



3rd Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026 — 10:30 am Service
Order of Worship
FM Frequency 99.3
Text: 419-482-8227

Passing of the Peace

- L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
A. And also with you.

Invocation

- L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
A: Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us forgiveness and grace. Help us to deal with others the same way. We know that there will always be disagreements between people. Let us be gracious when dealing with those disagreements and treat those involved like You treat us.
Amen.

Song: ***Our God***

Water, You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness, You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger

God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power
Our God, our God

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And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
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Song: **Survivor**

For so long I carried the weight of my past
Crippled by burdens, like stones on my back
I thought I had fallen too far from Your grace
But You came and showed me the way

When I was a lost soul searching
You were the ground beneath my feet
When I was a blind man begging
You were the eyes so I could see
When the smoke was rising up
You were the air that I could breath
You gave me hope
You gave me something to believe

No I'm alive and born again
Rescued from the grip of sin
God, Your love came crashing in
And pulled me out of the fire
I'm a survivor

Now all I can see are the fields of Your grace
Wherever I run You're leading the way
You shook the shackles off my feet
I found redemption on my knees
You gave me hope
You gave me something to believe

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God, Your love came crashing in
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Scripture Amos 9:11-12

“In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name, declares the LORD who does this.”

Acts 15:1-6

“But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, ‘Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.’ And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, ‘Is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.’ The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter.”

John 10:14-18

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father love me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God!

Sermon — *“The Church Deliberated”* Pastor David Kaiser

Song: ***Mighty Name Of Jesus***

I pray into the atmosphere
Spirit of God
You’re here
You have all authority

I pray over my heart and mind
I am healed by Your stripes
Your blood declares
That I am free

In the mighty name of Jesus
I pray
Calling on the power

Of heaven, I proclaim

Every weapon formed
Against me
Must break in the mighty
Name of Jesus

I draw a permanent
Boundary line
The enemy has no rights

No scheme could ever
Undo God's plan
No matter the circumstance
The cross has sealed my destiny

In the mighty name of Jesus
I pray
Calling on the power
Of heaven, I proclaim

Every weapon formed
Against me
Must break in the mighty
Name of Jesus

In the mighty name
Of Jesus, I know
All the power of fear
And darkness must go

'Cause every key
To every victory I hold
In the mighty
Name of Jesus

I will not fear
I will not fear
When the enemy
Comes near

On the doorframe
Of my life
Is the blood
Of Jesus Christ

I will not fear
I will not fear

There's an army
Of angels here

I'm protected
On all sides
By the blood
Of Jesus Christ

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Apostle's Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration
Confession
Thanksgiving
Supplication

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: The Holy Scriptures proclaim that God is "...*gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.*" Be assured that on account of Christ Jesus and His sacrifice on the Cross, God forgives you all your sins.

A: Amen.

L: With the Saints of every generation, we proclaim the church's ancient song:

A: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again, Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Words Of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

How Deep The Father's Love

ALL: How deep the Father's love for us. How vast beyond all measure. That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His Treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away. As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

A: Amen.

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.

Benediction

L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

A: Amen.

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

Closing Song: ***No Longer Slaves***

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
'Till all my fears are gone

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

From my mother's womb
You have chosen me
Your love has called my name
I've been born again to Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

Oh—oh
Oh—oh
Oh—oh
Oh—oh

Oh—oh
Oh—oh
Oh—oh
Oh—oh

You split the sea
So I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned
In perfect love
You rescued me

So I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

I am a child of God

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"The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter." Acts 15:6

Sermon Notes The Church Deliberated

- ⇒ What was the foundational issue in this debate?

- ⇒ What disagreements are important in a church family?

- ⇒ Who is the Holy Spirit asking you to reconcile with?

Those To Pray For

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE:

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER: Pam Morbeck, Tom Walker, Edna Hollar, Joy Hodak, Charles Simpson, Carolyn Schell, Elizabeth Ford, Scribner Family, Joyce Wheeler, Diane Debien, Fred Dais, Patty Komisar, Judy Clymer, Lynda Dunn, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, St. Paul's homebound

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES: Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey Olman