

**Offertory – *Be Thou My Vision***

**Doxology**

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, our gifts are small next to all that you have given us. Take our gifts, LORD, and make them holy, so that they may help to feed the hungry, grow the church, and share your Light with a world lost in darkness. Amen.

**Closing Hymn**

*The Solid Rock*  
#526 Celebration Hymnal

**Benediction**

**Song of Sending**

*They'll Know We Are Christians*  
v. 1 #429 Celebration Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**The Postlude**

The People of God Gathered to Worship As  
**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM**

**March 15, 2026**  
**4th Sunday In Lent**

**Prelude – *Jesus Is Calling***

**Welcome**

**Prayer Requests**

**Minute For Missions**

**Call to Worship**

LEADER: People Of God, what worship does Our LORD command?

PEOPLE: **Our God calls for Justice, to offer hope and peace.**

LEADER: People of God, what worship does God find pleasing?

PEOPLE: **That we feed the hungry, and provide for those in need.**

LEADER: God calls us to show love to people of all times and places!

PEOPLE: **Yes! Let us Worship the LORD!**

**Opening Hymn**

*Lord, Speak To Me*  
#667 Celebration Hymnal

**Prayers of the People and the LORD'S Prayer**

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.

## Passing of the Peace

Let us greet one another as forgiven sinners  
with the peace of Christ:

*“May the Peace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you!  
And also, with you.”*

## Hymn of Illumination

*Open My Eyes That I May See*  
v. 1 #563 Celebration Hymnal

## First Scripture Reading

John 9:1-23 - See Insert

## A Moment with the Children - Opening Our Eyes

## Second Scripture Reading

John 9:24-41 - See Insert

## Prayer of Illumination

Sermon - So Who Is Blind?      Pastor Dan McCurdy

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we are sinful people living in a sinful world. All around us, everyday, we see more and more signs of how the world requires your love, your power, and your beauty. We have not done all that you call us to do, and we do many things you tell us not to do. We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, and might, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We stare at the world with blinders on, refusing to see the things that do not match what we expect to see. Forgive us, LORD, hear our cry for you to come and set all that is wrong right, and listen to the silent confessions of our hearts.**

## Moment of Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

## Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
And to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

## Affirmation of Faith

*(The Apostles Creed)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

The Gifts of God are all around us, our lives and our homes, our talents and our joys, our family and friends, and the greatest gift of all was the Salvation promised, the life of Christ seeking to end our division from God and each other. When we give, we do not do so to purchase anything... for the gifts of God were already given. Instead, we give in imitation of our LORD, offering what we have to support others, and to be ourselves the gift that God gives the World, so let us worship God with our Giving.

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

### John 9:1-23

1 As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 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, 7 saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." 10 But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." 12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." 13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. 17 So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." 18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" 20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, 21 but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

### John 9:24-41

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup> He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup> They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup> He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup> They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. <sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup> He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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**Tithes and Offerings**

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**Tabitha Circle**  
**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays**  
**11:30am-2:30pm**  
**Bring A Lunch**

**Exercise Group**  
**Tuesdays and Fridays**  
**9:00 to 10:00 am**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**The ongoing mission of The Presbyterian Women is to support the Salvation Army and WINN (What I Need Now) collecting needed items (lists are on tables and Lamplighter). All items can be placed in the purple tote at the back of the sanctuary. Money donations are accepted as well.**

**Support the West Salem Food Pantry  
Please bring food and home donations  
and place them in the shopping carts  
between the entryway doors.**

**Community Dinner**  
**March 25th**  
**5-6 pm**

**Blood Drive**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**March 30th**  
**11:30am – 4:30 pm**

**Lenten Services**  
**March 18th,**  
**March 25th at 6:30 PM**  
**preceded by Soup Suppers**  
**at 5:30 PM to 6:15 PM**  
**There are signup sheets**  
**at back table in Sanctuary**

**If you would like to help bring soup**

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Breakfast will be served before church on Easter Sunday, April 5th, 8:45-9:45a.m. The menu is egg, sausages, fruit and muffins. If anyone can furnish an egg bake, we would appreciate it! You can call or tell us in church. Vickie Bain, 608.769.3041 Sherry Bonsall, 608.786.1280 or Pam Twining, 608.498.1190**

**EASTER FLOWERS**

**If you are interested in helping to support the purchase of Easter flowers that are placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday contact Nick Miller or the church office. Contributions can be placed in the offering plate and earmarked "Easter flowers" or given to Nick at church by Palm Sunday. If you would like to contribute in memory of a loved one, let Nick or the church office know that as well. Names will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Thank you!**