

Grove Street & Hedrick Chapel United Methodist Church

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday In Lent

PRELUDE

\* LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord is our shepherd; we will have all that we need; we are released from fear.

**P: The Shepherd guides us in fruitful living, giving us healing and pardon.**

L: Even though difficulties and dangers may lie ahead, we do not need to fear.

**P: God's love and strength are as a rod and staff for us.**

L: God will give us abundantly from God's own love.

**P: Surely this goodness and mercy will be with us all of our days, and we will dwell in God's loving care forevermore. AMEN.**

\*OPENING HYMN                      O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing                      57

\* INVOCATION

**God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness, and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION                      Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus                      349

SCRIPTURE READINGS                      Psalm 23; \*John 9:1-21

MEDITATION                      The Gift Of Sight

AFFIRMING WHAT WE BELIEVE – A Modern Affirmation                      885

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE                      Be Thou My Vision                      451  
*The altar is always open for prayer. You are welcome to come and pray as you are led by the Holy Spirit*

WORSHIP THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION -- In Unison

**Holy God, Thank you for the myriad gifts you offer to us which reveal your love. Thank you for the ways you encourage us to be creative and generous with the treasures and the time which is ours. Please accept the gifts shared today, and help us use them to act out Good News for this congregation, our community, and your whole creation. AMEN.**

\*CLOSING HYMN                      Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing                      671

\*BENEDICTION

\*RECESSIONAL                      Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days vs 1                      269  
Lord, who throughout these forty days, For us did fast and pray,  
Teach us with you to mourn our sins, And close by you to stay.

Lectionary Readings for March 26<sup>th</sup>: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

If you need assistance with shopping, yardwork, or other simple errands please call Vanessa Harper at 304-668-2888.

If you are a shut-in or know a shut-in not currently receiving a meal on Monday please contact Rhonda Thompson at 304-257-4514.

The Log-in Information for Prayer & Share on Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Go to Zoom.us and click on the meeting link. Or by phone dial 1-929-205-6099 and enter Meeting ID 339 319 147 when prompted to do so.

**LOGIN INFORMATION FOR ZOOM OPPORTUNITIES**

**For Worship:** 9:30 am. Connect via [www.grovestreetumc.org](http://www.grovestreetumc.org) and clicking on the "Join Worship" tab or by calling 1-929-205-6099. The Meeting ID is 832 1360 7166.