

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



March 8, 2026
The Third Sunday in Lent

As a Congregational church, Meadowbrook traces its roots to the Pilgrims. We continue to explore our faith as a people free to interpret God's Word according to the dictates of our own conscience and in mutual support and love of one another. Not bound by any one creed or statement of faith, Congregationalists are gathered around a local church covenant in which we promise to serve alongside one another as followers of Jesus Christ.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE "Beautiful Savior" arr. by David Cherwien Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Sherrye Bailey

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL INTROIT

I take, thy cross, O shadow, for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face

*Stand in body or spirit

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 95: 6-7 (in unison) Miriam Rogers

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,

Congregation: **let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;**

Leader: for he is our God

Congregation: **and we are the people of his pasture,**

All: **the flock under his care.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #361

***INVOCATION** (in unison) Miriam Rogers

God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season, that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. We remember You as we pray:

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using Debts and Debtors)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Psalm 59" #640

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 53:1-10 | Page #683 OT Miriam Rogers

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "How Great Is The Miracle" by Sally DeFord Chancel Choir

A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER Pastor Sherrye Bailey

CHORAL AMEN

CALL FOR THE MORNING OFFERING Miriam Rogers

OFFERTORY "Into The Garden" Kathy Slating

***DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERING PRAYER** Pastor Sherrye Bailey

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: John 1: 40-42 | Page #92 NT Pastor Sherrye Bailey

CHORAL RESPONSE:

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word, I put my hope.

MESSAGE "Searching for Jesus" Pastor Sherrye Bailey

***SENDING HYMN** "I Surrender All" #369

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Sherrye Bailey

POSTLUDE "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" arr. by Barbara Harbach Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Danny Reeves and Chancel Choir | **TECHNICIAN:** Moe Elmasry
GREETER: Michele Fecht | **LITURGIST:** Miriam Rogers

We are grateful to have Pastor Sherrye Bailey back in the pulpit this morning. Please join us in Fellowship Hall following this morning's worship service for a time of refreshment and fellowship.