

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

\*Denotes people standing if able

## PRELUDE - BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Jesus is the Light of the World. Please be silent and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

## WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING PRAYER

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: By grace we have been saved through faith.*

**All: And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.**

*Leader: For we are God's handiwork, redeemed in Christ Jesus for good works,*

**All: works God has prepared for us, that we should walk in them.**

*Leader: Praise the Lord!*

**All: The Lord's name be praised.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

"Tis So Sweet"

**#467**  
(UM Hymnal)

We are collecting prayer cards during the first hymn.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Please announce your joys and prayer concerns or place your prayer request card (found in the pew) in the offering plate

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**#895**  
(UM Hymnal)

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"Wonderful Melodey"

Agape Choir

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## SERMON TEXT

John 8:1-12

(On Screen)

*Leader: The word of God for the People of God.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

"Sticks and Stones"

Pastor Duane Lindsey

## THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Offertory – Please place UMCOR donations in the offering plate  
The baskets are for this month's mission offering, not UMCOR

\* Song of Praise

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**#95**

\* The Blessing of Our Gifts

(UM Hymnal)

## \*CLOSING HYMN

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

**#480 (vs 1&2)**  
(UM Hymnal)

## \*CLOSING PRAYER

\*UNITING TOGETHER in the

"Bond of Love" Chorus

**#206**

(If you don't want to hold hands for health reasons that is okay)

(Praise Book)

## POSTLUDE

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. As the Light leads us out into the world, we go to serve, to love, and to share the Good News of God's grace.

COMING UP THIS WEEK! (The Church Office is open 9 am to 12 pm, Mon – Thurs)

**Sunday, March 15 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

**Monday, March 16**

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.

**Tuesday, March 17**

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pastor Duane's office hours 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 18**

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pastor Duane's office hours 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Women's Lent Bible Study 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 100

**Thursday, March 19**

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pastor Duane's office hours 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Evy's Closet closed and will reopen on Thurs, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, March 20**

Office Closed

Pastor Duane's office hours by appointment

**Sunday, March 22 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

**FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US**

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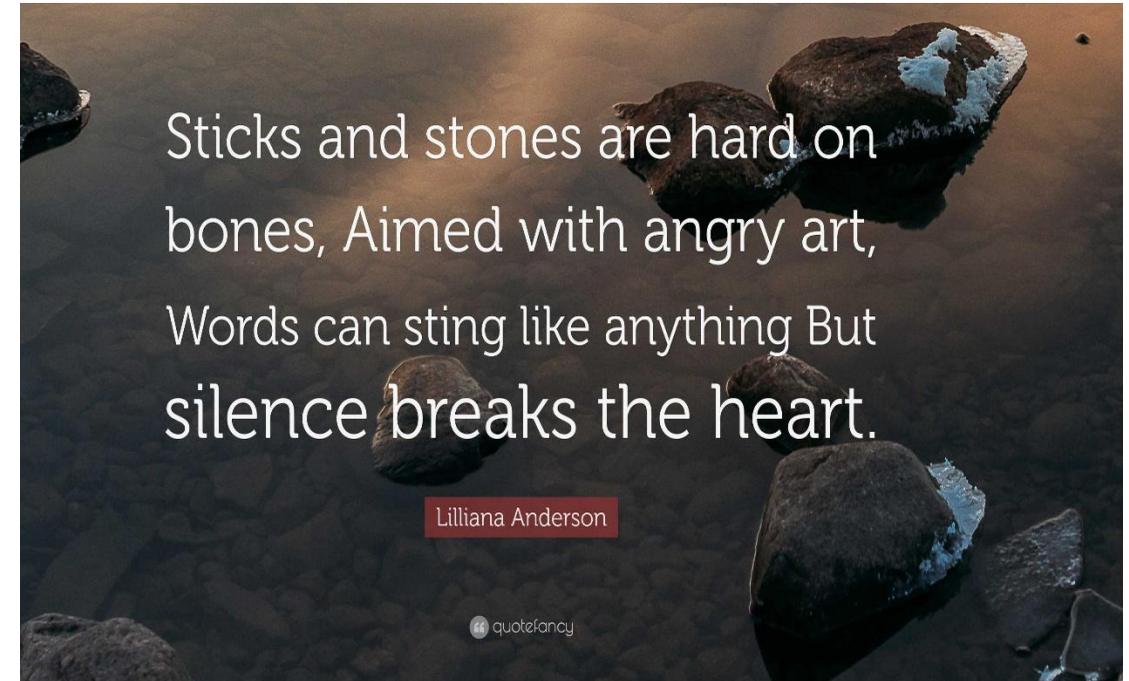
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Amy Wade, Custodian: 574.261.3205

# NEW JOURNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
302 Cedar St, Niles, MI 49120



*If you are visiting with us today, we warmly welcome you! As United Methodists, we share a faith in God that is rooted in Compassion, Grace, and Love. If you are seeking to worship where reason, and faith join hands, where you can make a friend while you make a difference, we invite you to join us again to learn about and share the love of our Savior Jesus Christ!*

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RECORD OF

March 8, 2026

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