

+ SENDING FORTH HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

UMH 452 RED HYMNAL

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Wonderful Words of Life

arr. Carol Tornquist

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Today 9:00-Coffee Café
- 11:00-Snack and Chat following worship (parlor)
- Pride Float meeting (Coffee Café)
- Mar 9 6:00-LGBTQ+ Joy and Challenges in Faith Communities (Stage at Corner Bldg.)
- Mar 11 1:00- Materiality as Resistance group conversation (parlor)
- Mar 15 11:00-Women's/Men's group formation meeting (parlor/Coffee Cafe)
- Mar 17 4:00-Leadership Team
- Mar 18 10:00- Retired Clergy gathering (pastor's office)
- 12:00-Supper House Executive Committee (Traxler room)
- 1:00-Supper House Reps meeting (Traxler room)
- 12:30-LGBTQ+allies' group (Bethany church)
- 1:00-Materiality as Resistance group conversation (parlor)
- 3:30-Mission for Area People board
- Mar 25 10:00-Hand2Hand packing
- Mar 27 Church Clean-up (inside and out)
- Mar 29 Garden meeting after church



GIVING

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TEMPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 8, 2026 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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.

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

PRELUDE

Where He Leads Me I Will Follow

arr. Cindy Berry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, you who feel like a ghost in your own life—the ones who wait for the quiet hours to avoid the sting of a stare.

All: We are here, carrying our jars and our secrets, hoping to be known, yet afraid to be seen.

One: There is one who intentionally sits by the well of your weariness. He does not look away from your history; he looks into your heart.

All: He knows the stories we don't tell. He speaks to the parts of us the world has silenced.

One: Jesus breaks the barriers of "us" and "them." He offers living water to the ones the world considers parched and forgotten.

All: No longer invisible, we are named. No longer outcasts, we are invited.

One: Put down your heavy jars. The God who sees you is here.

All: Let us worship in spirit and in truth!

+ **OPENING HYMN**

UMH 337 vs. 1,3,4, RED HYMNAL

Only Trust Him

+ UNISON PRAYER

Living water, flow through our hearts today. Quench our thirst in our desert wanderings and strengthen us for the road ahead. Bathe us in your fountain of eternal life, that our spirits may flow with faith and love, through the power of your eternal Spirit. Amen.

+ PASSING THE PEACE *Welcome* W&S 3152 (refrain) *GREEN HYMNAL*

Please return to your pew when the music begins.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of eternity, you know how often we travel down the rocky roads of doubt and fear. We pester others with our worries; we hurl bombs and bitter words at those we love. We have chances to offer ourselves in service but give only our contempt to those in need. We could share the living waters with the world but want to store it in jars for safe keeping. Fountain of Grace, you turn towards us, to meet us wherever we are. You break open our rock-hard sin, so we might be made whole. In Jesus Christ, our thirst for hope and joy is quenched. Amen.

Moment of silence

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Those whose souls drink of Christ's living water will never thirst again. Those who refresh themselves in Christ will have a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

All: **In Jesus Christ, living water breaks through the roof of our hearts, in such abundance that we don't have enough buckets to hold it all. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5: 6-11 MSG

GOSPEL READING

John 4: 5-26, 39-42 MSG

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

No Longer Invisible

Pastor Jeff

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

TFWS 2253 *BLACK HYMNAL*

Water, River, Spirit, Grace

TIME OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND GIVING
Prayers for the Community

Prayers for the World

End to gun violence in Muskegon & Muskegon Heights, Victims and families of the Autin Texas mass shooting, Peace and the end to war, Sudan, Erosion of coastal communities, Nancy Guthrie and family, Violent tactics of ICE agents, peaceful protest, immigrants and refugees. All those experiencing food insecurity, Victims and families of gun violence, Gaza, Israel, Iran, Palestine, Ukraine. Regions recovering from the winter storms and cold.

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

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Psalm 51: 10

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

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

TFWS 2108 *BLACK HYMNAL*

O How He Loves You and Me

Pastoral Prayer