

March 1, 2026

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE Sonatina in C, 1st Mvt. by Clementi; Hattie Ray, Piano

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called to follow Jesus.

**People: But following Jesus isn't easy.**

Leader: No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

**People: It will change our whole lives.**

Leader: Come, all of you. Come and learn of the Lord Jesus.

**People: Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and guidance.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

\*HYMN #375 Shall We Gather at the River

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, who made covenants with our ancestors, we gather before you as rebellious people. It was You who journeyed alongside our ancestors in the wilderness, protecting them and never giving up on them. As we wander through the wilderness on our own Lenten journeys, we admit that we have fallen short; we turn away from You, forgetting to acknowledge how desperately we need your presence, your love, and your guidance in our lives. We become distracted by the fake glitter of the world that shines momentarily in moments of darkness. You promise us new life in Christ, but we shrink back in fear, clinging to our death-dealing ways. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty. Fill us with your love and spirit. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.**

Leader: Let us continue our confession together in silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God shows steadfast love and blesses the thousandth generation of those who walk in God's ways. In love, God sent Jesus to bless and redeem God's people. God forgives us our sins and restores us to new life. Let us rejoice in God's mercy!

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:1-9

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM Let Us Break Bread Together

SECOND READING

John 3:1-17

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON Born From Above

SILENT REFLECTION

**RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

\*HYMN #526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING Sonatina in C, 2nd Movement

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\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\*CHARGE AND SENDING

POSTLUDE Sonatina in C, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Movements

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Lenten Small groups are happening every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the library through the season of Lent. The small groups are led by Pastor Brett and all are welcome! No need to prepare, just show up for some in depth discussion! Email [brett@erpc.org](mailto:brett@erpc.org) with any questions!

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### Holy Week Schedule

Sunday March 29 at 9:30 - Palm Sunday Service and brunch  
Thursday April 2 at 5:30 - Maundy Thursday Service  
Friday April 3 at 6:30 - Good Friday Service

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ERPC Volunteer Day at Edward's Community Market  
Tuesday March 3 - 10 am to noon.  
Contact Pat Helt: [phelt176@gmail.com](mailto:phelt176@gmail.com)

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