

March 15, 2026
Traditional Worship
Lent 4



Prelude: We Now Implore the Holy Ghost - Buxtehude

Welcome

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Dawn is breaking. Christ's light is shining.

People: The light of the world shines in our lives.

Leader: Put aside the cares of the night.

People: In the Lord, we live in the light.

Leader: Even in the darkest valley, God illuminates our path.

People: Even in times of despair, hope shines forth!

***Opening Prayer: O Light of all lights, be our vision this day. Open our eyes to behold your glory. Open our hearts to the warmth of your love. Open our minds to the flame of your truth. Maybe live as children of the light, so that others may see your light in us. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn:** UMH 295 - In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Scripture: Psalm 22:16 (8:45 Jane Capehart, 11:15 Ellen Cavanaugh)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night but find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not human, scorned by others and despised by the people.

Mark 15:29-36

Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

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Anthem: What Wondrous Love is This - Larson

Sermon: Final Words: “My God, Why?”

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

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Offertory: Finale: *Andante* from Sonata No. 6 - Mendelssohn

***Doxology: UMH 95**

***Affirmation of Faith: 883 A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada**

***Closing Hymn: UMH 163 - Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know**

***Benediction**

Postlude: The Agincourt Hymn “Deo Gracias” - Dunstable/Biggs

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PRAYERS Sun. Mar. 15

All Wars to end

Kathryn Baber

Bob Ball

Sherry Boland

John Breeden

Denny Bromley

Ruth Brown

John Capehart's family

Kim Carter

Erin Cissel

Doug Clowser

Dinah Cole

Steve Daily

Edwin Dardar

Barbara Devers

Kaeden Faulkner

Michael Fox

John Ford

Dorothy Ford

Christine French

Isabel Garcia

Rafaela Garcia

John Gibbs

Jerry Gordon

Family of Patsy

Gochenour

Joe Graber

Dee and Ralph Grim

Francine Guiser

Gary Heath

Bill Heston

Irv Hottle

William Hubbard

Charlie Hunt

Incarcerated persons

Immigrants

Janet Kelleher

Faye Kerns

Olivia Landers

Raquel Lopez

Susan Mahle

Don Miller

Maxine Mizell

Stephanie Murphey

Harold Ogg

Buddy Orndorff

People of Iran

John and Michelle Phillips

Deanna Pifer

Angie Pita

Dusty Ponz

Deisy Portillo

Gene Powell

Shirley Peterson

Donna Roberts

Melanie Sabanosh

Masen Savage

Bill Scheuller

Dave Scott

Melissa Shatzer

Steve Shatzer

Mark Short

James Silvester

Chuck Simpson

Greg Sine

Bill & Sandy Silzer

Debbie Sylvester

Will Vesterlund

Gloria Weyhem

Carrie, Meredith, Phyllis Titus

Terri Tufano

Unhoused neighbors

William Vesterlund

Gloria Weyman

Dee Wheatley

Brian White

Kristin Whitesides

David Witt

(Bold names = long term)