

Order of Worship Service – March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday in LENT
Communion Sunday

PRELUDES	Minuet (from 'Berenice') – G.F. Handel The Holy Presence – Gilbert Martin
WELCOME	
LENTEN RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP	
OUR RESPONSE HYMN #479	O How He Loves You and Me (PATRICIA)
OPENING PRAYER	
CHOIR	Lord, I Believe in You – Gordon Young
HYMN #72	To God Be the Glory (TO GOD BE THE GLORY)
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 121 (CEB) Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord</i> Congregation response: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>
CHOIR	I Lift Up Mine Eyes – Allen Pote
PRAYER OF BLESSING	
HYMN #641	All the Way My Saviour Leads Me (ALL THE WAY)
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Wilma Wiens Leader: <i>Lord, in your mercy</i> Congregational Response: <i>Hear our prayer</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	John 3:1-17 (CEB) Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord</i> Congregation response: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>
SOLO	The Gospel of Grace – Mark Hayes
MESSAGE	We Are All Nicodemus – Gareth Brandt
HYMN #494	My Faith Has Found a Resting Place (LANDAS)
HOLY COMMUNION	
BENEDICTION	<i>As we end our time of worship, we extinguish a candle symbolizing our ongoing journey into the darkness of Good Friday.</i>
POSTLUDE	O Lord of All (Largo) – G.F. Handel

Worship Leader	Matt Janzen
Minister of Pastoral & Spiritual Care	Wilma Wiens
Minister of Music	Margot Sim
Oboe	Chelsey Hiebert
Soloist	George Alarape

NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 8 (3rd Sunday in LENT): Hermann Dueck will be speaking on “A Far-Reaching Transformative Conversation” with scriptures Psalm 95 and John 4:15-19, 21-24, 39-42.

LENTEN RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP – LENT II

LEADER: People of God, hear this:
God so loved the world –
God, so loves the world

ALL: **We are beloved**

LEADER: May the truth of this great love story
Shine through our worship today and renew our sense of calling.

ALL: **We come, with our tiredness, our frustrations
and our discouragements.
We come to discover, yet again,
How Jesus reveals God’s love and mercy.**

(Anne Siddall)

O HOW HE LOVES YOU AND ME! (Kurt Kaiser)

O how he loves you and me, O how he loves you and me,
He gave his life – what more could he give?
O how he loves you, O how he loves me,
O how he loves you and me!

LORD, I BELIEVE IN YOU (Gordon Young)

Lord, I believe in you, you are the one.
Oh, hallelujah, oh hallelujah,
Oh, hallelujah, oh, praise the Lord!
Lord, I believe in you, you are the one.

You are the one who came from heaven,
You are the one who came to save,
You are the one who rose victorious o’er the grave.

Lord, I believe in you, you are the one.
Oh, hallelujah, oh hallelujah,
Oh, hallelujah, oh, praise the Lord!
Oh, yes, I believe in you,
Lord, at last, I do believe!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY (Fanny J. Crosby)

To God be the glory, great things he hath done,
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

REFRAIN:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

REFRAIN

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

REFRAIN

PSALM 121 (CEB)

¹ I raise my eyes toward the mountains.

Where will my help come from?

² My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

³ God won't let your foot slip.
Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.

⁴ No! Israel's protector
never sleeps or rests!

⁵ The Lord is your protector;
the Lord is your shade right beside you.

⁶ The sun won't strike you during the day;
neither will the moon at night.

⁷ The Lord will protect you from all evil;
God will protect your very life.

⁸ The Lord will protect you on your journeys—
whether going or coming—
from now until forever from now.

I LIFT UP MINE EYES (Adapted from Psalm 121)

I lift up mine eyes to the hills, and I wonder from where comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
I lift up mine eyes to the hills, and I wonder where is my help?

He will not let you stumble, He will not let you fall,
The Lord is your keeper.
The sun will not strike you by day nor the moon by night,
The Lord will keep your life.
I lift up mine eyes to the hills, and I wonder where is my help?

The Lord will keep you from all evil, He will keep your life.
He will keep your going out, and your coming in
From this time forth and forever more.

He will not let you stumble, He will not let you fall,
The Lord is your keeper.
The sun will not strike you by day nor the moon by night,
The Lord will keep your life.

I lift up mine eyes to the hills, and I wonder from where comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
I lift up mine eyes to the hills, and I wonder where is my help?

ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME (Fanny J. Crosby)

All the way my Savior leads me, what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell,
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.
For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread,
Though my weary steps may falter and my soul a thirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me, lo! a spring of joy I see.
Gushing from the rock before me, lo! a spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me, O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages, "Jesus led me all the way."
This my song through endless ages, "Jesus led me all the way."

JOHN 3:1-17 (CEB)

¹There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. ²He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him."

³Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it's not possible to see God's kingdom."

⁴Nicodemus asked, "How is it possible for an adult to be born? It's impossible to enter the mother's womb for a second time and be born, isn't it?"

⁵Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom. ⁶Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷Don't be surprised that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' ⁸God's Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. It's the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said, "How are these things possible?"

¹⁰"Jesus answered, "You are a teacher of Israel and you don't know these things? ¹¹I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don't receive our testimony.

¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. ¹⁶ God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. ¹⁷ God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE (Traditional Spirituals)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

I found free grace and dying love, I'm new born again,
Been a long time a-talkin' 'bout my trials here below.
Free grace, free grace, free grace, sinner.
Free grace, free grace, I'm new born again.
So glad, so glad, I'm new born again,
Been a long time a-talkin' 'bout my trials here below.

My Saviour died for you and me, I'm new born again,
Been a long time a-talkin' 'bout my trials here below.
I know my Lord has set me free, I'm new born again,
Been a long time a-talkin' 'bout my trials here below.
Free grace, free grace, I'm new born again.
So glad, so glad, I'm new born again,
Been a long time a-talkin' 'bout my trials here below.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.
I'm new born again!

MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE (Lidie Edmonds)

My faith has found a resting place, not in device nor creed;
I trust the ever living One, his wounds for me shall plead.

Chorus: I need no other argument, I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. **Chorus**

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God,
Salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through His blood. **Chorus**

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save,
For me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. **Chorus**