



## Fifth Sunday in Lent March 22, 2026



### Prayer of Preparation

Holy and loving God, as we worship you today, we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, help us become more holy and more loving. In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen.

### We Enter into God's Presence

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

#### Prelude

*His Eye Is on The Sparrow*

arr. Brent Edstrom

#### Welcome / Greetings

MJ Floreno

*Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards*

#### \*Call to Worship (1 Chronicles 16:8-10)

MJ Floreno

One: Let the righteous be joyful and exult before God! Sing to God, sing praises to God's name.

**All: The Spirit of God rests upon us; the glory of Christ has been revealed to us!**

One: God has granted us homes in which to dwell. God draws us into a spiritual community.

**All: God's goodness provides for the needy; God's power equips us to witness.**

One: Come now, that we may pray together. Let us lift up songs to One who rides on the clouds.

**All: We come to the source of life for new strength. We seek unity within and among us.**

#### \*Opening Hymn # 795

*Healer Of Our Every Ill*

## Invitation to Confession

Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will. We have broken your law. We have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(A time of silent, personal prayer).

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett

The saying is completely reliable and should be universally accepted:  
Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

## We Hear God's Word

**First Scripture Reading** 1 John 1:1-5, 2:1 (New Testament pg. 238-239) MJ Floreno

**Anthem** *All the People Said Amen* Matt Maher  
Flute soloist, Charlene Diehl

**Second Scripture Reading** Jonah 4 (Old Testament pg. 861) Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett

**Sermon** The Clown Car of Faith Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett

## We Respond to God's Word

**Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards** Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett

### \*Doxology #606

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

One: Jesus the Christ, you refused to turn stones into bread.

**All: Save us from using our power, however little, to satisfy the demands of selfishness in the face of the greater needs of others.**

One: Jesus the Christ, you refused to leap from the temple top.

**All: Save us from displaying our skills, however modest, to win instant popularity in the face of nobler calls on our abilities.**

One: Jesus the Christ, you refused to bend the knee to a false god.

**All: Save us from offering our devotion, however weak, to cheap or easy religion in the face of the harder path on which you bid us to follow you.**

One: Jesus the Christ,

**All: Give us wisdom to discern evil, and in the face of all that is deceptively attractive help us to choose your will and your cross as we pray:**

**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.**

## We Follow God's Word into the World

**\*Hymn of Sending # 286**     *Breathe On Me, Breath Of God*

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett

**Postlude**

*Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart*

arr. Marianne Kim

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### **Please Welcome Back, Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett, Today's Guest Preacher.**

Jim Monnett is a Presbyterian Church (USA) pastor who joins us from Ann Arbor. In January, he completed an Interim Pastorate at New Hope Church in Novi, a Korean American congregation. He is married to Karin, and their first grandchild was born in July. He has a Masters of Divinity and a Doctor of Pastoral Ministry.

### **Lenten Study: "Unanswered Prayer" (Mondays in March at 10:00 a.m.)**

Join us this Lenten Season for a five-week journey through the second Prayer Course called "Unanswered Prayer", every Monday morning, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., in Room 208/210 (with the new A/V equipment!) The course consists of a video, discussion questions, and practical prayer activities.

Sign up on the sheet on the "Sign-up Kiosk or online: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCF-Lenten2026>

Questions? Ask Sharon Cressman or Colleen Tavor.

*"My eyes pour out tears to God." (Job 16:20)*



**ONE GREAT  
HOUR OF SHARING**

## Lenten Offering

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHOS)—disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees—serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (Feb. 18th–April 5), each gift to OGHOS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHOS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

**Let us pray** *“God, help us remember your call to do justice when we see injustice around us. Open our eyes to how we might do our part to ensure that your love is made known around the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”*

### **Palm Sunday Potluck**

Please join the Nurture committee for a Palm Sunday breakfast potluck on March 29, after worship. Nurture will be providing sausage and pancakes, and we welcome breakfast-oriented side dishes to share. Come and enjoy some of your breakfast favorites and the warmth of fellowship as we enter Holy Week.

### **Mission Outreach for Union City, Michigan**

As many of you know there was an EF 3 tornado that caused significant damage in Union City, Michigan recently. Our Mission Committee offered to coordinate financial support from our church as well as sending funds from the Mission Committee budget. They will send the money collected to those in need of help before the end of the month. If you are interested in supporting the recovery effort you can use an offering envelope or check with Tornado Relief written on it.

### **QR Code for Donations!**

If you ever forget to go to the ATM, or simply do not carry cash on you, we include the church QR code for a more streamlined donation process. To donate, just scan the QR code and follow the prompt.



### **Hospitality Time Schedule**

You are invited to bring ONE food item on ONE Sunday each month. Your Sunday depends on the first letter of your last name. It would be greatly appreciated if you are also able to help with set-up or clean-up. Please note healthy options are welcome as well such as fruit, eggs, cheese & crackers, veggies etc.... Here is the upcoming schedule:

March 29: Last names beginning E-K

April 5: Last names beginning L-R

April 12: Last names beginning S-Z

April 19: Last names beginning A-D

## Church Calendar March 22 to March 29, 2026

### **Sunday, March 22**

9:00am - 10:00am The Wired Word

10:00am - 11:00am Worship In-Person & Livestream Service

### **Monday, March 23**

10:00am – 11:30am Lenten Study: Unanswered Prayer

6:00pm - 7:00pm Soul Stretch Yoga

7:00pm – 9:00pm Social Justice Book Study

### **Tuesday, March 24**

4:00pm - 6:00pm PNC Meeting -Library

7:00pm - 9:00pm Scouts Troop Meeting

7:15pm - 8:30pm JOY Book Study

### **Wednesday, March 25**

2:00pm - 3:00pm Future Church Prayer Group

7:00pm – 9:00pm Plymouth Community Band Concert

### **Thursday, March 26**

6:00pm - 7:00pm Choral Bells Practice

7:20pm - 8:50pm Chancel Choir Practice

### **Friday, March 27**

9:30am- 12:00pm Revitalization Team Meeting

### **Saturday, March 28**

11:00am Shirley Morse Visitation

11:30am Shirley Morse Memorial

12:30am Shirley Morse Luncheon

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**2026 Easter Flowers Order Form**  
**All orders are due by Monday, March 30!**



Please place your order for Easter lilies or red tulips(all in 6-inch pots with foil cover) by completing this form and returning it along with your payment. Plants may be taken after the 10:00am Easter worship service on April 5 or left for delivery to a homebound member.

I / We wish to donate the following plant(s) for decorating the church on Easter Sunday and/or to support a community member in need. Please use the following recognition in the Easter bulletin:

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
name of person(s)

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
name of person(s)

Ordered by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I / We would like to order the following number of plants:

\_\_\_\_\_ Red Tulip plant - \$13 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Fresh Produce for CARES - \$15 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily plant - \$16 each

Total due \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payment included with order

\_\_\_\_Please deliver my plant(s) to a homebound member.

# 2026 Holy Week Schedule



## PALM SUNDAY

In person or via live stream  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 29 AT 10:00**

THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK &  
JESUS'S FINAL JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

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Brunch following the service

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thu., Apr 2, 2026 at 7 p.m.

**FROM TABLE TO TRIAL  
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**



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# GOOD FRIDAY

Fri., April 3

GOOD FRIDAY IS GOOD BECAUSE  
WE RECOGNIZE JESUS' GREAT LOVE  
FOR US.

## At Kirk in the Hills

1340 W Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Township, MI 48302

### Good Friday Service Times:

9:00am – 12:00pm

Sanctuary open for private prayer and reflection

12:00pm, 3:00pm or 7:30pm

Worship in the Sanctuary In-Person &

Livestreamed Service <https://youtu.be/-4B0QjYFDRo>

## At Hope Lutheran

39200 W 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48331

7:00 pm Good Friday Service



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Or you can look online for a Good Friday service that works with your schedule.

# EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Celebration of the Resurrection

SUN., APRIL 5 AT 10 A.M.

In person or via live stream



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