



5th Sunday of Lent  
March 22, 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 Your Word. Help us to have hearts like the Bereans and study Your Word on a daily basis. Let us meet people where they need us and share your Word with them.  
Amen.

Song: ***The River Is Here***

Down the mountain  
The river flows  
And it brings refreshing  
Wherever it goes

Through the valley  
And over the fields  
The river is rushing  
And the river is here

The river of God  
Sets our feet a-dancing

The river of God  
Fills our hearts with cheer

The river of God  
Fills our mouths with laughter  
And we rejoice  
For the river is here

The river of God  
Is teeming with life  
And those who touch it  
Can be revived

And those who linger  
On this river shore  
Will come back thirsting  
For more of the Lord

The river of God sets  
Our feet a-dancing  
The river of God  
Fills our hearts with cheer

The river of God  
Fills our mouths with laughter  
And we rejoice  
For the river is here

Up to the mountain  
We love to go  
To find the presence  
Of the Lord

Along the banks  
Of the river we run  
We dance with laughter  
Giving praise to the Son

The river of God  
Sets our feet a-dancing  
The river of God  
Fills our hearts with cheer

The river of God  
Fills our mouths with laughter  
And we rejoice  
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Song: ***The Lion And The Lamb***

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion  
The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb  
The lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow  
Before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

So open the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

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Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty (3x)  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord

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#### Scripture Psalm 2:1-3

*"Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, 'Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.'"*

#### Acts 17:10-13

*"The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men. But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds."*

#### Luke 4:18-19

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

#### Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

**A. Thanks be to God!**

Song: ***Who Am I***

Who am I  
That the Lord of all the earth  
Would care to feel my hurt

Who am I  
That the Bright and Morning star  
Would choose to light the way  
For my ever wand’ring heart

Not because of who I am  
But because of what You’ve done  
Not because of what I’ve done  
But because of who You are

I am a flower quickly fading  
Here today and gone tomorrow  
A wave tossed in the ocean  
A vapor in the wind

Still You hear me when I’m calling  
Lord you catch me when I’m falling  
And You’ve told me who I am  
I am Yours, I am Yours

Who am I  
That the eyes that see my sin  
Would look on me with love  
And watch me rise again

Who am I  
That the voice that calmed the sea  
Would call out through the rain  
And calm the storm in me

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I am Yours

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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: ***Do It Again***

There's nothing worth more,  
That could ever come close  
No thing can compare  
You're our living hop  
Your presence Lord

I've tasted and seen  
Of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free  
And my shame is undone  
Your presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your presence Lord  
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Let us become more aware  
Of Your presence  
Let us experience the glory  
Of Your goodness

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## **Sermon Notes**

### **The Church Embraced**

- ⇒ What about in today’s culture could we use to share the gospel as Paul did in Athens?
  
- ⇒ In what ways could you become more like the Berens?
  
- ⇒ Paul uses wise words to communicate the gospel. Who would you turn to for similar arguments today?

## **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