



**March 8, 2026**

*Windows Into the Light*

*A Lenten Journey of Grace Upon Grace*

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In the same way, let your light shine before others,  
so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.  
~Matthew 5:16

**PRELUDE**

*Presence of the Lord*

*Parish Drive*

**WELCOME**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come, our souls thirsting for God, our spirits longing for love.

**All: We come to the One who supplies every need; we come to the One who gives us living water.**

Leader: We come, with prayers in our hearts, and with words too painful to speak.

**All: We come to the One who listens to our hearts, who carries our suffering through eternity.**

Leader: We come, with our brokenness and loss, with our hope to be made whole.

**All: We come to the One who knows all our secrets, who brings peace to all of us - and to each of us.**

**\*HYMN**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*UMH #127*

**OPENING PRAYER**

**God of love, we are thirsty for you, thirsty for your love, your blessing, and your presence. We open ourselves to your grace—fill our hearts with your love. Make us living vessels of your love for a world that is thirsty for you. Amen.**

**THE BASKET**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

When we least expect it, even when we are not ready, God comes to us, calling us to trust, calling us to follow, calling us to set aside our foolish lives, for the grace-full ones which are offered to us. Let us open our hearts and confess how often we choose not to follow, as we pray together saying,

## **UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**Gracious God, before you there are no secrets. Our sins are clear. Our wounds are open. You see us as we truly are. O God, we repent and turn to you, for we are thirsty for your grace, and hungry for the life that you alone can give. Accept us, O God, and forgive our sins. Heal our wounded spirits. Wash us in the living spring of your grace, so that guided by your Word, we may go forth to serve you in holiness and joy. We pray in the name of the Crucified and Risen Christ. Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Our hope and assurance rest in God's unfailing love and forgiveness. Open your hearts and minds and souls that the healing waters of God's never-ending love and forgiveness may flow in and through you. Know that in this love and forgiveness you have encountered the living God.

## **SCRIPTURE** *John 4: 1-20, 23-24, 27-30, 39-42 from The Message*

**4** <sup>1-3</sup> Jesus realized that the Pharisees were keeping count of the baptisms that he and John performed (although his disciples, not Jesus, did the actual baptizing). They had posted the score that Jesus was ahead, turning him and John into rivals in the eyes of the people. So Jesus left the Judean countryside and went back to Galilee.

<sup>4-6</sup> To get there, he had to pass through Samaria. He came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob's well was still there. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon.

<sup>7-8</sup> A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said, "Would you give me a drink of water?" (His disciples had gone to the village to buy food for lunch.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked, "How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (Jews in those days wouldn't be caught dead talking to Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, "If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking *me* for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water."

<sup>11-12</sup> The woman said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this 'living water'? Are you a better man than

our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his sons and livestock, and passed it down to us?”

<sup>13-14</sup> Jesus said, “Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life.”

<sup>15</sup> The woman said, “Sir, give me this water so I won’t ever get thirsty, won’t ever have to come back to this well again!”

<sup>16</sup> He said, “Go call your husband and then come back.”

<sup>17-18</sup> “I have no husband,” she said.

“That’s nicely put: ‘I have no husband.’ You’ve had five husbands, and the man you’re living with now isn’t even your husband. You spoke the truth there, sure enough.”

<sup>19-20</sup> “Oh, so you’re a prophet! Well, tell me this: Our ancestors worshiped God at this mountain, but you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place for worship, right?”

<sup>23-24</sup> “It’s who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That’s the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly *themselves* before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked. They couldn’t believe he was talking with a woman. No one said what they were all thinking, but their faces showed it.

<sup>28-30</sup> The woman left her water pot and went back to the village. She told the people, “Come see a man who knew all about the things I did, who knows me inside and out. Do you think this could be the Messiah?” And they went out to see for themselves.

<sup>39-42</sup> Many of the Samaritans from that village committed themselves to him because of the woman’s witness: “He knew all about the things I did. He knows me inside and out!” They asked him to stay on, so Jesus stayed two days. A lot more people entrusted their lives to him when they heard what he had to say. They said to the woman, “We’re no longer taking this on your say-so. We’ve heard it for ourselves and know it for sure. He’s the Savior of the world!”

**MESSAGE**

*Our Deepest Thirst Is to Be Seen and Loved*

**ANTHEM**

*Goodness of God*

*Parish Drive*

**PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN****The Lord's Prayer**

**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, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING****OFFERTORY**

*O Day of Peace*

*UMH #729*

O day of peace that dimly shines  
Through all our hopes  
And prayers and dreams  
Guide us to justice truth and love  
Delivered from our selfish schemes  
May swords of hate fall from our hands  
Our hearts from envy find release  
Till by God's grace our warring world  
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb  
Nor shall the fierce devour the small  
As beasts and cattle calmly graze  
A little child shall lead them all  
Then enemies shall learn to love  
All creatures find their true accord  
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled  
For all the earth shall know the Lord

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**We pray, Gracious God, that our gifts may provide nourishment to those who thirst for justice, strength to those who hunger for hope, a community to those living in loneliness. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*UMH #89*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Jesus is Just Alright With Me*

*Parish Drive*

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is in need of:



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS March 2026

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

#### **Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>**

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall

#### **Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm

#### **Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm

Garden of Eatin' meeting @ 7pm

#### **Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm

#### **Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Worship @ 10am

Olive Branch Book Club after Worship



*UMC in Wayne*

**LENTEN**

*Soup Sale*

**\$6.00**  
PER CONTAINER

**Sunday's**  
**February 22<sup>nd</sup> - March 29<sup>th</sup>**

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