

*Four Towns United Methodist Church
Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.
Pastor George Marck*

... We Gather in God's Presence ...

March 15th, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Pastor George Marck

**Hymn* "As a Fire is Meant for Burning" FWS #2237

**Call to Worship*

Who We Are Litany

One: When we know we are loved by God and he stands by us in our trials then courage can lead to endurance.

ALL: God uses our perseverance to build spiritual maturity in us.

One: Perseverance is part of a chain that leads us to godliness, brotherly kindness, and then love.

ALL: Perseverance is a process in which God can strengthen our character and produce hope in us.

One: God calls us to be agents of change for the world, to bring the kingdom of God here on earth.

ALL: Help us to believe that we are the right people at the right time to answer your call to be your agents of change in our world.

One: God, you are always calling us to your newness, and you give us the courage to live never being the same.

ALL: Take every hardened edge of our hearts and create something new in us where we are never the same.

One: We need your newness, God, to make our rough parts, smooth; our stagnant parts, stirred.

**ALL: Our stuck parts, freed; our unkind ones, forgiven.
By Your Spirit's power, turn us towards Love again.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" UMH #521

Scripture Lessons

James 1: 2-4, 2 Peter 1: 5-7, Romans 5: 3-5 Liturgist

Message "Persevering Along the Journey of Life"

The Creed

"I Believe"

Rev. Caleb Williams

Invitation to Offering

Pastor

**Doxology*

UMH #95

**Dedication of Offering*

Pastor

The Lord's Table

**Communion Hymn*

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

UMH #632

**Closing Hymn*

"May You Run and Not Be Weary"

FWS #2281

Benediction

Postlude

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

If you would like a pastoral visit or know of someone in the hospital or a nursing home who would appreciate a pastoral visit or if you would like to be put on the calling and email lists, please email Pastor George at: ac8550@wayne.edu

Upcoming Events:

Join us on Easter Sunday for our worship service and stay as we make sandwiches on the First Sunday of the month.

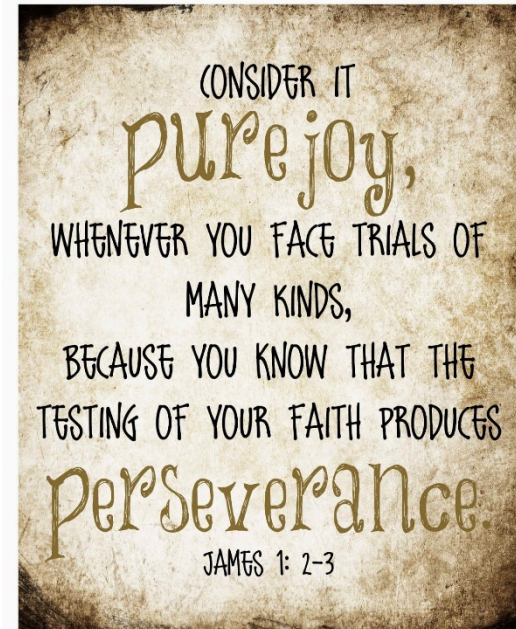
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Pastor's Note:

This week we are celebrating the Fourth Sunday in Lent with the story from The Dawn Tread about persevering along life's journey. I read an interesting book the last couple of months called "The Good Life". It is based on a long-term study of people in a Harvard Study with the question of what leads to a long and productive life or a "good life". If I had to sum up that question it requires two things - one a sense that one is loved sometime in your younger years and a period of trials or tests later in life. Scripture would bear this out. James 1: 2-4 highlights that perseverance develops spiritual maturity. Romans 5: 3-5 shows that perseverance is a process that strengthens character and produces hope. 2 Peter 1: 5-7 lets us know perseverance is part of a chain of spiritual growth leading to love. Come back next week as we discuss being Crafted and Called by God.

Pastor George



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