

Welcome to the 8:30 Worship Service March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent

We are glad you're here... You are loved by God and we are honored that you've chosen to worship with us. It is our prayer that you experience the presence, power and love of Jesus in this place today.

Please register your attendance... Use the red attendance notepad located on your row of seating to help us track attendance and to follow up with our first time guests. If you are our guest today, please consider including your mailing address, email and / or phone number as you complete the registration of attendance.

Worship With Children... God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Take advantage of the Cry Room located in the Narthex and our loving, quality nursery care for infants through 4 year olds.



God's People Gather

Please stand to worship if you are able, where the cross appears (✠).
Throughout this program the congregation will be invited to read "responsively," the **bold** texts.

Gathering Music

Sariah Noworatzky

Opening

Rev. Cynthia Young

"Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you." (Eph 5:14)

"You have nothing to do but to **save souls**; therefore spend and be spent in this work." (John Wesley)

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Cynthia Young

✠ Call to Worship

Rev. Cynthia Young

We love you, Lord. You hear us. You listen to our prayers.

You have always heard us whenever we've called to you.

Though death tries to bind us and the gates of hell open before us,

we will call on the Lord's name for deliverance.

You are full of grace and righteousness.

Lord, you are full of compassion!

You have saved us and preserved us, God.

We rest in your love and care.

How can we repay you, Lord, for the gifts you've showered upon us?

We offer our thanksgiving to you before all your people!

O praise the Lord!

Praise be to God! Amen.

✠ Congregational Hymn of Praise

Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary

Hymnal #494

Celebrations & Concerns

Rev. Cynthia Young

Opening Prayer

Rev. Cynthia Young

A Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Scott Bradford

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

✠ Hymn of Preparation

How Beautiful

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Proclamation of God's Word

✠ Prayer for Illumination

Gary Gammage

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that what we hear in your Word today may shape us more and more into the very likeness of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

✠ Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:31-56

Gary Gammage

The Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Denial, Betrayal and Arrest

Rev. Scott Bradford

God's People Respond to the Word

Offertory

Remember
Laura Story

Sariah Noworatzky

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠ Doxology

Hymnal #682

God's People Are Sent Into the World

✠ Closing Hymn

Jesus Paid It All (vs 1, 3, 4)

Hymnal #557

✠ Benediction

Rev. Scott Bradford

Postlude

Sariah Noworatzky