MANHATTAN BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH
March 15, 2026

PRELUDE "O Man Bewail Thy Sins" (St. Matthew Passion) J.S Bach
Jean Whitcomb, Organist

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Mike Spitters
Senior Minister

ANNOUNCEMENTS Joanne Ordinario

*HYMN OF PRAISE: 576, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (verses 1-3)

CALL TO WORSHIP Frank Hanzel
One: Sometimes we move through life without seeing clearly—missing the suffering around us, the beauty before us, and the sacred within us.
All: Yet God's light is always shining.
One: In Gospel of John, Jesus opens the eyes of a man born blind—revealing that God's light can transform how we see the world.
All: God, open our eyes.
One: Open our eyes to our neighbors, to injustice, and to hope.
All: We come to see more clearly and to walk in God's light.

OPENING PRAYER Frank Hanzel

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM: "Forsaken" Dan Forrest
Kate Crellin, director; Stephen Pitters, accompanist

TIME WITH CHILDREN Billy Minshall

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER Billy Minshall
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.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Lord I Need You" Matt Maher
Kate Crellin, piano and voice.

SCRIPTURE INTRO Billy Minshall

SCRIPTURE READING John 9:1-41 (pgs. 871-872) Frank Hanzel

SERMON "I Can See Clearly Now"
Pastor Mike

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY Frank Hanzel

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OFFERTORY "Lacrymosa" (Requiem) Giuseppe Verdi
Jean Whitcomb

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE
We give thee but thine own, what e're the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

OFFERING PRAYER Frank Hanzel

*CLOSING HYMN 339, "Just As I Am" (verses 1, 4 and 5)

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION Pastor Mike
One: Friends, our time of worship is ending, but our calling continues.
All: God sends us into the world with open eyes and open hearts.
One: Go now to see the beauty of creation and the dignity of every person.
All: We will walk in the light and share compassion.
One: Go now to notice where love is needed and where justice is waiting to be born.
All: We will bring hope where the world feels heavy.
One: And may the One who opens our eyes guide our steps and strengthen our spirit.
All: We go in God's light to love and serve the world.
One: Go in peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Toccata in D minor" Johann Ernst Eberlin

*please rise if you are able

GREETERS: Neil and Deb Dipprey
USHERS: George and Pamela Conde; Craig Torrey and Carolyn Leserman

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