

Celebrate

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

THE WAY



First
Church



Celebrate Service - March 22, 2026

We Gather

Preparing Together

Prelude

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Arr. Tiffany Hobson

Charis Vander Plaats, Charis Vander Plaats

Prayer for the Path

God our Rock, be with us on The Way. At times we are not sure how we will carry the burdens of grief and disappointment that accumulate in life. We come asking for help in lightening the load so that we can be free to move in new directions. Help us to help each other as Jesus asks us to do. Amen.

Song

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

Greeting Each Other

The Children Lead

We Proclaim

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43: 16-19

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The New Testament Lesson

Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

L: The Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us:

P: Thanks be to God.

The Message

Pastor Kory Pritchett

The Message in Music

"Together"

By: Bethany Main

Anna Clark & Charis Vander Plaats, Duet

Prayers for Getting Out of Our Own Way

Pastor Duane Carlisle

Prayer text.

Response text.

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

"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

Benediction

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

P: We will follow on The Way.

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

P: We will follow on The Way.

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

P: We will follow on The Way.

L: May this week be filled with opportunities to choose to love in ways you never thought possible, so that Home is anywhere you go. May it be so. Amen. "Buen Camino!"

Postlude

"Near the Cross" A Lenten Meditation

Arr. Melissa Blanton

Charis Vander Plaats, Charis Vander Plaats

Prayers

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.

Worship Team

Audio/Visual

Livestream:

Riley Schellingerhout

Slides:

Todd Pickard

Soundboard:

Evora Schellingerhout

Musicians

Piano:

Charis Vander Plaats

Pastors

Lead Pastor:

Kory Pritchett

Assistant Pastor:

Duane Carlisle

Vocals

Alto:

Gail Polles

Soprano:

Anna Clark

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Just A Closer Walk With Thee

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VERSE

A \flat *A \flat 7 E \flat 7*

1. I am weak but Thou art strong, Je - sus keep me from all
2. Thru this world of toil and snares, If I fal - ter, Lord, who
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no

(Thou art strong),
(toil and snares),
(life is o'er),

4 *D \flat /A \flat A \flat* *A \flat /C E \flat 7/B \flat A \flat 7 D \flat*

wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as long, As I
cares? Who with me my bur - dens shares? None but
more; Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er, To Thy

(from all wrong);
(Lord, who cares)?
(be no more);

(just as long),
(bur - den shares)?
(safe - ly o'er),

CHORUS

7 Ab/Eb Eb7 Ab Ab Ab7 Eb7

walk let me walk close to Thee.(close to Thee).Just a clos-er walk with Thee,
Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.(none but Thee).
king - dom shore, to Thy shore(to Thy shore).

(walk with Thee),

11 Db/Ab Ab Ab/C Eb7/Bb Ab7 Db

Grant it, Je-sus, is my plea; Dai-ly walk-ing close to Thee, Let it
(hum-ble plea); (close to Thee),

15 Ab/Eb Eb7 Db/Ab Ab

be, dear Lord, let it be. (let it be).

My Hope Is Built

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1. My hope is built on nothing less than
 2. When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I
 3. His oath, his cov-e-nant, his blood sup-
 4. When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O

Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness. I dare not trust the
 rest on his un-chang-ing grace. In ev-ery high and
 port me in the whelm-ing flood. When all a-round my
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ-teous-

sweet-est frame, but whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
 storm-y gale, my an-chor holds with-in the veil.
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a-lone, fault-less to stand be-fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ the sol-id rock I stand, all oth-er ground is

sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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GET INVOLVED



Help needed for FUMC tent at No Kings March

Several community groups, including FUMC, will have tents in Tapawingo Park as part of No Kings on Saturday, March 28. Volunteers are needed to staff the tent. Contact our pastors for more information.



Marchers will gather at the Sonya Margerum Fountain next to Tapawingo at 1 PM, walk over the pedestrian bridge and around the courthouse, and back to the park. Meanwhile, In the park, organizers will provide live music, speakers, community organizations, and food trucks.

Easter Brunch

Since Easter Brunch falls on Sunday, April 5, the same day we normally have First Sunday Brunch. The two will be combined and be served starting at 9:30 AM. Therefore, we need helpers a bit earlier than usual.



1 Kitchen Coordinator 8:15-10:30

2 Kitchen Assistants (helps Kitchen Coord) 8:15-10:30

2 Clean Up Assistants 9:45-10:30

2 Clean Up Assistants 10:30-11:15



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 such as canned or jarred fruit, vegetables, meat, soup, peanut butter and pasta sauce or boxed food such as cereal, pasta, rice or crackers. Put them in bins near FUMC's front doors. Mail checks to Tippecanoe County United Food Pantry, 3116 Sullivan St., West Lafayette, IN 47906.



First Church

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday March 29th

9:00 AM *First Up Worship "The Other Way"*—Sanctuary

11:00 AM *Celebrate Worship "The Other Way"*—Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

6:30 PM *Camino Open Table Meal*

"We've Been Expecting You"—Activity Center

Good Friday, April 3rd

7:00 PM *Holy Friday Worship "The Loving Way"*

Sanctuary

Easter Morning, April 5th

7:30 AM *Sunrise Service*— Outdoor Columbarium

9:30 AM *Easter Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt for Children*

Activity Center

11:00 AM *Easter Sunday Worship*

"Make Your Way"—Sanctuary