

Tell Us Something Good: Making Room for All to Thrive

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Sunday, March 15, 2026

MEDITATION

“The Gospel takes away our right to forever discriminate between the deserving and the undeserving poor.” –Dorothy Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

L: And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **P: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

“God You’re So Good”

Music: Brett Younker, Brooke Ligertwood, Kristian Stanfill, Scott Ligertwood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Polloni, Deacon

L: Come, people of God—

All: We gather to remember God’s goodness.

L: Once we were small, uncertain, and vulnerable.

All: Yet God held us in mercy and love.

L: Christ welcomes the children and lifts up the lowly.

All: Christ reminds us that every life is precious.

L: So come—bring your gratitude, your compassion, and your hope.

All: Let us worship the God who teaches us how to love.

*SONG FOR LENT

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

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RESPONSIVE OPENING PRAYER

Chris Polloni, Deacon

L: Gracious and loving God, we come before you with grateful hearts.

All: You have known us in every season of life—when we were small and just learning, when we felt uncertain or afraid, when we needed kindness and care.

L: Again and again, you have met us with mercy. In Jesus, you showed us that no one is too small, no one is overlooked, no one is beyond your embrace.

All: Open our hearts in this time of worship. Teach us to see others as you see them.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Christ, We Do All Adore You”

Choir

From the Seven Last Words of Christ, by Theodore Dubois, arr: Hal H. Hopson

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love had done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One Amen.

***UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Generous God, all that we have comes from your loving hand. You have provided for us in ways both seen and unseen. Receive these gifts we offer today—not only our money, but our gratitude, our compassion, and our willingness to care for others. Use them to nurture hope, to protect the vulnerable, and to help your children thrive. May our giving become an expression of the love you have first shown to us. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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“Christ, Be Our Light”

Choir & Bell Choir

Words/Music: Bernadette Farrell

POSTLUDE

“A Lenten Meditation”

Music: Douglas E. Wagner

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Many thanks to the volunteers who enriched our morning together!

Tech Deacon, Amelia Allen; Reader: Rosemary Carey; Choir, Linda Thomas, Joyce Kenneally, Meg Tivey, Malcolm Donald, Alan King, Chris Polloni, Clifford Moore; Bell Choir, Carolee Packard, Betsy Woodley Lisa Allen, Robert Nelson, Margaret Tivey, Stephanie Miles and Jean Swartz; Hospitality & Food donation, Betsy & John Woodley

Leading worship today: Rev. Christina Williams, Minister; Stephanie Miles, Music director; Lisa Allen, Co-Church Life Director; Chris Polloni, Deacon

NEW HERE TODAY?

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here!
To help you navigate Sunday mornings with us, please see the guide below.*

1. **Order of Worship:** **An asterisk means stand in body or spirit. **Bold text** is spoken in unison.*
 2. **Kid's Connection:** *After the "Word for all God's children," the children leave worship for Bible-themed learning through crafts, conversation, and games with Lisa Allen.*
 3. **TAKE TWO** *is an adult faith formation group that meets after worship every other Sunday with Lisa Allen. Next Sunday join Lisa in a Lenten discussion.*
 4. **Coffee and Conversation:** *Gather with us after worship to greet friends and meet new ones in the Covenant Room, down the hall on the right.*
 5. **Have Questions?** *Please reach out to Rev. Christina or the Deacon of the day.*
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