen

**HEALING GOD, WE HAVE LANGUISHED IN OUR BLINDNESS. WE HAVE CHOSEN
TO HIDE IN DARKNESS IN ORDER TO AVOID REACHING OUT AND RISKING
ACCEPTANCE. WE ARE AFRAID OF THE LIGHT, AND YET WE CRAVE IT. IN
YOUR LIGHT, THERE IS HEALING AND HOPE, RESTORATION AND
TRANSFORMATION. FORGIVE OUR LACK OF FAITH AND OUR FEARFULNESS,
O LORD.**

**GIVE US COURAGE TO REACH OUT TO THE LIGHT AND ACCEPT ITS HEALING
RAYS. MAY OUR LIVES BE TRANSFORMED BY YOUR MERCY. AMEN.**

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE Screen

SUNG RESPONSE Adapted from #769 Screen

Hear our prayer, O God,
Hear our prayer, O God,
Hear our prayer, O God,
And grant us your peace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1 Sam. 16:1-13; Ps 23; John 9:1-41

HYMN Amazing Grace #547 v.1,3,5

MEDITATION Jesus Knew His Name

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD, AND FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.

INVITATION TO OFFERING Screen

***DOXOLOGY Screen**

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW;
PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW;
PRAISE GOD, FOR ALL THAT LOVE HAS DONE;
CREATOR, CHRIST AND SPIRIT, ONE. AMEN.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION Screen**

WE OFFER YOU THESE GIFTS, THAT YOU MIGHT BLESS THEM AND SEND THEM OUT INTO THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, AND EVERYWHERE IN NEED OF YOUR LIGHT. AMEN.

***HYMN Be Now My Vision #451 v.1-3**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*If rising from a seated position is an issue for you, please remain seated. The phrase, “Stand in body or spirit as you are able” is intended to give you permission to do so without embarrassment.

Congregational Response to each prayer request is: **Your prayer is our prayer. Your joy is our joy.**

Reminders - Head to <https://stpaulserin.org> for details

03/18 - Women’s Guild at noon lunch and dessert will be provided!

03/21 - Golden Girls Murder Mystery at the Chalet 1 PM

03/22 - Altar Committee Meeting after worship

03/28 - Easter Egg Hunt

03/29 - Palm Sunday

04/02 - Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service at 7 PM

04/05 - Easter Sunday

If anyone would like a reminder text/phone call or a ride to any church event, please call Pastor Bonnie on the church phone.

Please remember with your prayers, cards, calls and visits: Diane S., Joyce O’K, Mark G., John and Polly E., Mary and Tom G., Lucy K., Steve M., Cheri J., Dave Z., and Bernice D.

Greeters for This Week: Kay O. and Judy N.

Greeters for Next Week:

Liturgist for This Week: Kim K.

Liturgist for Next Week: Jill L.

Following worship, you are invited for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall.