

March 8th 2026  
3rd Sunday of Lent

11:30 a.m.  
Color: Purple

Scripture: Matthew 6: 15-30

(The Voice Bible)  
Read by Hailey Rang

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Praise be to God for his word.**

**Prelude:**

"If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee"

Music by Georg Neumark  
Arranged by J. S. Bach

*(The acolyte lights the candle signaling that  
the light of Christ has come to meet us. )*

**Welcome**

Hailey Rang

*(Rise in body or spirit)*

**Invitation**

"Standing on the Promises"

#374 UMH (VS. 1, 2 & 4)

**Call to Worship (Congregational response in bold)**

L: Come, let us worship God!

**P: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

L: Come, let us worship our Shepherd!

**P: We are the sheep of God's pasture, and we follow where God leads us.**

L: Come, let us open our hearts!

**P: We receive God's love poured into our hearts through the Spirit.**

L: Come, let us worship God, the rock of our salvation!

**P: Let us worship God, whose mercy guides and sustains us on the path of new life! Amen**

**Praise and Worship**

"Spirit Song"

#347 UMH

**Message In Song**

"Great Are You, Lord"

Steve and Vikki Cook  
Arranged by Maranatha Praise Inc.

**Children's Moment**

Rev. Sharon Appling

**Give Them Flowers: Tributes to Women Who have Touched Our Lives**

Faye Lewis

**The Church Gives Thanks**

*As we receive the gift of music, let us offer unto God our gifts of  
tithes and offerings.*

**Offertory Hymn**

"To Be Free"

Eddie Smith  
Arranged by Fred Bock

*(Rise in body or spirit)*

**Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow**

UMH #95

**Offertory Prayer**

Hailey Rang

**Community Prayer**

Rev. Sharon Appling

*(Congregation can call out the name of someone in prayer.)*

**Ways to Connect**

Rev. Sharon Appling

*(Rise in body or spirit)*

**Closing Song**

"In the Garden"

#314 UMH (VS. 1 & 3)

*(The acolyte extinguishes the candle)*

**The Sending**

Rev. Sharon Appling

### Altar Flower Memorials:

Flowers are usually given in memory of or/and in thanksgiving for loved ones, or to commemorate special occasions in our lives. As of right now, we are asking that you provide your own flowers, until we can find a business that will give us a reasonable price.

Please sign up by contacting Ashley Detoledo at least 2 weeks in advance for your name to appear in the appropriate Sunday bulletin. For more information, contact Ashley Detoledo at 248-546-5955 or [hpfirstumc@gmail.com](mailto:hpfirstumc@gmail.com)

### Worship

If you are unable to attend church in person, remember that a video of our Sunday service is posted on our church website, [hpfirst.org](http://hpfirst.org), every week by Monday morning.

We also have a dedicated phone line where you can listen to our Sunday Worship service without the need for computer or internet. All you need to do is call 248-216-1651 to hear our Sunday worship service. Please let others who need to hear God's word proclaimed know about this service.

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the church office by Sunday evening. Leave a voice message at 248-546-5955, put a note in the mailbox on the office door, or send an email to [hpfirstumc@gmail.com](mailto:hpfirstumc@gmail.com). **Thank You!**

**Hearing Assistance Equipment is Available.**

**If you would like to use the equipment,  
please ask an usher and they will be glad to assist you.**

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**Instagram Page: [instagram.com/HazelParkUMC](http://instagram.com/HazelParkUMC)**



### *Our Shared Purpose*

To Embrace All People With Love So that the Individual & Community Can Grow Together & Thrive into the Fullness of Christ

**Rev. Sharon Appling**

*Matt Sarns, Praise Team Director*

*Ashley Detoledo Secretary*

*Frank Cox, Spiritual Formation Congregational Care Assistant*

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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-Do you shop at Kroger? We are signed up with Kroger to earn a percentage for each shopper that is signed up for the rewards program. The best part? It's FREE! It costs nothing but a few minutes of your time to register your card. Our organization number is #XH158

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~Monday, Feb. 22th – Bible Study in church Library @6:00pm

~Tuesday, Feb. 23rd – Chair Yoga @ 6:30

## February Birthdays

Mike Bierbower 4  
Bill Foskett 6  
Renee Dusseau 17  
Lillie Smith 18  
Pierre Cross 25  
Kateri Rang 25



## Our Special Guest Today!

Cyrill Weems is a Detroit native having grown up on the east side of the city. He is a product of the Detroit Public School system, graduating from Southeastern High School then attending the University of Wisconsin. He is also a former cornerback with the Detroit Lions, playing with the team during the end of the Silverdome era in 1997 and 1998.

Cyrill has been in the Construction and Engineering industry for over 25 years and is currently the Director of Civil Infrastructure for Burns & McDonnell Engineering where he oversees the business operations for Transportation and Water Services in Michigan. He has had the honor to be a major player in the design and construction of three of Detroit's iconic landmarks: Comerica Park, Ford Field and Little Caesars Arena.

Cyrill is committed to the support and development of our community's youth. He has a passion for mentoring and is committed to the success of today's youth. He has led the development of many mentoring programs focused on the progression, protection and leadership development of young black males.

Cyrill is proud to be the husband of his lovely wife Terri Weems and father of three beautiful daughters Alana, Cheyenne and Samantha. He is a dedicated and Owt-standing 30-year member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

More Info: <https://www.moewoe40.com/team-1/cyrill-weems->

**"When I am afraid, I put my trust  
in you. In God, whose word I  
praise, in God I trust;  
I shall not be afraid. What can  
flesh do to me?" -Psalm 56:3-4**

Winter Blessings  
Matthew 25: 35-45

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