

St. Paul UCC

4th Sunday of the season of

Lent

March 15, 2026

NOW THERE WAS A DISCIPLE
AT DAMASCUS NAMED ANANIAS.
THE LORD SAID TO HIM IN A VISION,
“ANANIAS.” AND HE SAID,

“Here I am,
Lord.”



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Sunday, March 15, 2026 ~ 9:00 am
Fourth Sunday in Lent



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Visiting Clergy</i>	Rev. Joan H. Mier
<i>Director of Music</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Liturgist</i>	Karen Keuss

WELCOME

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Tune: St. Columba
arr. Gilbert M. Martin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather as the faithful of Jesus Christ, waiting to hear for God's greater call upon our lives.

People: We are listening and we are ready to respond. When we hear God call our names, we shall respond, "Here we are, Lord."

Leader: God can call and will call at the most unexpected times, even when times are troubled. Will we be ready to serve even when the Lord asks us to step into places of discomfort?

People: We have never been told that our walk with the Lord would be easy, but we are called to be faithful, just as God has been so faithful to us.

ALL: We are the faithful of the Lord Jesus Christ, here for worship and ready to serve in his holy name! Let it be so. Amen.

*INVOCATION

Here we are Lord, open to the presence of your Spirit, and ready to receive guidance for our lives. Help us to hear you more clearly, to know how to serve you dearly. You are our beloved Redeemer and Sustainer, let every step be guided by you. We pray for this in Jesus' name. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE

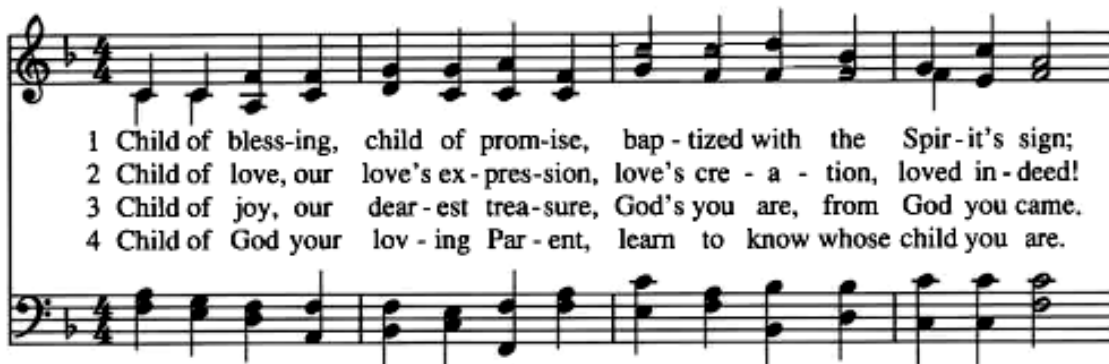
SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR JAMESON BLAKE REICHERT

***OPENING HYMN**

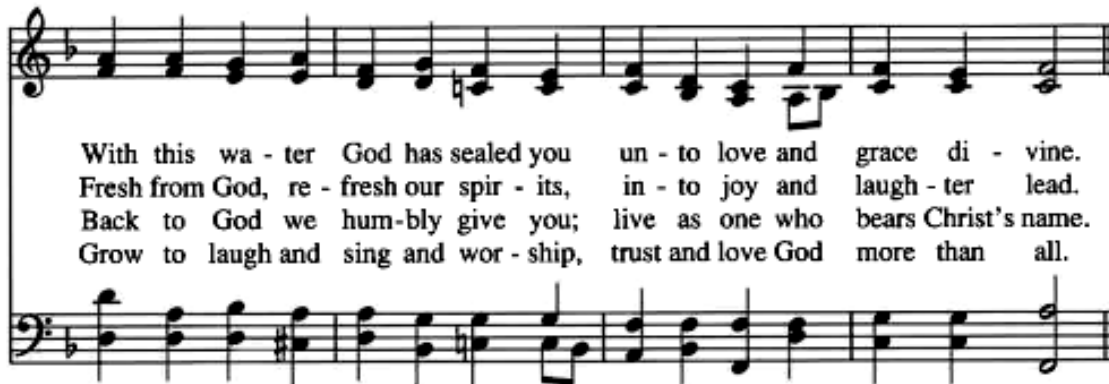
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981



1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-it's sign;
2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in-deed!
3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
4 Child of God your lov-ing Par-ent, learn to know whose child you are.



With this wa-ter God has sealed you un-to love and grace di-vine.
Fresh from God, re-fresh our spir-its, in-to joy and laugh-ter lead.
Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor-ship, trust and love God more than all.

Ronald Cole-Turner, a teacher of theology, is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. He is an award-winning author on the interface of science and religion.

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.
Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660–1716), in *Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715*

PRAYER FOR REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION

Pastor: Jesus is calling your name, seeking communication with you. Shall you respond, "Here I am Lord?" This is a time of opening one's self up to sacred sharing with the Lord. As I cannot put words into your mouth in regard to what you need to say to God, I can only welcome you into this sacred moment and then, afterward, I will offer the Words of Grace.

Silent Confession and Reconciliation

WORDS OF GRACE

Our God is a God who shepherds people with unconditional love. That gift of love is also filled with amazing grace and tremendous forgiveness. How could we ever ask for more from such a gracious Lord? Thanks be to our God for the gift of forgiveness offered this day. **Amen**

ANTHEM

Grace
by Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
Acts 9:1-31

Karen Keuss
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Rev. Joan H. Mier

SERMON

“Here I Am, Lord (Ananias)”

Rev. Joan H. Mier

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

MISSION MOMENT

One Great Hour of Sharing

REFLECTION ON GIVING

When we say, “Here I am, Lord,” we say it in regard to our faith-filled serving and our giving, for all of this is part of what the people of God do to continue the sacred ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us give with unconditional love for Him. May it be so. Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

Open My Eyes, That I May See
by Clara H. Scott
arr. Michael Wilson

***DOXOLOGY (Tune: Old Hundreth)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know
Praise Spirit, with us evermore
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (Unison)**

Look upon the gifts before you, O' Lord our God we truly pray. Bless these gifts, and give us the wisdom to use them rightly, to extend the ministry of Jesus Christ from this church home and into the greater community. When you call us to help our community, let us be ready to say, "Here we are, Lord, may we serve you well!" Amen

***CLOSING HYMN**

Here I Am, Lord

(see next 2 pages)

***COMMISSIONING**

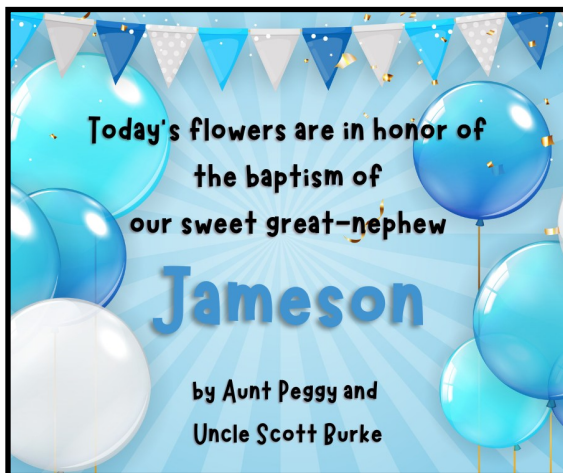
Take steps, beloved of Christ, to be like Ananias. Even though you may feel fearful, take that first step, trusting in the Lord's guidance. For trusting in the word of the Lord, will make all the additional steps into ministry move ever more smoothly. **Amen**

***BENEDICTION**

Go forth feeling the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ with you. He loves you and shall bless you for all the Good Works that you do in his name. Listen for His voice. **Amen**

POSTLUDE

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made
setting by Friedrich Hark



Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

my hand will save. I who made the stars of night,
 they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 my hand will save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

WORDS: Daniel L. Schutte (1947-); para. Isaiah 6:8

MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte (1947-); arr. Michael Pope (20th c.), Daniel L. Schutte (1947-), John Weissrock (20th c.)

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Refrain
D7/F#

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 Word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

Chords: Am7, C, Am, G/B, C6 *slowing*, D

a tempo

am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

Chords: G, Gsus, G, D7/A, C/E, D7, G

heard you call - ing in the night. I will

Chords: C/G, Am, G/B, C6, D, D7/F#

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

Chords: G, Gsus, G, C/G, G, C/E, D7, G

hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Chords: Am7, C/D, D, G, C/G, G

VISITING CLERGY

MARCH 15 - REV. JOAN MIER

MARCH 22 - CRAIG BIELKE

MARCH 29 - REV. JOAN MIER

APRIL 5 - REV. JOAN MIER



Weekly Offerings		3/6/2026
Operating	\$	6,180.00
Building Fund	\$	35.00
	\$	6,215.00
Giving YTD	\$	64,415.76
Weekly Budget	\$	6,781.69
Budget to Date	\$	61,035.23
Total Budget	\$	352,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

March 1, 2026 91 + Online Participants

March 2, 2025 85 + Online Participants

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For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz

Tim Ritter

Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter

Lou Ann Niemann

Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of

Marlene Mueller

Mike Llamas, brother in law of Mimi Llamas

Al Stahl

Audrey Krummrich

Rosie Keller

Laura Sadler

Mike Foppe

Alec Zaber

Lindsay Eversmeyer, niece of Pam Nicholson

Jane Bonaldi

Ruth Klingel

The loved ones of Gene Buxton

The loved ones of Judith Harms

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