

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

Hymn Sing

Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

People: In his light we see clearly and walk in hope.

L: Once there was a man who could not see, and Christ opened his eyes.

P: Christ still brings light into our darkness.

L: Where there is blindness, God brings sight.

Where there is doubt, God brings faith.

P: We come to worship the One who opens our eyes and hearts.

ALL: Let us come before God with gratitude and praise.

*Opening Hymn "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" Page 370

Opening Prayer

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession

L: Merciful and loving God, you sent your Son to open the eyes of the blind and to bring light into the darkness of the world.

P: Yet we confess that we do not always see clearly.

L: At times, we are blind to your truth, blind to the needs of our neighbors, and blind to the ways our actions wound others.

P: Like those who questioned the man whose sight was restored, we sometimes cling to our pride and assumptions

L: rather than opening our hearts to your transforming grace.

P: Forgive us, Lord, when we choose darkness instead of light.

Open our eyes to see your presence at work in our lives.

L: Heal our spiritual blindness, and help us to walk in the light of Christ.

P: Restore our vision so that we may follow you with faith, serve others with compassion,

L: and bear witness to the grace we have received.

ALL: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news: The One who opened the eyes of the blind also opens our hearts to the mercy of God. Jesus reveals that he came so that those who cannot see may receive sight. In Jesus Christ, God brings light into our darkness, forgiveness for our sins, and new life for all who trust in him. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Testimonial:

Julie Immelt Wheldon

Offering

"Amazing Grace – Hill Song"

Doxology

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*Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

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Scripture

Acts 7:54-60 John 9:1-11, 23-26, 35-39

Sermon:

All I Know is ... I Was Blind, But Now I See

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

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Benediction

Lay Readers

8:30 am John Schoenherr

10:00 am Priscilla Tinsley

Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday. If this is your first time with us, please fill out the registration pad in the pew. Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself.

Church Happenings

Easter Services: 6:30 am at Joshuas Pond
8:30 am and 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
Maundy Thursday April 2, 7:00 pm

Men's Fellowship Group every Tuesday 10 am – 11 am.

Bible Study on Thursdays at 10 am. All are Welcome!

Please support Diane Huban in her mission to run the Boston Marathon on behalf of FamilyAid.

Needed: Plastic Easter eggs for our **Egg Hunt** to be held after church Easter Sunday. Wrapped candy to put inside the egg is also needed. Drop in the box outside Heather's office by 5 PM 3/29.

"Wheels for Zeb" There is a calendar by the office to sign up to give Zeb Olsen a ride to church on Sunday mornings. He lives at 1 Bucksin Path in Centerville and comes to the 10:00 am service. Barry Jones Henry is at Brookdale and would also love a ride to the 10 am service.

Book of Acts Lenten Bible Study continuing on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. You may join the session through Zoom . ID 89449810587 Password 754974.

March 21 9:00 am Food Packaging at the Combs School Mashpee.

Esprit Auction Party Saturday March 21 4 – 7 pm. 50 Centerboard Lane Hyannis. Tickets \$20

Lend a Hand is looking for more volunteers. We meet every Monday morning at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Teen Challenge on March 22 at 5:30 pm.

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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.- John 9: 6-7

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Music Today
Janet Leahy & Brian Morris