



**GRACE UNITED CHURCH**

**4<sup>th</sup> in Lent**

**March 15, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.**

**Worship Leader: Worship Committee**

**Presider: Portia Mensah-Bonsu**

**Music Director: Don Salfarlie**

**TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY**

**Prelude: He Shall Feed His Flock**

**G. F. Handel**

**Welcome, Announcements**

**& Traditional Land Acknowledgment**

**Portia Mensah-Bonsu**

**Call to Worship**

**Portia Mensah-Bonsu**

One: We come from many places, with different stories  
and hands ready to work.

**All: God who made us calls us to weave life together.**

One: Let us worship in the delights of diversity, and to God who  
knits community from thread and grace.

**All: We come to craft community, to listen, to heal, to commit.**

One: Come let us worship God who calls us together today.

**All: We come to celebrate the love of the Creator—for us, for  
this community, for all Creation. This love reaches into our  
lives, inspiring us to reach out across social divides—  
around the corner and around the world. Will we answer  
the invitation to share this love to make a difference?**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Portia Mensah-Bonsu**

**We light this candle to celebrate the light of Christ,  
the one who offers unconditional love and acceptance.**

**Lenten Prayer (All)**

**Catherine Marlin**

**Loving Jesus, we travel the Lenten journey,  
The body of Christ never alone.**

**Walking the path of sacred story, trodding the path of God  
unknown. Lead us in the call of faith each day.**

**Walking as stewards o’er the way, rendering ourselves in  
sacrifice to Christ. A reasonable service one, for the other.**

**Amen..**

**Praise and Worship 1: Led by Choir**

**Open My Eyes, That I May See**

**Voices United #371**

**Children’s Moment: Step Forward**

**Song: Draw the Circle Wide**

**Joyce Redford**

**More Voices #145**

**Led by Andy Keay**

**Children leave for Sunday School**

**TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY**

**Scripture Reading: John 9:1-41 NIV**

**Yvonne Aldred**

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon: I Was Blind but Now I See**

**Catherine Marlin**

**TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE**

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory/Special Music: Solo by Kay Bingham**

**I See the Lord**

**Arranged by Don Salfarlie**

**Offering Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**VU #541**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer**

**Joyce Redford**

**Praise and Worship 2: Led by Choir**

**I Am the Light of the World**

**Voices United #87**

**THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace**

**Catherine Marlin**

**D. Besig & N. Price**

**Organ Postlude: We Shall Go out with Hope of Resurrection**