

**Order of Worship**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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March 15, 2026

10:30 AM

*Gather*

Prelude

“I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ”

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

“I Will Celebrate” (*Renew*, #77)

*Praise*

Prepare for Call to Worship

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We have come to a place you have led us, Lord God,

**People: and we don't want to go back.**

Leader: We have come to know you on our journey of faith,

**People: where we have been renewed.**

Leader: Help us to stay on this path with you.

**People: Guide us towards your goodness in all things and at all times.**

All: Amen.

*Prepare*

**\*\*Hymn (insert)**

“Again We Keep This Solemn Fast”

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Lenten Candle Extinguishing Liturgy

**Pastor: Today is the fourth Sunday of the season of Lent. As a community of faith, we have been traveling with Jesus through story, song and prayer on his final journey to Jerusalem.**

Leader: In this way, and in our own personal experiences of faith, we have witnessed God's profound love made known to the world in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

**Pastor: In Jesus, God's love lights the way for those who choose to follow.**

Leader: As we extinguish the fourth Lenten candle, we lament the ways in which we sometimes lose sight of the light of Christ and harden our hearts to the needs of others.

*(4<sup>th</sup> candle is extinguished).*

**Pastor: As we watch the smoke rise, we remember that God's spirit is with us in mysterious and visible ways and that we are forgiven.**

Leader: Blessed and encouraged to open our hearts and our lives to God, we raise our voices in song – a prayer to you, O God.

**\*\*Congregational Response**

“Tree of Life”

*Give us eyes to see you clearly, make us children of your light;  
give us hearts to live more nearly as your gospel shining bright, as your gospel shining bright.*

**\*\***Passing the Peace

The light and peace of Christ be with you — *And also with you.*

*Listen*

Children's Message

Anthem

“Lamb of God”  
Bruce Jeffries, soloist

Twila Paris

Prayer of Illumination

**Let us prepare our hearts to draw closer to God in God's Word: God of radiant light, your presence warms our hearts with peace and hope. Your wisdom illuminates the shadows of our fears and guides the way for us to follow. Your love made known in the life of Jesus inspires us to share our lives generously with the world you so love. As the Body of Christ, we gather now to worship and listen to your Word read and shared. In thanks and praise to you, O God, we pray. Amen.**

1<sup>st</sup> Lenten Reading

*Philippians 3:7-9a, 12-16, (CEV)*

Psalm Reflection Video

*Psalm 23*

2<sup>nd</sup> Lenten Reading

*Ezra 3:10-13 (NRSV)*

Sermon

“ARE WE THERY YET: No Going Back”

*Respond*

Hymn (#846)

“Fight the Good Fight”

DUKE STREET

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

**\*\***Doxology

**Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts, God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen**

Pastoral Prayer and 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**

debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*\*Choral Benediction**

“My Tribute” (*Renew*, #68)

**\*\*Benediction**

As the people of old stood between what was lost and what was being rebuilt, may you remember God’s faithfulness, trusting that the Lord is restoring and reshaping your life.

- May your memories give you wisdom,
- your hope give you strength,
- and your faithfulness embrace Christ’s new beginnings.

**Postlude**

“Prelude in G Minor”

J. S. Bach

**\*\*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.**

**Leaders in and for Worship Today**

Preaching Today	Rev. Ronnie Osborn
Liturgist	Sarah Humfeld
Organist/Pianist	Rev. Bruce Jeffries
Director of Music	J. West
Audio-Visual Technicians	Delbert Botes, Debbie Newkirk, Odell Newkirk
Greeter	Sue Young
Ushers	Sarah Blanton,
Childcare Volunteers	Chris Sheriff

**Announcements**

**AFTER-WORSHIP RECEPTION:** Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship today as we bid farewell to member Margaret Guthrie who is moving to Cape Girardeau, MO the end of this month. There will special refreshments and a short program.

**CHILDCARE DURING WORSHIP:** Two caregivers are needed each Sunday morning to provide childcare after the Children’s Message for our youngest children. Please consider helping and use the link sent out in the Friday email to sign up. If you have any questions, please speak to Christian Education Chair Cathy Stubbs.

**GOOD NEIGHBOR COLLECTION FOR RUSSELL ELEMENTARY:** Our Mission and Outreach Committee is asking for your help in providing the staff at Russell with much-needed hygiene items: fragrance-free tissues, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes. With influenza cases especially high this year, the teachers and staff will especially appreciate having these items in their classrooms and offices. Our collection drive continues through next Sunday, March 22.

**ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH** are invited to participate in a special Palm Sunday (March 29) musical performance. Please speak to choir member Janet Krause immediately after worship today to get more information.

**Trinity Committee Meetings and Church Activities This Week:**

- Monday: 7:00 p.m. – Pastor Nominating Committee (Youth Rm.)
- Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. – Session Meeting (Rm. 12)
- Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)
- Thursday: 3:00 p.m. – Property Committee (Rm. 12)
- Friday: 1:30 p.m. – Mahjong Group (Fellowship Hall)