

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today 11:00-Snack and Chat in the church parlor.  
Apr 2 1:00- Enneagram Journey (small group)  
Apr 3 10:00-SPRC  
Apr 7 10:00-Pride Parade meeting  
Apr 9 1:00- Enneagram Journey (small group)  
Apr 12 9:00- Men's Breakfast at Crestwood UMC (hosts: Phillip Chapel AME)  
Apr 15 10:00-1:00-Stations of the Cross (sanctuary)  
6:00-8:00-Stations of the Cross (sanctuary)  
Apr 16 10:00-1:00-Stations of the Cross (sanctuary)  
4:00-Leadership Team  
6:00-8:00-Stations of the Cross (sanctuary)  
Apr 17 10:00-1:00-Stations of the Cross (sanctuary)  
1:00-Temple building meeting  
6:00-8:00-Stations of the Cross (sanctuary)  
Apr 18 12:00-Good Friday Community Service at Community UMC  
1614 Ruddiman Dr, N. Muskegon

## GIVING



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## TEMPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## TEMPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Women's History Month

Sunday, March 30, 2025      Fourth Sunday in Lent

Each person is a beloved child of God. Temple United Methodist Church welcomes, affirms and invites everyone into the full life and ministry of our congregation regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history. Join us as we gather as one community, grow our faith, give our diverse gifts, and go into the world to advance the Reign of God.

### INFORMAL TIME OF SINGING 9:30 am

All are invited to join as we sing through and teach this Sunday's service music.

**“+” is an invitation to stand in body or in spirit, as each is able.**

**PRELUDE**      *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      arr. Phillip Keveren

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Do you feel it? God's kingdom is beneath our feet.

**All: We live in the new creation shaped by God out of our brokenness.**

One: Do you know it? God's reconciling love in Christ has shattered our ways of viewing people.

**All: No longer do we label our sisters and brothers, we welcome them with open arms.**

One: Do you believe it? God has made everything, including us, new,

**All: and sends us forth to share this good news with everyone!**

### + OPENING HYMN

UMH 548 vs 1,3,4 *RED HYMNAL*

***In Christ There Is No East or West***

**+ UNISON PRAYER**

**God of ages past and present faithfulness, welcome us into your love, as we worship you this day. Draw closer to us, that we might trust promises and follow your ways. In hope and faith, we pray.**

**+ PASSING THE PEACE.** *Welcome* W&S 3152 refrain only *GREEN HYMNAL*  
*Please return to your pew when the music begins.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**On this very day, Waiting God, we admit all the lengths to which we go so we might avoid you. You offer us that kingdom of joy and wonder, yet we would hide in places where temptation waits. You invite us to feast on your grace and peace, but we stubbornly refuse, because you also welcome those we call 'outsiders.' We are quick to see all the mistakes that those around us make but hope you will ignore our foolish choices.**

**Celebrating God, before we come to our senses, we find you running towards us, sweeping us up in your arms, tears of grace mingling with our cries of confession, a mighty river washing away our sinful ways to restore us to new life. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we find no limitations on your grace, no reservations about your love, but a feast that overflows with wonder, a place we can finally call home.** *Silence is kept*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**One:** God rolls away everything that stands in our way - our past, our sin, our pain, our hesitation and reshapes us into new people living in the new creation. What wonderful grace. We are forgiven!

**ALL: Broken, we are made whole; lost, we are brought home; empty, we are filled with songs of gladness. We rejoice and give thanks to God who has graced us with mercy. Amen.**

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32 *NRSV*

**One:** The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

*Squeaky Clean*

*Pastor Jeff*

**+ HYMN OF RESPONSE**

UMH 348 vs 1,2,4 *RED HYMNAL*

*Softly and Tenderly*

**TIME OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND GIVING**

**Prayers for the Community**

*You are invited to speak the first names of those in your heart.*

**Silent Prayer and Meditation**

Job 33:4

The spirit of God has made us, and the breath of the Almighty gives us life.

*After a time of silence, music will begin, at this time you are invited to bring your prayers to the altar and to light a candle as an outward expression of your prayer intention. If you are unable to stand or kneel, we invite you to ask another sitting near you to light a candle for you.*

**Giving-** *During this time of prayer you are also welcome to bring your gifts to the boxes at the ends of the prayer rails.*

**Prayer Response**

*In Christ Alone*

W&S 3105 v.1 *GREEN HYMNAL*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**+ SENDING FORTH HYMN**

UMH 605 *RED HYMNAL*

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

**+ BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Grace Greater than Our Sins*

arr. Jolene Boyd