

Highland Avenue
United Methodist Church
3rd Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026
9:30 a.m.

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD



Words of Welcome

The Prelude **Handel's Passacaglia from "Suite in G minor"** *arr. Ralph Cheney*

The Call to Worship: *(by Anita Monro, adapted)*

Lift your eyes to God!

In the highest heavens, we see your glory, Great Creator.

Stretch out your hands to Jesus!

In compassion, we know your love, O Christ.

Feel the breath of the Spirit!

In our spirits and in our souls, the Spirit whispers hope.

Let us worship the God who reigns, entering the depths of our humanity and causing the humble to fly on the wings of the Spirit toward eternity.

We put our hope in the Lord, and praise God's name!

*The Opening Hymn: **"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"**

UMH #581

Opening Prayer *(from discipleshipministries.org – UMBW 1965, adapted)*

O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have drawn us away from the busy world into the silence of your house. Grant us the grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth, and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire. May we worship you not with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives, being salt of the earth and light of the world, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Congregation's Choice: *(Please choose a favorite hymn)*

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Scripture Lessons: **Matthew 4: 18-22**

Luke 6:40

A Time for Children:

The Message: **"Called to be Disciples"**

Meditation in Music: **"Come Eat the Bread"**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion *(insert)*

(Continued on the back)

A Time of Prayer

Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer **UMH # 895**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Offering

*Doxology **UMH # 95**

*The Prayer of Dedication (*insert*)

*The Closing Hymn: **"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" TFWS #2140**

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer

Postlude: **"We'll Understand It Better By and By"**



Please pray for:

Pastor Angela's Mom
Harold Aziz
Trisha Aziz
Tom Bailey
Sandy Batten
Geneva and Norman
Beckwith
Michael Breed
Cathy Brissette
Russell Brown
Kendal Buck
Cameron (Ralph's
grandson)
Gretchen Clark
Dwight Cooper
Karen Crommett
Danielle
Barbara Dill
Donna & Mike
DiTaranto
Crystal Farris
Armand Fournier
Phil Garwood

Harold and Lynn
Gerard
Carol Sue
Giampitruzzi
Greg Giampetruzzi
Todd Goode
Connie Greenleaf
Kay Gregory
The Guthrie Family
Russell Hickey
Samantha Hills
Nancy Holmes
Vicky Kelley
Michael LaPlante
Ann LeClair
Kevin Lee
Cathy & Mark
Leonard
Emily Long's grand
mother and
grandfather
Lois, sister-in-law of
Pat O'Connor
Jerry Lucas
**Betty and Michael
McCray**
Steve McNelly
Joe Mertz

David Meserve
Jim Meserve
Kathy Meserve
Ellen Minotty
Paula Moore
Tony Morgan
Pat O'Connor
Dennis O'Driscoll
Olivia & Jed
Silvia Palmer
Linda Pare
Mary Parker
Carla Parsons
Peggy Philips
Cheryl and Paul
Poulin
Jessie Powell
Garry Prosser
Sylvia Quint
Judy Quintal
Alton Ranks
Sherman Family
Sandy Smith
Sullivan Smith
Flo Sutter
Laverne & Tim
Tardiff

Michel Tessier
Randy and Lisa
Thibeau
Rhoda Thombs
Rick Thombs
Ellen Truman
Samantha Dunn
Walker
Lorna Ulmer's
brothers
Jane Weir
Jonathan Williams
Bert Winslow
Irene Wise

**People of the Middle
East
The Military
Border Concerns
People of Ukraine
Victims of Violence
Victims of Natural
Disasters
Kairos Prison
Ministry**