

First Up

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

THE WAY



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We Gather

Preparing Together

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

"Freedom"

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

Song

"Blessed Are The Ones"

Prayers for Getting Out of Our Own Way

Pastor Duane Carlisle

O God,

There are times

when I feel hopeless and afraid.

I become confused and unsure

as to how to face the next moment.

What difference does my life make

in the midst of such a vast universe?

Sometimes the thought of my own death

stirs up feelings of doubt and uncertainty.

I feel as though I am on a treadmill,

rather than moving toward a destination.

Worst of all, in the midst of my anxiety,

I become impatient and angry with those

who mean the most to me.

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

"Run To The Father"

Benediction

Freedom

by Brett Younker, Kristian Stanfill, Hank Bentley, Jordan Frye, and...

Verse 1

Step out of the shadows
Step out of the grave
Break into the wild
And don't be afraid

Pre-Chorus 1

Run into wide open spaces
Grace is waiting for you
Dance like the weight has been lifted
Grace is waiting

Chorus 1

Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom
There is freedom
Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom
There is freedom
Come out of the dark just as you are
Into the fullness of His love
For the Spirit is here let there be freedom
Let there be freedom

Verse 2

Bring all of your burdens
Bring all of your scars
Come back to communion
Come back to the start

Bridge 1

Chains will fall prisons shake
At the sound of Jesus' name
Lives made whole hearts awake
At the sound of Jesus' name
(Yeah)

Interlude 1

Let there be freedom

Pre-Chorus 2

Dance like the weight has been lifted
Grace is waiting

Ending 1

Let there be freedom
Let there be freedomFreedom -

Blessed Are The Ones

by Chris Llewellyn, Jessica Langdon, and Stephen Mitchell

Verse 1

When you're splitting at the seams
Cracks are spreading and you just can mend them
You've got nothing much to bring
It's the humble hearted who are welcome

Pre-Chorus 1

So don't you hide in the dark
Come now just as you are

Chorus 1

Blessed are the ones
Who can't fix themselves
Blessed are the ones
Who know they need help
Blessed are the ones
Who don't have it all together
They're going to see you come through

(They're going to see you come through)

Verse 2

If you're hungry come and eat
There's no cover charge at heaven's table
If you're thirsty come and drink
Streams of mercy you don't have to pay for

Pre-Chorus 2

Come now just as you are

Bridge 1

At the end of my rope I'll find You
At the end of my hope I'll call on You
I will empty myself and make some room
I'm going to see You come through

Ending 1

See You come through
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Run To The Father

by Cody Carnes, Matt Maher, and Ran Jackson

Verse 1

I've carried a burden for too long on my own
I wasn't created to bear it alone
I hear Your invitation to let it all go
I see it now I'm laying it down
And I know that I need You

Chorus 1

I run to the Father
I fall into grace
I'm done with the hiding
No reason to wait
My heart needs (found) a surgeon
My soul needs (found) a friend
So I'll run to the Father
Again and again
And again and again

Interlude 1

Oh oh oh

Verse 2

You saw my condition
Had a plan from the start
Your Son for redemption
The price for my heart

I don't have a context
For that kind of love
I don't understand
I can't comprehend
All I know is I need You

Interlude 2

Oh oh
Again and again
And again and again
Oh oh oh
(Again and again)

Bridge 1

My heart has been in Your sights
Long before my first breath
Running into Your arms
Is running to life from death
I feel this rush deep in my chest
Your mercy is calling out
Just as I am You pull me in

Outro, E

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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:

Charis Vander Plaats

Soundboard:

Evora Schellingerhout

Band

Acoustic Guitar:

Kory Pritchett

Bass Guitar:

Becca Pritchett

Drums:

TJ Delgado

Keys:

Ryan Madden

Pastors

Lead Pastor:

Kory Pritchett

Assistant Pastor:

Duane Carlisle

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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