

March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE / WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAYER *(STANDING) (ALL READ TOGETHER)*
Shepherd of love, guide our steps, open the eyes of our hearts, and fling wide the doors of our minds to perceive as you perceive. Open our lives to love as you love. Open our world to become the world you envision for your creation. In the light of your love, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN *(STANDING)*
Shine, Jesus, Shine – Red Book #1

PASS THE PEACE *(STANDING)*

SHARING JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(ALL READ TOGETHER)*
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 trespasses as
we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever.
Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC FROM THE CHOIR
Jesus, Lover of My Soul

A TIME FOR ALL CHILDREN *Children of all ages are invited up front for a special time together.*

HYMN
Behold a Broken World, v 1 -- UMH 426

Dismissal for Children's Church.

MESSAGE: "Abimelech vs. Everyone"
Judges 9:1-6, 50-56

HYMN
Behold a Broken World, v 2-3 -- UMH 426

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY *(STANDING)*
Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow -- UMH 95

SENDING HYMN *(STANDING)*
O Come, O Come Emmanuel -- UMH 211

BENEDICTION *(STANDING) (ALL READ TOGETHER)*
As Christ's light has led us here, so now Christ's light leads us into the world. We go with the light, and we go to be light. We will brighten the world with God's love. Amen.

Liturgist

Dean Diers
John Fisher

March 15
March 22

Greeters/Offering

Howard & Karen Young
Pat & Sarah Naseem

MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

**Bible Study – Wednesday -- 10:00 am in the After School Room.
All are welcome.**

Fellowship Time After Worship – please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Today Meg Persavich is sharing. The Douthits on March 22 and the Johnsons on March 29.

UWFaith -- Everyone is invited to the UWFaith program on **March 21 at 10 am**. Sarah Bernhardt will be talking on Resilience and Coping with Grief. Light refreshments will be served.

Holy Week Services – All are welcome.

More details in upcoming Weekly Blast emails.

** Thursday, April 2, 6:30pm -- Fellowship Hall – Maundy Thursday service

** Friday, April 3, noon --Sanctuary – Good Friday service

** Sunday, April 5 – 8:30am – Fellowship Hall – breakfast
10:30am -- Easter service

PRAYER CHAIN

Open to all...email requests to steviprayerchain@gmail.com or call the church office and your request will be relayed to the prayer chain coordinator. *Please note:* the office is not staffed daily so there may be a delay in forwarding to the prayer chain.

STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday from 9am – Noon.

CONTACT

Stevensville United Methodist Church
216 College Street, Stevensville MT 59870
connect@steviumc.org 406-777-5443
www.steviumc.org Facebook: SteviUMC
Pastor Seth L. Leypoldt | pastor@steviumc.org | 406-490-4014

**We honor the original inhabitants of this area and
will continue to steward this land for the creator.**

Łqétmłš

Wide Cottonwoods