

me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

ONE: This is the word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Morning Message** Prism Pathways: I Am the True Vine *Pastor Steve*

**Musical Reflection** *Deb Konupka*

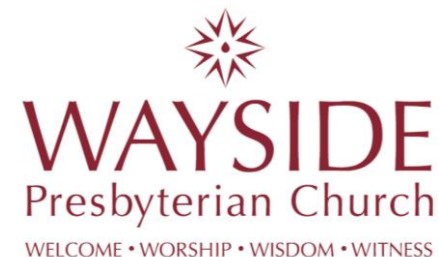
**A Time of Prayer: Requests & Gratitudes; Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**  
In Jesus' name. **Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**\*Hymn 346** O Come to Me, the Master Said

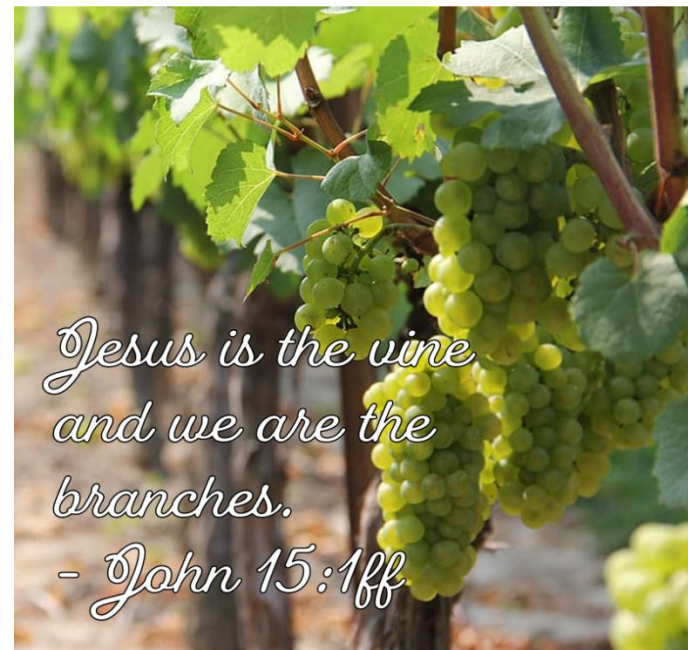
**\*Benediction**

**\*Parting Music**

**TODAY:** *Seekers Class in the Conference Room @ 11:45am – an orientation to the beliefs & practices of Wayside towards possible membership. Lunch provided. Join us!*

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Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Fritz, Pastor



**March 15, 2026**

**9:00 am**



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## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

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

*“Walking with Jesus, sharing Christ along the way”*

Welcome to Wayside! We're glad to see familiar friends and new faces in the congregation today. If you are without a church home, Pastor Steve and others are leading a Seekers Class in the Conference Room at 11:45 this morning to provide an overview of Wayside's beliefs and practices, a required orientation for those considering membership in this church. No obligation, and lunch will be provided. Join us!

*\*Please stand as able in body or spirit.*

Greeting / Passing the Peace of Christ / Ways to Connect *Pastor Steve*

Prelude *Deb Konupka, Accompanist*

Lighting of the Worship & Peace Candles - *Acolyte*

Responsive Call to Worship Psalm 23 (NIV) *Deb Kereczman, Liturgist*

ONE: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

**ALL: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.**

ONE: He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**ALL: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

ONE: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**ALL: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

\*Hymn 35 Morning has Broken

Call to Confession Genesis 3:1-7 *Liturgist*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"<sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,<sup>3</sup>but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'<sup>1</sup>"

<sup>4</sup>"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup>"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."<sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food

and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Unison Prayer of Confession

*Liturgist*

Forgive us, Lord, for breaking your trust, for disobeying your commands, for entertaining temptation, and making bad choices. In your mercy, hear our prayer, forgive our sins, and grant us your peace. Restore us to the garden of your grace that, by the Holy Spirit, we might be good stewardship of this gift of life. We pray in Jesus' name.

*(continue in silent personal confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 5:8-14

*Liturgist*

<sup>8</sup>For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup>and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

ONE: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

**ALL: In Jesus Christ we are, I am, forgiven.**

\*Hymn 734 Glory Be to the Father / *Gloria Patri (Greatorex)*

Bell Choir Anthem Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights

*Louise Duncan, Director*

Prayer Table for Giving & Lighting Candles / Offertory

*Digital gifts may be indicated by tapping the plate with a phone/hand.*



\*Hymn 34 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow / *Doxology*

Scripture Lesson

Romans 12:1-3

*Pastor Steve*

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not remain in