

Highland Avenue
United Methodist Church
4th Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2026
9:30 a.m.

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD



Words of Welcome

The Prelude: **“The Healing Balm of Prayer”**

The Call to Worship: *(By Mary Scifres)*

Come into the light of God.

Christ’s brightness will guide our way.

Come into the wisdom of God.

The Spirit’s insight will reveal new truths.

Come into the praise of God.

Worship opens new doors in our hearts.

*The Opening Hymn: **“He Leadeth Me”** UMH #128

Opening Prayer *(By Mary Scifres)*

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.

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

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

The Scripture Lessons: **Psalm 23** **Ephesians 5: 8-14**

A Time for Children: **“Darkness & Light”**

The Message: **“Fill Your Heart With Love”**

Meditation in Music: **“Fisher of Men”**

A Time of Prayer

Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer **UMH # 895**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

(Continued on the back)

The Offering

*Doxology **UMH # 95**

*The Prayer of Dedication *(By Mary Scifres)*

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 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.

*The Closing Hymn: **“Thy Word Is a Lamp” UMH #601**

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer

Postlude: **“Irish Blessing”**



Please pray for:

Pastor Angela's Mom
Harold Aziz
Trisha Aziz
Tom Bailey
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

Harold and Lynn Gerard
Carol Sue Giampitruzzi
Greg Giampetruzzi
Todd Goode
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
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

Laverne & Tim Tardiff
Patsy & Michel Tessier
Randy and Lisa Thibeau
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**