

**March 15-21, 2026**

**Sunday**

10:00am Worship  
11:15 am Confirmation  
Happy Birthday Maliyah Melroy

**Monday**

7:00pm Girl Scouts  
Happy Birthday LeAnna Warner

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

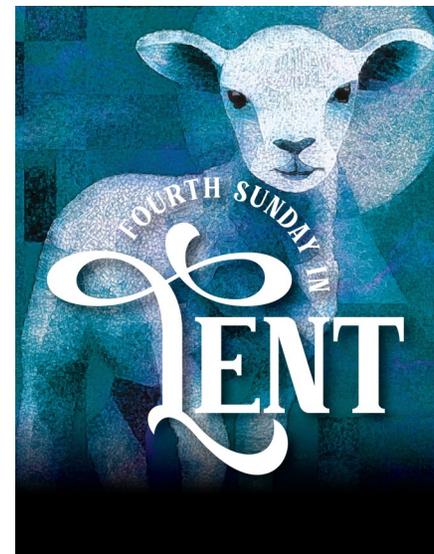
**Thursday**

Happy Birthday Ginger Frizane

**Friday**

Happy Birthday Sandy Johnson, Russ Olsen and Amy Kring  
Happy Anniversary Russ & Carolyn Olsen—12 years

**Last week we received offering of \$3,160.**



## ***United Methodist Church***

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**Order of Worship for March 15, 2026**

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### **Prelude**

### **Welcome of Guests—Greeting—Sharing of Announcements—Invocation**

1. Palm Sunday there will be a meal following Worship to honor the Confirmands.
2. During Holy Week, March 30-April 4, in the fellowship hall the Stations of the Cross will be set up.
3. The carts are in the lobby for food pantry collection. There is a list on the table of needed items.
4. Check Bulletin board by office for activities.
5. If you'd like to volunteer as a helper during worship service please sign up on the sheet located at the back of the sanctuary.

Opening Hymn: "Your Great Name"

\*Call to Worship

One: Come, people of God. Come and gather in the presence of the One who welcomes extravagant love.

**Many: We come to worship Christ, who receives the gifts of our hearts.**

One: In Bethany, in the home of friends, a woman brought an alabaster jar of costly perfume. She poured it out upon Jesus in an act of devotion.

**Many: Some saw waste, but Jesus saw love.**

One: While others counted the cost, she offered what she had—a gift given freely, generously, and without hesitation.

**Many: We come bringing what we have, our praise, our prayers, our whole selves.**

One: Jesus said, "She has done a beautiful thing for me." In every time and place, acts of love offered to Christ are remembered.

**Many: May our worship today be a beautiful offering to God.**

One: Let us pour out our gratitude, our devotion, and our praise.

**Many: With open hearts and generous spirits, we come to worship the Lord. Amen.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Young Disciple's Lesson  
"Jesus Loves Me"

Prayer Hymn: "At the Cross (Love Ran Red)" Chris Tomlin

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer of Confession

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

Preparatory Hymn: "Your Grace Finds Me" Matt Redman

**Scripture Proclamation read by KayLyn McBride  
John 12:1-8**

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume. Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, "This perfume was worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.) Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me."

**Sermon by Pastor Kayla Mangrich  
"The First Dinner: Risking Rejection"**

Responsive Hymn: "Your Promises" Elevation Worship

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

\*Benediction

Closing Hymn: "The Same Love" Paul Baloche

Postlude