

**Welcome to Church of Christ - March 15, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*We are honored to worship God with you today!*

**Welcome**

*Please put away your phones so that we may be truly present. Thank you!*

**Prelude**      *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* - arr. R. B. Farlee

**Call to Worship**

~Tina Olsen

**Leader:**      Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
Praise God in the heights! Praise God, all angels and hosts!

**People:**      **Praise God, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you stars of light!**  
**Praise God, all the heavens and waters above!**

**Leader:**      Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God commanded  
and they were created. God established them forever and ever.

**People:**      **Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea creatures and all the depths;**  
**fire and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling God's word.**

**Leader:**      Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars; beasts and all cattle;  
creeping things and flying fowl; all people, young and old, praise God!

**All:**            **Let us praise the name of the Lord, for God's name alone is exalted;**  
**God's glory is above the earth and heaven.**

**Silent Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/debts)**

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 trespasses (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (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.

**Anthem**      *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* - A. Birkhead-Flight

**Scripture**

Luke 15:11-32

~Tina Olsen

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no



otherwise. There is no obligation, and we always welcome prayers for our LOS recipients.  
Thank you!

**Offertory**     *God So Loved the World* - J. Stainer

**Doxology** (two versions are offered) Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen. OR: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Sharing Joys and Church Life Updates**

**Sharing Prayer Concerns**

**Silent Prayer and Meditation**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn 250**     *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights*                     *(Worship and Rejoice)*

Vs 1 Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way, where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter Day.

Vs 2 The pilgrims Christ, the Lamb of God, who found in weakness greater power, embraces us, though lost and flawed, and leads us to his Rising Hour.

Vs 3 We bear the silence, cross and pain of human burdens, human strife, while sisters, brothers help sustain our courage till the Feast of Life.

Vs 4 And though the road is hard and steep, the Spirit ever calls us on through Calvary's dying, dark and deep, until we see the coming Dawn.

Vs 5 So let us choose the path of One who wore, for us, the crown of thorn, and slept in death that we might wake to life on Resurrection Morn!

Vs 6 Rejoice, O sons and daughters! Sing and shout hosannas! Raise the strain! For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings on Easter Day will rise again!

**Our Common Commission**

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Benediction**

**Postlude**     *They Who Will Suffer God to Guide Them* - J. S. Bach

Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly.

**We gladly list these prayer concerns** and ask you to keep us apprised of any updates so that we have the most current information. If you would like a pastoral visit please call or email Pastor Erick (860-303-0910, reverendole@gmail.com).

### **Members needing our prayers:**

Patty Cammilletti, Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse, Hope Childs, Linda Creedon, Bill Eckert, Bonnie Greenwood, Holly Kelsey, Will Kelsey, Arlene Patten, Dan Patten, Cindy Sinclair, Ann Thew, John Thew

### **Ongoing concerns for our relatives and friends:**

Annattie P., Eric, Jo, Kim, Susannah, Katie B., Chris, Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte), Jay Atkinson, Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend), Leigh Cappabianca (Missionary in Turkey) Jan Caudle (Nels White's sister), Lisa Dedon, Carol Emerson (Nancy Herzig's sister), Nancy Foster (Olsen family friend), John Funchion, Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen), Deryl, D'Ari, Amaya, Linden Godshall (Liz Allyn), Yael Channah Greene (Olsen family friend), Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son), Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin), Matthew and Allan Marrero (Michael McDermott's friend), Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte), Patty Minton (Maresi Brown's mother), Bill Patrick (Lyn's husband) and family, Nash Pradhan, Lynn and Rich Reifsnyder, Abby Rockwood (Olsen family friend), Bobbi Sue & Ira Root, Constance Rotondo (Jane Williams), Mark Scarbrough (Elizabeth Norman), Laura Smith (Missionary in Venezuela), Karen Stark (Debbie Storrs), Ryan Sterba, Wendy Sullenberger (Liz Allyn), Rob Thew, Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister), Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock), Judi Welch, Chris Williams (friend of Bethany Lee), Keegan Zygmont

### **Those who are grieving,**

#### **the families of:**

Denis Combes, Ernest Dibble, Jimmy Dietlin, George Green, Judy Green, Jackie Hamad, Harold King, John Marinelli, Remington McCaw, Will Minton, John Murphy, Avery Nelson, Elizabeth Norman, Thatcher Rupert, Mary Sager, Dottie Satherlie

### **In the wider community**

The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, and Venezuela and all enduring ongoing violence, The people of Syria, particularly the Christian community, The people of Jamaica struggling to rebuild after Hurricane Melissa, One Great Hour of Sharing (UCC Offering)