

Offertory Prayer

Passing the Peace

Hymn "Heavenly Sunlight"

1. Walking in the sunlight all of my journey,
Over the mountains, through the deep vale;
Jesus has said, "I'll never forsake thee."
Promise divine that never can fail.

Chorus: Heavenly sunlight, heavenly
sunlight flooding my soul with glory divine;
Hallelujah! I am rejoicing,
Singing His praises, Jesus is mine.

2. Shadows around me shadows above me,
never conceal my Savior and Guide;
He is the light, in Him is no darkness,
Ever I'm walking close to His side. (Chorus)
3. In the bright sunlight ever rejoicing,
Pressing my way to mansions above;
Singing His praises, gladly I'm walking,
Walking in sunlight, sunlight of love.
(Chorus)

*Benediction



GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 22, 2026

301 Diamond Street, Fairmont WV 26554

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Music Coordinator – Bev Slagle
Bell Choir Director – Val Huffman
March Head Usher – Rob Moore

Acolytes

Esme and Ollie Allen
Haeden and Kenslie Futton

The Celebration of Worship

Let us worship the Spirit in silence – Be still and know that I am God

Order of Worship

Announcements

Prelude

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. Slagle

*Call to Worship:

L: This is the message we have heard from him and announce to you: God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

All: If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

L: The blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

All: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Opening Prayer:

Holy God, you are light and in you there is no darkness at all. We confess that we often prefer the shadows, hiding our faults and walking in ways that ignore your truth. We ask that you shine your purifying light into the corners of our hearts and minds. As we gather, cleanse us from all unrighteousness, that we might walk in the light of true fellowship with you and one another. We trust in your faithfulness to forgive us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Children’s Chat

Georgia Williams

Opening Hymn

“I Surrender All” v 1,2,5 UMH 354

Scripture Reading

Psalm 36: 5-9

5 Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. 6 Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals. 7 How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. 8 They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. 9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Sermon Scripture

1 John 1: 5-10

5 This the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies from all sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

Sermon

Forgiving Ourselves

Rev. Nici Masters

Hymn

“Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet”

UMH 601

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering/Doxology

arr. Moore

“This Little Light of Mine”

Resounding Joy

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Loose Change/Food Pantry Collection

Loose change (coins only) – Honey Bag

Items for March – caned soup

Items for April – pancake mix/syrup

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob Dicken, Faye Dodd, Rusty Freeland, Mary Beth Furbee, Carol Hall, Ezra Hall, Lisa Kerns
Jeff Kerns, Linda Lomicka, Charlotte Merriman, Sally Morrison, Dan Ross, Madalee Wilson

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 25 – Lenten Luncheon
March 28 – GUMM Breakfast
March 29 – Palm Sunday Covered Dish Luncheon following Worship
April 2 – Maundy Thursday service – 7pm
April 3 – Good Friday service – 7pm
April 5 – Sunrise service and Breakfast
Easter service – 10am

MARCH ATTENDANCE

March 1 -72
March 8 - 85
March 15 - 79
March 22 –
March 29 –

REMINDER

During the Lenten Luncheon series, remember to park in the parking lot, not on Diamond Street so that persons with limited mobility can use this area. Thanks!!

LENTEN COIN FOLDERS

Don't forget to pick up a Lenten Coin folder from the table in the Welcome Room and insert your daily quarter as you pray. This donation will be applied to the New Canopy we are all enjoying and other projects the trustees are doing throughout "Our Church". Thank you in advance for your contributions.