

First Up

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

THE WAY



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We Gather

Preparing Together

Prayer for the Path

God of the Bending Road, be with us on The Way. We find ourselves changed by the things we encounter and the people we meet. We want to grow and yet sometimes the growing pains can be disorienting for everyone. Help us as we navigate the twists and turns, and help us see that others are doing the same.

Amen.

Song

"Whosoever"

Greeting Each Other

The Children Lead

We Proclaim

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 13: 31-34

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Message

Pastor Duane Carlisle

Song

"The In Between"

Prayers for Getting Out of Our Own Way

Pastor Kory Pritchett

Dear God,

I am not always sure I know
what I want for myself.

I am surrounded by some people
who want me to be more than I am,
and others who want me to be less.
What is worse,
I have those same expectations of others.
Sometimes that makes it difficult for me
to get my head and my heart
having in the same direction.
If it is possible,
let that cup pass from me,
but if not...

Meet me in the stillness, Lord

Be the air I breathe

Meet me in the stillness, Lord

Free me to receive

Praying for Others Along the Way

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Go Forth

Song

"Who You Say I Am"

Benediction

The Creator God filled you with breath,
inviting you to this journey called Life.

We will follow on The Way.

Jesus, our Guide, showed us what it means
to make a new way with Love.

We will follow on The Way.

The Spirit gives us strength to move forward
with Courage and Compassion for all we meet.

We will follow on The Way.

May this week be filled with opportunities
to let others share with you their journey stories,
and for you to share yours
so you might come to know each other more fully.
May it be so. Amen.
“Buen Camino!”

Whosoever

by Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson, and Matt Maher

Verse 1

There's no audition for true love
No matter what you don't have to earn it
If you've ever felt like an outcast
There's good news if you've never heard it

Misc 1

(Pre-Chorus)

God so loved the world
God so loved the world
He never left you out of it

Chorus 1

Whosoever needs a shelter
Needs a Saviour come in closer
All who wander every outsider
You are safe here whosoever

Misc 2

(Interlude)

Oh oh

Verse 2

No more of life on the sidelines
There's an open door and you are invited
Come on in and join the song
And raise a glass 'cause you belong
No matter what you're welcome and wanted

Misc 3

(Bridge)

A love looks like this
Like a long walk home
Like a Father who runs out to find you
Love looks like this
Like a man on a cross
His arms stretching out to remind you

Misc 4

(Ending)

Oh oh
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The In Between

by Judah Akers and Matt Maher

Verse 1

From death to life from darkness to a shine
From fear to a peace I can't explain
From doubts to a hope holding on and letting go
Of all the empty promises of shame
This is my song

Chorus 1

I was one way but now I'm different
There was a clear change in a holy collision
Who I was and who I'll forever be
And He was the in between

Verse 2

From orphan to Your child
From a stone to running wild
From a seed in the ground to breaking out

From a mess to a mess a blessing to a blessing
A sea of failures bearing testimony
This is my song

Bridge 1

Love stretched out on a tree screaming out
So that I could say You've not forsaken me
You're the first and the last my future and my past
Who I was and who I will forever be
You are the in between

Chorus 2

I was one way but now I'm different
There was a clear change in a holy collision
Who I was and who I'll forever be
And You are the in between

Who You Say I Am

by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Verse 2

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin

Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Misc 1

(Bridge)

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

Misc 2

(TAG)

(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

Prayers

Concerns Shared

Chad McLaughlin, Diana Hoke's nephew
John Anderson

All in need of prayer

Those In Memory Care

Jack Gaunt

Pat Staver

Active Military

As we update our list of active military personnel, we invite First Church families to share the names of any immediate family members currently serving. Please contact Ronda at rkroeschen@fumcwl.org and include each military member's name and rank.

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GET INVOLVED



Donate this month to food pantry

This is one of three months this year when FUMC has pledged to donate to the Tippecanoe United Food Pantry, 1314 Tippecanoe St. It is operated by Church Women United, a non-denominational group. Please donate shelf-stable food (canned items: fruits & vegetables, tomatoes, beans, soup, pasta sauces. Boxed goods: cereal, macaroni & cheese, pasta, rice, crackers. Peanut butter is also always appreciated) and plastic bags for the pantry and place in bins near FUMC front doors. Mail checks to Tippecanoe County United Food Pantry, 3116 Sullivan St., W. Laf., IN 47906.



Explore reality of and solution to homelessness

Learn the history of homeless services in our county, review current programs, and engage in a guided Q&A, "Beyond the Bridge," 5 PM Tuesday, March 10 at Connection Point Church, 2541 Cumberland Ave., WL. The gathering, sponsored by Lafayette Urban Ministry and Lafayette Transitional Housing Center, is free, but you must RSVP. Contact: LTHC (765) 423-4880; LUM (765) 423-2691.



Feeding our homeless neighbors

In addition to an emergency shelter and dinners, Lafayette Urban Ministries offers bagged meals. LUM needs 40 bagged meals dropped off 8-9 PM each weekday. Think sandwiches, fruit and snacks like you'd find in a school lunch bag. Consider getting together with others to buy and assemble meals for one night. Contact LUM: (765) 423-2691.



No Kings March 28

Concerned about our government's methods?

Join the next No Kings rally on March 28, from 1-4 PM. People

will gather at the Sonya Margerum Fountain next to Tapawingo Park in West Lafayette at 1 PM, walk over the pedestrian bridge and around the courthouse, and back across the bridge to the Power to the People Community Fair at the Tapawingo pavillion. The organizers will provide live music, speakers, community organizations, and food trucks.



Euchre time!

Join us for euchre 5:45 PM to 8:30 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We usually have about five tables each month and lots of laughs. Get on the evite list by contacting Jeanne Norberg jnorberg@purdue.edu.

