

# The Prophet in Us

## March 15, 2026



### Vision Statement:

We Are a Nurturing, Beloved Community.  
We Are Growing Authentic Christian Faith.  
We Are Living Christ-Inspired Action.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

March 15, 2026

10:00 am

*This Lent our theme is following Jesus in some of the  
roles he plays in John's Gospel –  
a kind of imitatio Christi (imitation of Christ).*

*Today, Jesus is the prophet, who recognizes and names how we sometimes live in fear.  
How do we follow?*

**PRELUDE**

Judy Widrig

**RINGING THE BELL**

**WE ARE A NURTURING, BELOVED COMMUNITY**

**WELCOME SONG**

“Gathered Here”

GATHERED HERE IN THE MYSTERY

Canon

1

Gath - ered here in the mys - t'ry of this hour, gath - ered

2

here in one strong bod - y, gath - ered here in the

3

strug - gle and the pow'r, Spir - it, draw near.

4

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

**WELCOME**

Sharon Benton

*We love children in worship—their noises and wiggles are welcome, too. There are pillows and a coloring, book, and play area in the front and in the corner near the windows. Younger kids may enjoy the Narthex play area. Their movements back and forth are a joy for us as they participate fully.*

**THE STORY**

Sharon Benton

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Emily Wagnitz-Tracy

*After Time with Children, children may go with Maya to church school in the social hall or remain in the sanctuary as they choose.*

\***HYMN #439** (black hymnal)

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN’ FESTE BURG

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

by SAB

Janet Ott

One Voice: Let’s join together in our prayer of confession.

All Voices: **Holy One, there have been times when we have hidden who we are.  
We hide for fear of what the world would do to us if it knew the truth.  
Yet you have shown us, over and over again,  
that who we are matters,  
that what we bring matters,  
and what we can offer might change the world around us.  
Forgive us, Holy One, the times when we’ve been the ones  
forcing others to hide themselves.  
Forgive us the fear or shame we have caused  
in our oblivious words and actions.  
Help us to recognize our own reactions as what they are:  
another form of fear.  
And guide us to move beyond our fear: from death into life.**

# KYRIE

Cantor ALL

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. KY - RI - E E - LEI - SON.

Cantor ALL

Chri - ste e - lei - son. CHRI - STE E - LEI - SON.

Cantor ALL

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. KY - RI - E E LEI - SON

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# ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sharon Benton

# SUNG PRAYER

“Shepherd Me, O God”

SHEPHERD ME

Refrain

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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*Anyone may share a brief joy or concern*

**The Prayer of Jesus**

*We invite you to use the language for God that is most comfortable for you:*

*“Our Creator,” “Our Father” or “Our Mother.”*

**Our Creator**

**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 and ever. Amen.**

*If you have a prayer request you'd like to share confidentially with our pastors,  
have added to the confidential prayer list, or spoken aloud in worship,  
go to [www.fccb.net/contact-us/](http://www.fccb.net/contact-us/) to send a message or call the church to talk with a pastor.*

**WE ARE GROWING AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN FAITH.**

**A READING FROM SCRIPTURE**

John 18:15-18, 25b-27

Janet Ott

*New Revised Standard Version, updated edition*

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

Janet Ott

**One:** For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us:

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

"The Prophet in Us"

Emily Wagnitz-Tracy

*We have several members who've taken a beginning class on preaching, and we're pleased to have them periodically share their reflections with us.*

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

"I Will Follow"

Lucas Wagner, Amber Wagner, David Fayram, Jamie Elliott  
by Chris Tomlin, Jacob Ingram, & Reuben Morgan

**WE ARE LIVING CHRIST-INSPIRED ACTION.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

*Your generosity allows us to serve God in this place and beyond.*

*There are several ways to give: 1) Go to: [fccb.net/giving](http://fccb.net/giving). 2) Make a check out to FCCB.*

*3) Use the Breeze app, if you're connected. 4) Text a dollar amount to (360) 205-1297.*

*5) Scan the QR code on the back cover of this bulletin.*

*6) Place cash or check in the offering plate.*

*Thank you!*



**MUSICAL OFFERING**

"No Longer Slaves"

Lucas Wagner

Lucas Wagner, Amber Wagner, David Fayram, Jamie Elliott  
by Jonathan David Helser, Brian Joel Case, & Mark Johnson

**\*HYMN #436** (black hymnal) “God of Grace & God of Glory”  
verses 1, 2, 3, 5

CWM RHONDDA

**\*BENEDICTION & PASSING THE PEACE**

Sharon Benton

**POSTLUDE**

Judy Widrig



## **Lent & Easter Worship**

### **Sunday Worship, 10:00 am:**

Sunday, March 15:	The Prophet in Us
Sunday, March 22:	Service Sunday — Being Christ's Hands & Feet
Palm Sunday, March 29:	The Celebrated in Us
Easter Sunday, April 5:	The Resurrected in Us

## **Special Services**

**Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6:00 pm** with Garden Street UMC, Chapel

**Good Friday, April 3. 6:00 pm:** The Crucified in Us, Chapel

**Easter Sunrise Service, April 5, 6:30 am.,** Little Squalicum Pier — give yourself about 10-15 minutes to walk to the end of the pier. If you need mobility support please contact Scott Ward.

**Open and Affirming (ONA):** As an Open and Affirming congregation believing in a loving God, all people are welcome in this church without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, economic or social status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

**We Try To Use Language** which will help people feel included in our worship. Since not everyone is comfortable with the same language, we invite you to amend the words of the service as we sing and pray if they do not adequately express your faith. We invite you to assist us in creating new expressions of our common faith and life together.

**Technical Support:** If you need help streaming our worship services or connecting in other ways, please let us know.

### **APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF**

Our pastor is available by appointment virtually or in person. Contact her by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255.

Sharon [sharon@fccb.net](mailto:sharon@fccb.net)

Our Chaplain is also available at [chaplain@fccb.net](mailto:chaplain@fccb.net).

Or you can email our Office Manager Cydne at [office@fccb.net](mailto:office@fccb.net) and she'll pass your message on.

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*T, 2:00-5:00 pm; W 9:00 am-1:00 pm*

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