

# Order of Worship

March 15, 2026 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

## Gathering

### FOCUS VERSE

“The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”  
1 Samuel 16:7b (NIV)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Brothers

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God does not see as mortals see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

**People: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!**

Leader: Once we lived in darkness, but now – as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

**People: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!**

### OPENING PRAYER

### LENTEN MEDITATION

Pastor Cindy

Pastor: It’s Sunday morning. Last week, with all its demands, is over. The coming week, with yet another round of challenges and demands, is not quite here. I invite you to close your eyes and be in the moment. No matter where you are in your thoughts and feelings —relieved about what you have accomplished, anxious about what’s left undone, concerned about people or projects—no matter where you are in your journey this day — I encourage you to set all that aside and consider where you are right now. Whatever is true for you right now, in this moment, whether it be joy or sadness, gratitude or anxiety, let it come forward. When it is fully present, then listen . . . for God is present in these

moments, too. God meets you where you are and calls you forward, moment by moment, guiding you slowly but surely toward transformation.

*(Moment of silence.)*

Pastor: As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain caused by the lack of basic needs—lack of food, of shelter, of education, of healthcare, of love.

*(A candle is extinguished.)*

Let us pray:

**All: Loving God, we thank you that you are with us, and that we may call upon you no matter where we are, or what we are feeling. Keep us mindful of your presence and trusting in your promise—that you are working with us in the moment-by-moment unfolding of our lives. Amen.**

*Lighting of the Altar Candles and the Christ Candle*

### HYMN OF PRAISE

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” UMH 140

### PASSING THE PEACE

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Steph Pilecki

## *Praise and Prayers*

### SHARING OF PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Pastor Cindy

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Take My Life, and Let it Be” UMH 399

### RECEIVING OF GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to the offering

\* Doxology

\* Offertory Prayer

### MUSICAL OFFERING

Cornerstone Adult Choir

## *Proclamation & Response*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Ken Jones

*Prayer of Illumination*

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (NIV)

### THE MESSAGE

“The Next Big Thing”

Rev. Cindy Rumsey

### \*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

UMH 349

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

\* Stand as you are able

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### *Notes*

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*Prayer requests may be submitted to Pastor Cindy via text or email prior to worship or by filling out the Prayer Request slip at the door prior to worship.*

**We Pray For:**

Dottie Beckham  
 Maria Corley  
 David McManus  
 Linda Rossey

**Our Members:**

Edith Blafield Carol Comer  
 Becky Hasenjaeger Carol Martin  
 Carol Painter Steve Pilecki  
 Anne Sullivan

**Family & Friends:**

Dee Dee Anthony Rita Benette Robert Benette  
 Mike Catoe Will Cupp David Grant  
 Johnny Hurst Ashley Kimble Steven Martin  
 Zach McCallum Sherry Oxley Jack Pilecki  
 Irvin Plowden Judy Prather Barbara Stanford  
 Jackson Thomas Doreen Boyer Penny Nguyen

**Those in the Military:**

James Caminiti Cameron Grant  
 Dominick Minutole Tyler Parker

**Lectionary Study for Next Sunday**

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130  
 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

*Congregational Prayer for Growth*

Lord, let your divine power flow through us!  
 Bless us with the people who need us and the  
 people we need to build Your kingdom. May  
 we remain fixated on Your mission and serve  
 with a servant's heart. Amen.



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**Announcements**

Sunday, March 15: 9:30 am Good Eats fellowship  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 5:00-7:00 PM Youth Group/Confirmation Class  
 Monday, March 16: 10:30 am Lenten Bible Study  
 Wednesday, March 18: 12:00 pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service at St. John's UMC  
 6:00 PM Choir Practice

**Midweek Lenten Worship Services 12 pm**

Wednesday, March 18: St. John's UMC (321 S. Oakland Ave., Rock Hill)  
 Wednesday, March 25: Woodland (801 Cherry Rd., Rock Hill)  
 Wednesday, April 1: Bethel UMC (1232 Curtis St., Rock Hill)

**Birthdays This Week**

Sunday, March 15: Tanner Stovall

**Volunteers in Service This Week**

Altar Guild: Maxine Smith Opening & Closing: Johnny Starnes  
 Worship Leader: Bill Brothers Acolyte: Emery Sliva  
 Scripture Reader: Ken Jones  
 Offering Counters: Debbie Jackson & Randy Hayes  
 Youth Sunday School Teacher: Randy Hayes

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 Worship Leader: Maxine Smith Acolyte: Teresa Boehme  
 Scripture Reader: Bill Brothers  
 Offering Counters: JoAnn Till & Angela Constantine  
 Youth Sunday School Teacher: Dale Williams

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*Welcome to All Who Worship  
 With Us Today*



The mission statement of Cornerstone United Methodist Church

*“To know Christ and make Him known through faithful teaching, Spirit-filled preaching, and compassionate reaching.”*

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