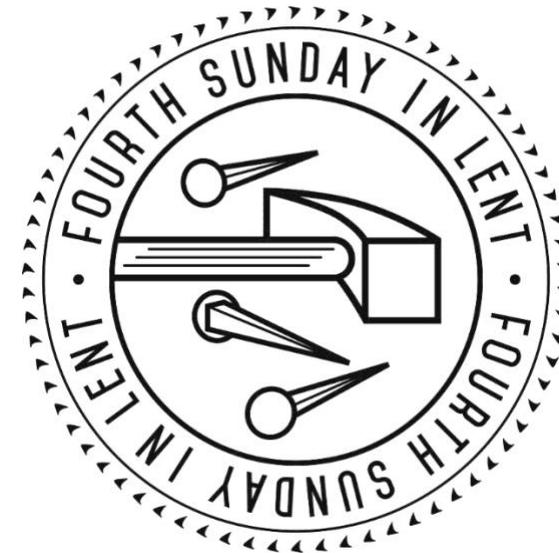


MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



March 15, 2026
The Fourth 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 "Steal Away to Jesus" arr. by Robert Powell Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Nancy Hayes

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 51 (in unison) Susan Brown

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God

Congregation: **And put a new and right spirit within me.**

Leader: Do not cast me away from your presence,

Congregation: **And do not take your Holy Spirit from me.**

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

Congregation: **and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #7

***INVOCATION** (in unison) Susan Brown

God of all wisdom, surround us today with your loving guidance. Help us to be willing servants and careful listeners to Your Word. Thank you for the presence of the Holy Spirit in this place. Prepare us to continue to walk the path to the Cross with Your grace, peace, and mercy in our hearts and minds. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying . . .

***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 66" #647

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23 | Page #501 OT Susan Brown

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "What Wondrous Love" Traditional arr. by Drew Collins Chancel Choir

A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER Rev. Nancy Hayes

CHORAL AMEN

CALL FOR THE MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Chancel Choir

***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** Rev. Nancy Hayes

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 5: 8-14 | Page #194 NT Rev. Nancy Hayes

CHORAL RESPONSE:

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

MESSAGE "Celebration and Renewal" Rev. Nancy Hayes

***SENDING HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" #353

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Nancy Hayes

POSTLUDE "Crowned with Honor" by Dennis Janzer Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Danny Reeves and Chancel Choir | **TECHNICIAN:** Moe Elmasry
GREETER: Dave McKillop | **LITURGIST:** Susan Brown

The flowers gracing the Meeting House this morning are given by Dave McKillop in honor of Gail's 82nd birthday.

We are grateful to have Rev. Nancy Hayes returning to the pulpit this morning. Please join us in Fellowship Hall following this morning's worship service for a time of refreshment and fellowship. Hosting this morning is the Rummage Sale Team.