

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
4th Sunday of Lent
March 30, 2025

† Please stand as you are able.



*QR Code for Nursery
Sign-In and Out Log*

*Prelude
Welcome
Chiming the Trinity*

Call to Worship—Psalm 42 (CEB)

Just like a deer that craves streams of water,
my whole being craves you, God.

² **My whole being thirsts for God, for the living God.
When will I come and see God’s face?**

³ My tears have been my food both day and night,
as people constantly questioned me,
“Where’s your God now?”

⁴ **But I remember these things as I bare my soul:
how I made my way to the mighty one’s abode,
to God’s own house,
with joyous shouts and thanksgiving songs—
a huge crowd celebrating the festival!**

⁵ Why, I ask myself, are you so depressed?
Why are you so upset inside?

Hope in God! Because I will again give him thanks,
my saving presence and my God.

⁶ **My whole being is depressed.
That’s why I remember you
from the land of Jordan and Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.**

⁷ Deep called to deep at the noise of your waterfalls;
all your massive waves surged over me.

⁸ **By day the Lord commands his faithful love;
by night his song is with me—
a prayer to the God of my life.**

⁹ I will say to God, my solid rock,
“Why have you forgotten me?”

Why do I have to walk around,
sad, oppressed by enemies?”
¹⁰ **With my bones crushed, my foes make fun of me,
constantly questioning me: “Where’s your God now?”**
¹¹ Why, I ask myself, are you so depressed?
Why are you so upset inside?
**Hope in God! Because I will again give him thanks,
my saving presence and my God.**

† *Opening Hymn* “Give to the Winds Thy Fears” **UMH 129**
*After this hymn, children ages 0-5 may proceed to the nursery with the volunteers. Parents must use
the new QR code at the top to sign your child in and out.*

† *Hymn* “God Will Take Care of You” **UMH 130**

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the
Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what
you say to us today. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 19:1-18 Rosemary Marlowe
Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22-33

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and merciful God, like Elijah in the wilderness, we sometimes run in
fear, believing we are alone and forgetting your faithful presence. We seek you
in mighty acts of power, yet we fail to listen for your still, small voice. Forgive
us when we allow fear to drown out your call, when we retreat instead of
trusting in your power to sustain us. Speak to us again in the quiet, calm our
restless hearts, and strengthen our faith. Help us to listen, to trust, and to
follow wherever you lead. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

When we are stricken with fear like Elijah or Peter, by what we’ve done or by what we
see around us, God isn’t farther away but is walking towards us in our storm. God
reaches out with a hand of grace to offer forgiveness and a new start. In the name of
Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People (to leader): In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

Peace of Christ

At this time, you are invited to stand and greet your neighbor offering signs of peace.

Offering and Song



“Word of God, Speak”

WS 3184

The Doxology (to the tune on UMH 95)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

PUMC QR Code to Give

Sermon

“Are You Listening?”

Rev. Adam Benson

Prayers of the People (Joys and Concerns)

† *Closing Song*

“Trust and Obey”

UMH 467

† *Announcements*

† *Benediction*

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† *Chiming the Trinity*

† *Postlude*

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“Elijah on Mt. Horeb,” artist unknown

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