

**Bethany United Church of Christ**  
**March 15, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*As you prepare your heart for worship it might be helpful to read through the call to worship and the prayer of confession and think about them.*

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- **Prelude and Bell Ringing**
- **Announcements, Joys and Concerns**

Call to worship (Psalm 23)

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;

**Congregation: he makes me lie down in green pastures.**

L: He leads me beside still waters;

**C: he restores my soul.**

L: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;**

L: for thou art with me;

**C: thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**C: you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.**

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

**C: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise #88 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father, forgive us. We sin far more than we realize. We sin at times Gracious God, forgive us for the sinful way in which we live. We have very strong belief in you, in your love and power and goodness. But too often we fail to let our belief become trust with our lives. When things go well we sometimes forget to thank you. When things seem to go badly, we blame you and forget to trust what you are doing. We often think we know better than you exactly how everything in our lives should go. Forgive us for such sins, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to trust you more and more each day, so that we might be better disciples of your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## **Silent Confession**

- **Assurance of Pardon**

\*GLORIA PATRI

Invitation to the Children (Jesus Loves the Little Children)

Children's time

*Pre-K to Grade 2 children dismiss to church entryway for Sunday School*

Scripture

Old Testament lesson – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

New Testament lesson – John 9:1-41

Sermon “Faith Examples”

\*Hymn of Response #233 “Amazing Grace”

Prayers of the People

- **Lord's Prayer**

- **Offering, Offertory**

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn of Commitment #323 (SS) “Standing on the Promises”

\*Charge and Benediction

**Amen! We go forth to serve.**

\*Choral Response: “God Be with You” #177 (SS) (v. 1)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TODAY – Rev. Darwin Smith

- One Great Hour of Sharing special offering (envelopes)

SAVE THE DATES:

- Retreat House Service: Sunday, July 12, 10 a.m.
- All-Day Bible School: Monday, July 13
- Women's Event: Saturday, August 22, 10 a.m.

- Men's Event: Sunday, November 8, 6 p.m.
- Women's Bible Study: Mondays, 9:30 a.m.
- Confirmation Class & Sunday School: Sundays, 9 a.m.

Diane Schrader is greeter today, Jim Bland next week. Thanks to the greeter, Rev. Smith, the musician, AV tech - all who helped with the service.

WELCOME ALL! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register and come again.

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