

Order of Worship
Friendship United Methodist Church
Sunday, March 15, 2026

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Gathering
Greeting/Announcements

“This Is The Day”

Call to Worship

from Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

P: *He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.*

L: He leads me in right paths
for his name’s sake.

P: *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.*

All: *O come, let us worship the Lord.*

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise**

UMH #57

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
*O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!*

*My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,*

*to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.*

*He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.*

*He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.*

*Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.*

*In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.*

Prayer of Confession

All: *Holy and gracious Lord, we bow before you this day with humble and contrite hearts. Too often you have come into our midst, yet our eyes have been blind to your presence. We gleefully sing “Open Our Eyes,” yet we fail to see those around us who struggle. Rather selfishly, we are quick to doubt those who see because their vision does not match ours. Forgive us, we pray. Take away the blindness of our spirits that we may truly see your grace and be born anew, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

***Gloria Patri**

UMH # 70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Scripture Reading

John 9:1-10

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"

L: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

P: *Thanks be to God!*

Offertory Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Linda Pease

*As the Spirit leads, those worshipping in person may place their gifts
in the offering plates located near the doors of the sanctuary.*

***The Doxology**

UMH # 95

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him, above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Kids' Time

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

*During this time, the congregation is invited to offer up their concerns
for others by speaking their name or by typing their name into the
"chat" box on Facebook. Please offer only their first name to protect
their privacy. After each name is raised, let the congregation respond:
"Lord, hear our prayer."*

Hymn of Celebration

UMH #454

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

*Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Hymn of Preparation

UMH #521

"I want Jesus to Walk With Me"

*I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

Message

“Seeing is Believing . . . Sometimes”

Hymn of Discipleship

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of Heaven, my ruler thou art.*

*Great God of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Benediction

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Opportunities for Involvement and Ministry

Each Sunday

9:50 – Sunday School

11:00 – Worship

Each Wednesday

10:00 – Friendship Crafters

12:00 – Bible Study

Wednesday, March 18

1:30 – Church Council

Holy Week:

March 29 – Palm Sunday Worship – 11:00

April 2 – Maundy Thursday Worship – 6:30

April 3 – Good Friday Worship – 6:30

April 5 – Easter Brunch – 9:45

Easter Worship – 11:00

Worship Leaders

Rev. Roy Spore – Pastor

Shirley Waldrum – Music leader

Linda Pease – Pianist

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