

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
4th Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.



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

Desiree Davis-Omburo

Rosemary Marlowe

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming the Trinity

Call to Worship

The LORD is my shepherd.

I lack nothing.

² He lets me rest in grassy meadows;

he leads me to restful waters;

³ he keeps me alive.

He guides me in proper paths

for the sake of his good name.

⁴ Even when I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no danger because you are with me.

Your rod and your staff—

they protect me.

⁵ You set a table for me

right in front of my enemies.

You bathe my head in oil;

my cup is so full it spills over!

⁶ Yes, goodness and faithful love

will pursue me all the days of my life,

and I will live in the LORD's house

as long as I live.

The children may proceed to the nursery with volunteers

Prayer of Confession—Karen Ellis, Ministry Matters

Rosemary Marlowe

Gracious God, we are a people who still choose darkness over light. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly, know

ourselves as loved, and live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness—Feasting on the Word

The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ. **We will live as children of the light for Christ shines on and through us. Amen.**

† **Passing of the Peace**

As forgiven people, you are invited to greet your neighbor with signs of peace.

† **Opening Hymn**

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

UMH 57

The children are invited to go with the nursery volunteers to the nursery after this hymn

† **Hymn**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

UMH 206

Prayer for Illumination—Feasting on the Word

Rosemary Marlowe

God of Light, we yearn to see Your vision of justice, love and peace made real for us this day. Open our eyes and our ears in the reading of Your Word that we may hear what You wish to say to us this day. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Jan Schwarze

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-7, 35-41

Reader: this is the word of God for us the people of God, **thanks be to God!**

† **The Offering and Choir Anthem** “Lamb of God” Twila Paris, Choral Setting by

Lloyd Larson



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.

QR Code to PUMC Giving

† **The Doxology**

Sermon

Bob Newlin

Prayers of the People

*You are invited to offer your prayer requests on the cards in your pews with a prayer concern. After each petition: “Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**”*

The Lord’s Prayer

† ***Closing Hymn***

“Open My Eyes that I May See”

UMH 454

† ***Benediction***

† ***Chiming the Trinity***

† ***Postlude***

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“Dorothy Day with Homeless Christ,” by Kelly Latimore

“Open My Eyes”

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