



Everything has beauty but not everyone sees it.

— Confucius

Prelude *In The Cross of Christ I Glory / Near the Cross*

Lighting of the Candles and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Centering Song *Just Breathe*

**Just Breathe, just breathe, each breath is wordless prayer.
Just breathe, just breathe, God's good is in the air. (repeat after verse)**

Call to Community

When all seems dark and full of hate and fear,
We will turn on the light.

When we cannot find our way back to love and peace,
We will turn on the light.

When vision dims and courage is sapped,
We will turn on the light.

When beauty and dignity are trampled upon,
We will be the light.

***Hymn** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* / handout

Opening Prayer

Discerner of hearts, you look beneath our outward appearance and see your image in each of us. Open our eyes that we may see your face in everyone we meet. Banish in us any blindness that prevents us from recognizing truth in all its many shapes and forms. May we see the world in all its pain and glory, in all its beauty and ugliness, with compassionate eyes and tender hearts. Amen.

Assurance of Grace and Peace

One: Peace be with you. All: And also with you.

***Passing the Peace** *Pour Us Out Like Water*

**Pour us out like water on a thirsty world,
send us out to share the peace that we've found here.
May we offer up ourselves, humbled now to serve;
fill us with hope, guide us in faith, send us with love.**

Ancient Reading *John 9:1-7*

**March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

We're so glad you've joined us today. Please, feel free to participate as you are comfortable.

Asterisk () means stand if you wish and are comfortable doing so.*

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Congregational voice parts look like this.

Service Volunteers

Usher: **Mike VerMerris**
Greeters: **Demetrhea Terrien, Betsy York**
Offering & Communion: **Bernie Lopata, Jennifer Schwarb, Michael Valdez**
Acolyte: **Paul Burdick**
Reader: **Eric Lejeune**
Sound Board:
Nancy Plantinga
Video Camera: **Chris Clark**

On Campus This Week

Tuesday

Qigong w/Kat, Friendship Hall, 3-4pm

Wednesday

True North, Friendship Hall, 11-1:30pm

Thursday

Care Team, Isabel Graham Center, 9:30 - 11:00

Listening Ear, Retreat House, 1-3pm

Pat Denner (269) 509-2911
Doug Sipsma (269) 998-5112
Paul Burdick (616) 256-1372
Michael Valdez (616) 990-1126

Contemplation Hour, Sanctuary, 5-6pm

Friday

AA Meeting, Isabel Graham Center, 7:30pm

For more details and more events in the area, scan to read our weekly E-pistle.



This Week We Celebrate...

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

16: **Gemina Petruzzelli**

17: **Dan Mack, Peter Black**

19: **Joe Mannancheril**

Contemporary Reading (Helen Keller, 1880 - 1968)

Helen Keller, author, activist and lecturer, was the first hearing and visually impaired person to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree. She also received an honorary doctorate from Harvard University. She authored 12 books, co-founded the ACLU, advocated for disability rights, women's suffrage, and fought for labor rights worldwide. Here are some of her quotes:

The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision. To me, that means physical sight is blindness unless it is guided by a deeper purpose: vision supplies direction, growth, and the ability to act when circumstances look bleak.

Better to be blind and see with your heart, than to have two good eyes and see nothing.

Death is no more than passing from one room into another. But there's a difference for me, you know. Because in that other room I shall be able to see.

Be of good cheer. Do not think of today's failures, but of the success that may come tomorrow. You have set yourselves a difficult task, but you will succeed if you persevere; and you will find joy in overcoming obstacles. Remember, no effort that we make to attain something beautiful is ever lost.

To each one of us is given in some degree the power to create and distribute happiness, and that is about the best thing any one of us can do. There is no surer way to keep the fire of happiness burning in our own hearts than by sharing its brightness with others.

Reflection The Rest of the Story
Rev. Dan Plasman

Offertory Song *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*
Sung by Jeff Spangler (New lyrics by Chris Tomlin)
**My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has welcomed me.
And like a flood, God's mercy rains –
Unending love, amazing grace.**

The Life of the Church • Tibetan Prayer Bell
One: Thanks be to God! **All: Alleluia!**
One: O God, **All: Hear our prayer.**

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Praise God for all the Love has done,
Creator, Christ and Spirit one! Creator, Christ and Spirit one!**

Celebration of Holy Communion *Words of Invitation*

Communion Song *God Bless To Us Our Bread*
**God bless to us our bread, and give bread to all those
who are hungry, and hunger for justice to those who are fed.
God bless to us our bread.**

***Sharing of the Bread and Cup** (gf option, non-alcoholic juice)
The Bread of Life, the Gift of Heaven. **Amen.**
The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. **Amen.**

*The Jesus Prayer (a translation from the Aramaic)

O Birther! Mother Father of the Cosmos, focus your energy within us, make it useful. Create your reign of unity now. Your one desire then acts with ours, as in all energy, so in all forms. Grant what we need each day in bread and insight. Loose the cords of mistakes binding us as we release the strands we hold of others' guilt. Don't let surface things delude us, and free us from what holds us back. From you is born all ruling will, the power and the life, the song that beautifies all, from age to age it renews. May the power in these statements be the ground from which all our actions grow. Amen.
(Prayers of the Cosmos, by Neil Douglas Klotz)

***Hymn** *The Blind Man* / handout

*Benediction

Postlude *Dramatica* (Paul Barker) Flute: Lauri Donaldson

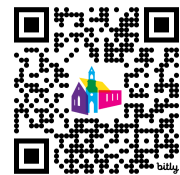
DUCC Prayer Concerns:

*Adelle Van Daalen and the family of Jay Van Daalen;
Charlene Burdick (Paul Burdick's mother);
Orie Hawkes; Elinor Hite (Virginia Stuart's sister);
Dave Lawson;
Christine Kerney;
Rev. Marchiene Rienstra Family;
Ann and Jim Hopkins;
Ruth Fahlstrom (Tom Fahlstrom's daughter);
Mikey (friend of Ruth Fahlstrom's);
Mary Westenbroek;
Eric Cooley (Jo Cooley's brother);
Ian Blumer (C. Blumer's nephew);
Joy Like A River UCC*

Weekly Financial Stewardship Report for March 8, 2026

Attending: 61	Views: 73
Weekly Offerings	\$9,000
Weekly Budget	\$4,615
Weekly to Budget	+ \$4,385
One Great Hour Offering	\$275

If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Titus, Treasurer@douglasucc.org.



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Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Opening Song

new verses-Andra Moran

African American Spiritual

Ev-'ry time I feel the Spi - rit mov - ing in my heart I will

4
pray — Yes ev-'ry time I feel the Spi - rit mov - ing in my heart I will

8
pray! 1. As we gath - er kin - dle our souls, our bro - ken
2. When we fall short God, to do what's right, guide us
3. As lov - ing peo - ple, help us to share Your pow'r and

11
pie - ces be - com - ing whole. A new be - gin - ing, a brand new
swift - ly back to the light. Let peace and jus - tice to - geth - er
pres - ence ev - 'ry where. Let jus - tice roll down and righteous -

14
day bring us to - geth - er in ev - 'ry way.
reign! Let all the faith - ful catch Spir - it's flame.
-ness, like flow - ing wat - er be in our midst.

Blind Man (Sat on the Road and He Cried)

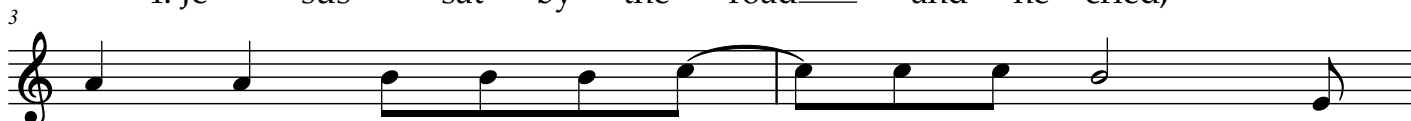
Closing Song

African American Spiritual

Verse



1. Blind man sat by the road___ and he cried, the
1. Wo - man stood by the well___ and she cried, the
3. Wo - man knelt at his feet___ and she cried, the
4. Je sus sat by the road___ and he cried,



blind man sat by the road and he cried, the
wo - man stood by the well and she cried, the
wo - man knelt at his feet___ and she cried, the
Je - sus stood by the well and he cried,



blind man sat by the road and he cried, he cried
wo - man stood by the well and she cried, she cried
wo - man knelt at his feet___ and she cried, she cried
Je - sus hung on the cross___ and he died, he cried



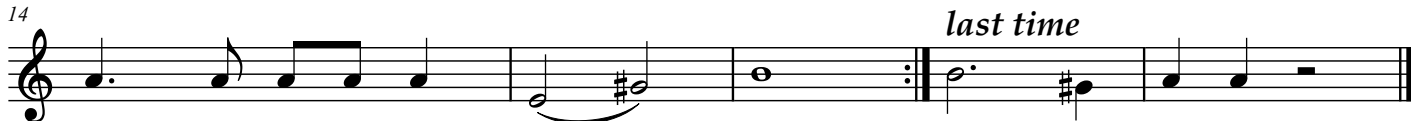
1,2,3 Oh oh oh! show me the wa_____

4. Oh oh oh! I am the wa - -



y show me the wa_____ y show me the wa_____

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y the way to go ho___ me

-fe and way to go ho - - me it's Je-sus!