

DISMISSAL

Go now, drink deeply from the grace of Christ,
and let living water flow through you to a dry and
weary world. Go refreshed, renewed, and sent in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

God of Grace
CWM RHONDDA

Paul Manz
Charly Sly, organ

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8:45 AM

MARCH 8,
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3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640

March 8, 2026, 8:45 am

PRELUDE

Kuortane stg. Sulo Salonen

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Come to the well where grace waits patiently.
Come to the rock that breaks open with mercy.
Come to the place where God meets thirsty hearts.

We come thirsting for living water.

In deserts of fear and wandering, God brings streams.
In moments of weariness, Christ speaks our name.
Nothing is hidden; nothing is beyond redemption.

We come to be known and loved.

Here, the ordinary becomes holy ground.
Here, strangers become witnesses.
Here, the Spirit flows like water that never runs dry.

Fill us, O God, with living water.

And may the blessing of the Father, the Son, and the ✝ Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you, now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW #618

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

Come to the Water of Life



1 All who are thirst-y for mer - cy, all who are thirst-y for
 2 All who are thirst-y for heal - ing, all who are thirst-y for
 3 All who are thirst-y for beau - ty, all who are thirst-y for
 4 All who are thirst-y for jus - tice, all who are thirst-y for



love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
 touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,



come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
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Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
 Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever
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BENEDICTION

Go now, carried by the love of the Creator who brings water from rock and makes a way through every wilderness.

Go now, renewed by the grace of Christ, who meets you at the well, knows your story, and fills you with living water that never runs dry.

Go now, empowered by the Spirit, flowing like a hidden spring within you, giving courage for the journey, compassion for the world, and joy that spills over into new life.

Let us worship the One who refreshes the weary,
 who calls us from dryness into life.
We worship in spirit and in truth.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #777 (vs. 1-4)

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty



1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
 2 "Come to me, all trav-lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
 3 "Come to me, be - liev-ers bur-dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
 4 "Come to me, re - pen-tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939
 Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844
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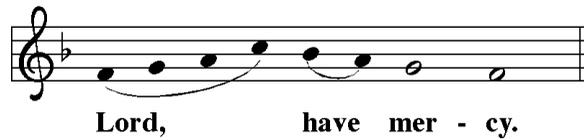
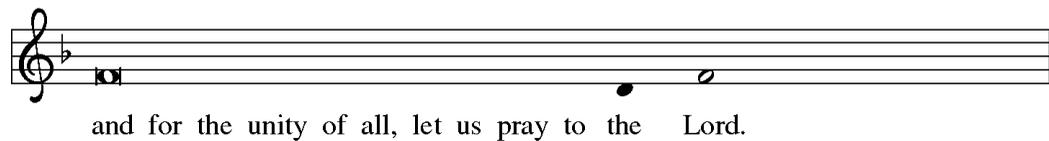
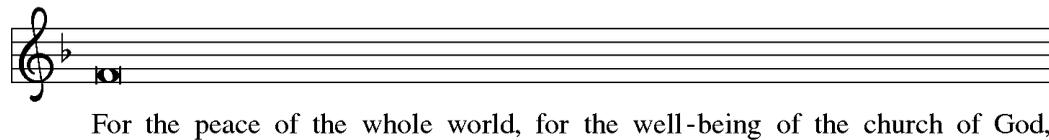
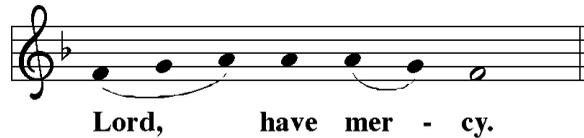
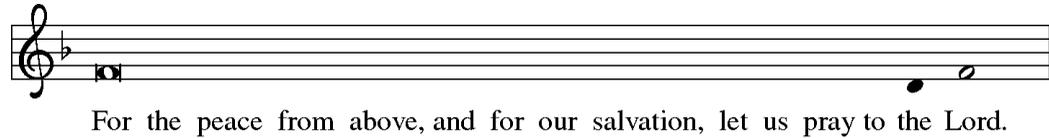
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

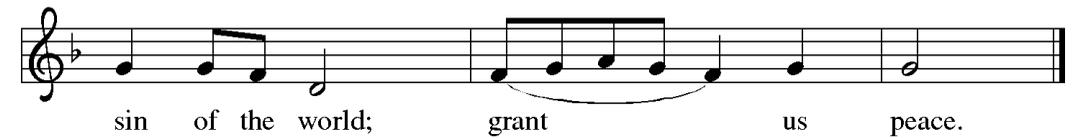
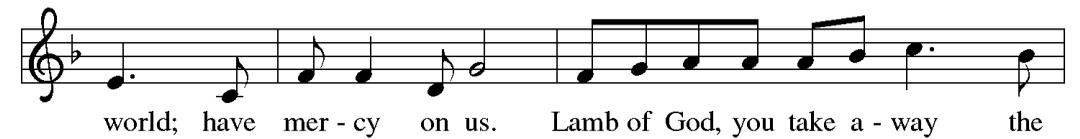
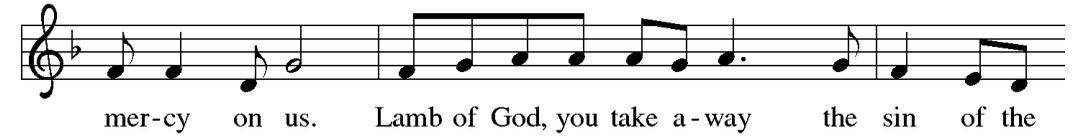
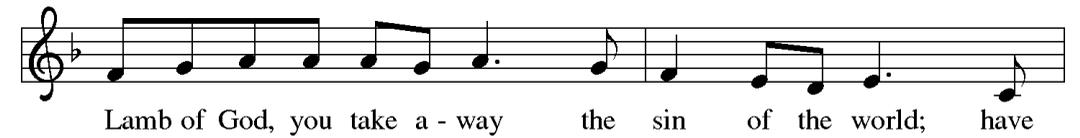
And also with you.

KYRIE

Amy Danielsen, cantor



LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed by coming forward and receiving the bread and wine. The center cups (white) are non-alcoholic grape juice. Upon receiving, please put empty cups in baskets provided. If you prefer gluten free, please ask Pastor who is distributing. Please proceed up the center aisle returning to your seat via the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Come to the Water of Life

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O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW #658

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
**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.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, you meet us in the wilderness places of our lives when our spirits run dry, bringing water from the rock and hope where we least expect it. At the well, Christ offered living water that turns thirst into new life and strangers into witnesses of your grace. Come to us again, O Lord; break open the hard places within us, quench our deepest thirst, and fill us with your Spirit, that we may worship in spirit and in truth and go out renewed to share your love with a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ, our living water and our hope. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

KIDS' PRAISE

*At this time children age 3 – grade 5 are now dismissed,
at the parent's discretion, to the Chapel.*

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

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Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the LORD among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.

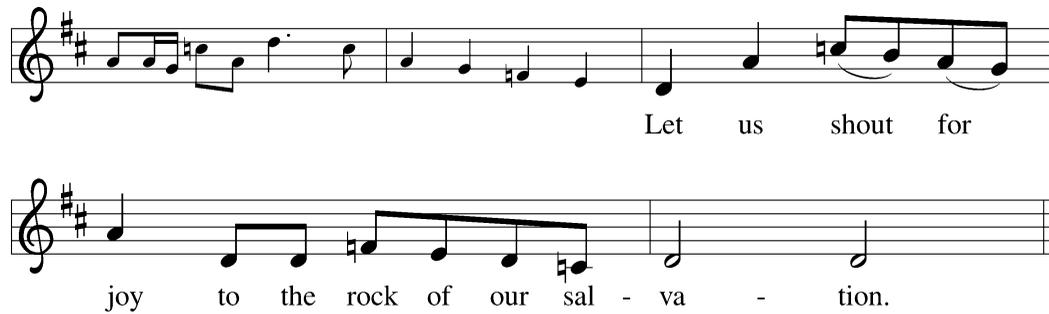
The reading is concluded:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.



PSALM 95

Amy Danielsen, cantor

Refrain



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- ¹ Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- ² Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms. **R**

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Softly and Tenderly

arr. Jantz A. Black
JuBLLation

OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and transformation, we bring these gifts as signs of lives being re-shaped by your grace. In this season of repentance and renewal, take what we offer — our resources, our hopes, our imperfect hearts — and use them to bring living water to a thirsty world. Where there is scarcity, create abundance. Where there is fear, awaken generosity. Where there is wandering, lead us toward your way of life. Receive our offerings for the sake of Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Jesus meets us at the well —not when we are polished or prepared, but when we are thirsty, weary, and carrying the stories we would rather hide. In honesty and hope, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Silence for reflection.

**Merciful God,
we confess that we often come to the well with empty hands
and guarded hearts.
We thirst for meaning, yet seek quick comfort.
We long to be known, yet hide behind masks.
We avoid the deep places where healing begins,
choosing familiarity over transformation.
Forgive us for the ways we turn away from you
and from one another.
Speak truth to us, even when it is uncomfortable.
Meet us again with living water.**

Hear the good news: Christ meets us where we are — not where we pretend to be. The one who knew the woman at the well completely loved her fully and sent her out renewed. So it is with you. In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, your thirst is met with grace, and your life is made new.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

- ³ For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
- ⁴ In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.
- ⁵ The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- ⁶ Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker. **R**
- ⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!
- ⁸ "Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.
- ⁹ There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
- ¹⁰ Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'
- ¹¹ Indeed I swore in my anger,
'They shall never come to my rest.' " **R**

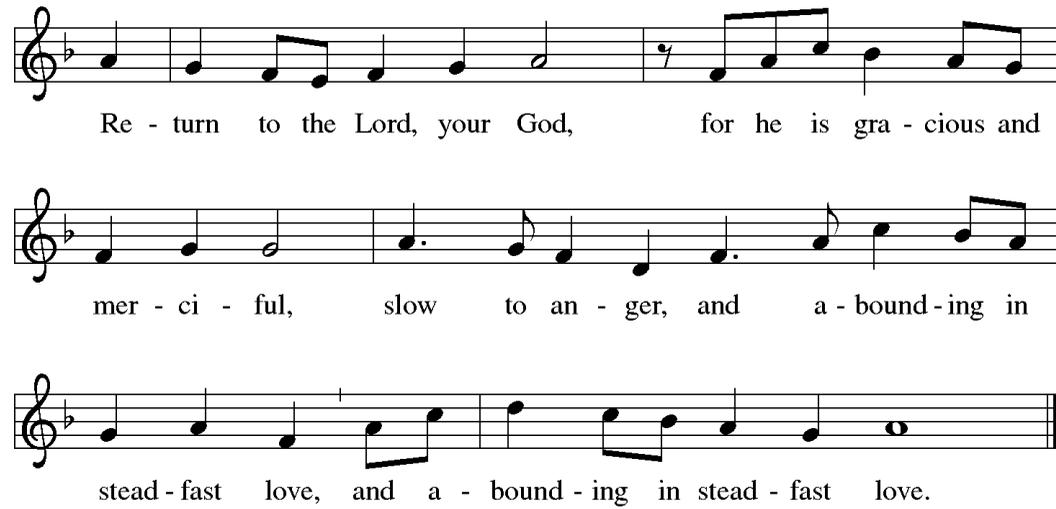
SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

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Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

The reading is concluded:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 4th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

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Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

After the reading:
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

Jeff Gramza

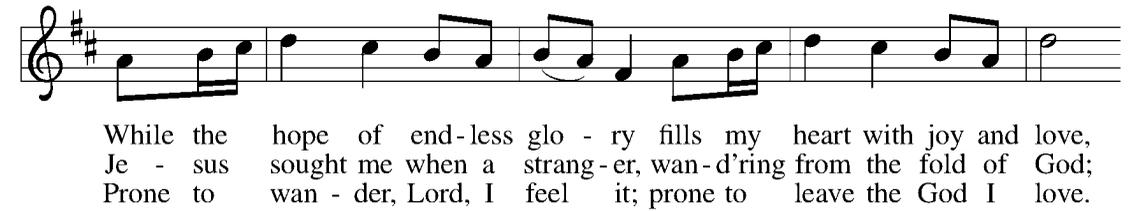
HYMN OF THE DAY

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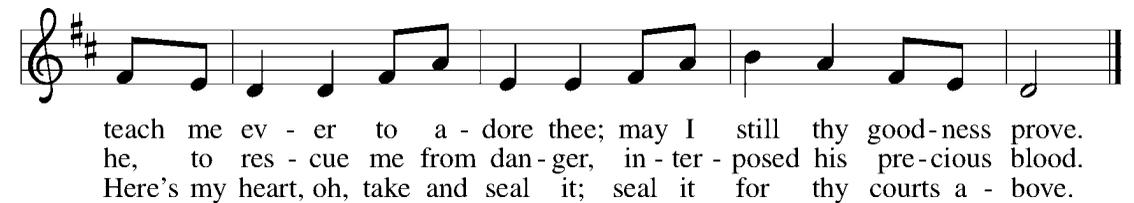
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813