





Sunday, March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Children-led Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the day as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Prelude

"Angels' Voices"
Friedrich Burgmüller

Anna Cavaliere, Piano

Psalm of the Day -- Psalm 78:1-7

My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power, and the wonders he has done.
He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach their children,
so the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.
Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds
but would keep his commands.

Introit

“Servant’s Song”

Betsy Henderson, arr. Joe Milton

Children’s Choir
Christine Weeks, Piano

***Call to Worship**

Leah Abraham

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song;

People: sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Leader: Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

People: proclaim his salvation day after day.

***Hymn of Praise**

“Praise to the Lord, for the Lord Is Good”

Ellen Woods Bryce

Children’s Choir, Adult Choir

Ruth Pfister, Piano

Jesse Cook, Trumpet

The congregation is invited to join in on the last verse. See insert.

Prayer of Confession

Jan Meades

Leader: Dear God,

Forgive us for the bad.

Help us with the good.

People: Make us more like Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon -- 1 John 2:12, 3:1

Leader: I write to you, dear children, because your sins are forgiven through Christ.

People: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

God’s Gracious Will for Our Lives -- 1 John 3:18

Leader: Dear children, let us not love with words or speech,

People: but with actions and in truth.

***Gloria Patri #579** “Glory Be to the Father”

CELEBRATING THE FAMILY OF GOD

Songs

“This Little Light of Mine” P.O.S.T. Children (Love-Paul Classes)
Traditional American Gospel Michelle van Staden & Avonne Frey, Leaders
Adrienne Breeze, Leader & Guitar

“My Life Is in You, Lord”
Daniel Gardner

Baptism

James Gertsch

Children are invited to remain up front to witness the baptism.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 81:8-12 (p. 594)

Victoria Meer

Meditation

“Joshua Fit the Battle”
Spiritual, arr. KB & DB

Aaron Dennis, Violin
Christine Weeks, Piano

New Testament Reading

Mark 15:1-15 (p. 1022)

Leah Abraham

Sermon

“At the Court of the Roman Governor – Were You There?”

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response**

“Trust and Obey” (*see insert*)

Leah Marie Abraham, Piano

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Aaron Dennis

Offertory

“Dry Bones”

Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

Randal Turner, Baritone

Children’s Choir

Jesse Cook, Trumpet; Christine Weeks, Piano

Claire Schnellmann and Spencer Bliven, Percussion

***Doxology #592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Ruth Pfister, Piano

Rebecca Cupples and Aaron Dennis, Violin

Prayers of the People

Katherine Weeks

The Lord’s Prayer

Ivy & Guy Breneman

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.

GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Raja Chintapalli, Children’s Ministry Elder

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication**

“Jesus Loves Me”

Children’s Choir & Adult Choir

Ruth Pfister, Piano; Christine Weeks, Flute

The congregation is invited to join in on the last verse. See insert.

***Sending and Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Postlude

Kindermelodien (Believe & Wiegenlied)

Chrissy Ricker

Emma Cavaliere, Piano

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

****Please stand if you are able.***

Today's bulletin art is by Katherine Weeks.

Children also serving today:

<i>Children's Choir</i>	<i>Leah & Asher Abraham, Lillian & Nora Bliven, Rebecca Cupples, Tara Dennison, Orlando Flückiger, Victoria Meer, Anna Schnellmann, Arnika & Avika Siva, Daniel & Katherine Weeks</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Marcel Blöchlinger, Lillian Bliven, Niklas Tuura, Asher Abraham</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Henry & Isla Gordon</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Tara Dennison, Izumi Numao, Yuna Garcia, Hannah, Daniel & Helen Weeks</i>
<i>Sound</i>	<i>Emory Mütschard, Ezra van Staden, Jan Meades</i>
<i>Coffee Fellowship</i>	<i>Frederik Hattingh, Hannah Weeks</i>
<i>Welcome Table</i>	<i>Anna & Emma Cavaliere</i>



“Christ in front of Pilate” (1881)
Artist: Mihály Munkácsy (1844-1900)