

Grace United Methodist Church



March 15, 2026 - 10:00AM

Order of Worship – 4th Sunday in Lent

**Grace United Methodist Church is a Family of Faith
striving to share God's love with all.**

***Please Stand If You Are Able**

Opening Voluntary – “Voluntary VIII, Op. 6, No. 8 - I. Prelude” by John Stanley

Welcome/Greetings

Choral Introit

***Opening Hymn #496** - “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

***Call to Worship**

L: Come into the light of God.

P: Christ's brightness will guide our way.

L: Come into the wisdom of God.

P: The Spirit's insight will reveal new truths.

L: Come into the praise of God,

P: Worship opens new doors in our hearts.

*** Opening Prayer**

Shepherd of love, guide our steps, open the eyes of our hearts, and fling wide the doors of our minds to perceive as you perceive. Open our lives to love as you love. Open our world to become the world you envision for your creation. In the light of your love, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Christ our Healer, we want to see and be seen fully. We long to heal and be healed fully. We yearn to love and be loved fully. Yet, these desires seem beyond our reach when our minds are set on earthly things. Set our minds instead on you. Help us perceive the possibilities of fullness, of shalom, of your realm on this earth. Then guide us to help live into the reality you show us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Surely goodness and faithful love follow us all the days of our lives. For these gifts are already ours through the grace and the power of Christ Jesus.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

As Christ's light has guided us here, may Christ's light shine in and through us that we may love and guide one another. Let's share signs of light with one another as we pass the peace of Christ.

Children's Message

Rev. Eumin Kim

Scriptures

Old Testament – 1 Samuel 16:1, 4-13 (New International Version – NIV)

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

⁴ Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."

⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said,

“The Lord has not chosen this one either.”⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the Lord chosen this one.”¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The Lord has not chosen these.”¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

L: The Word of God, For the People of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

*** Gospel Reading - John 9:1-13, 28-41 (NIV)**

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.”⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes.⁷ “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.⁸ His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?”⁹ Some claimed that he was. Others said, “No, he only looks like him.” But he himself insisted, “I am the man.”¹⁰ “How then were your eyes opened?” they asked.¹¹ He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.”¹² “Where is this man?” they asked him. “I don’t know,” he said.¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind.²⁸ Then they hurled insults at him and said, “You are this fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses!²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don’t even know where he comes from.”³⁰ The man answered, “Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will.³² Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind.³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”³⁴ To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”³⁶ “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”³⁷ Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”³⁸ Then

the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." ⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" ⁴¹ Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

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*** Hymn before Sermon #3008 - "Open the Eyes of My Heart"**

Sermon – "God Who Sees the Heart"

Rev. Eumin Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

In thanksgiving for the fruitful abundance of God's creation, let us give back a portion of what we have received.

Chancel Choir – "Create in Me a Clean Heart" by Mark Patterson

*** Hymn No. 95 – Presentation of the Offering**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

All-seeing God, you see the gifts we have given and the offering we are giving: our treasure and our time, our service and our lives. Help us perceive the value of your gifts you, and the ways our generous sharing brings your realm more closely to this earth. Bless our lives and our gifts, that they might become points of light to bring all of creation closer to you and to your love. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn #473 - "Lead Me Lord" (Sing Twice)**

*** Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary - "Voluntary VIII, Op. 6, No. 8 - II. Fugue" by John Stanley

Pastor: Rev. Eumin Kim	Counting Team: Marisa Pershad
Liturgist/Reader: Esther Richardson	Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano
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