

Faith Community United Methodist Church  
Sunday, March 15, 2026      4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
10:00 a.m.    Order of Worship

**WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Judy Slide

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come from our exile to meet the God who sets us free.

**What does it mean to be free? How can we make the choices freedom offers?**

Come from lives of unfaithfulness to meet the God whose care is unceasing.

**What does faithfulness require of us? How can we, unworthy ones, accept God's care?**

**ALL: Let us come from the shadows where we have hidden to rejoice in the God who brings light and hope.**

\*OPENING HYMN: UMH #399 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

PRAYER FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS: **God of our yesterdays, our todays, and our tomorrows: we are too prone to live for the moment—letting our health, emotions, and passions rule our lives. You offer us the Spirit to bring these things into wholeness under your control. But we resist and often are overtaken by events or situations. We sink into despair and prefer to remain silent, rather than cry out to you. Forgive our self-pity and pride that closes you out of our hearts. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who would be Lord, if we let him. Amen.**

*[All pray in silence, confessing and seeking forgiveness]*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON:

Hear the Good news! In the Lord is love unending, and great is his power to set us free. Friends, believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Glory to God! Amen.**

**WE RECEIVE THE WORD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

PSALTER: Psalm 23 UMH p.754 [Sung Response 1]

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 5:8-14

\*GOSPEL LESSON: John 9:1-41

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS #2086 "Open Our Eyes Lord"

SERMON:

Pastor Ron Dodson

**WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST**

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

**WE OFFER THANKSGIVING**

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

Today's special offering is called "One Great Hour of Sharing." UMCOR, United Methodist Commission on Disaster Relief, helps victims of disaster here in the US and around the world.

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

CLOSING HYMN: "God Is Good, All the Time" [Worship & Song #3026]

Refrain: God is good, God is good all the time. God is good, God is good all the time.

1. In our doubts, hopes and fears, joys and tears, God is good, God is good all the time. Refrain
2. When there's love to be found all around, God is good, God is good all the time. Refrain
3. As our thanks and our praise now we raise, God is good, God is good all the time.

**Scripture Lessons for Sunday, March 22, 2026:**

- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm 130
- Romans 8:6-11
- John 11:1-45

