

March 8, 2026

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE For the Beauty of the Earth

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has entrusted us with much: life, grace, and gifts

**People: We are not owners, but stewards of God's abundant blessings.**

Leader: Let us not hide our light or bury our treasures in the shadows of fear.

**People: But let us seek to be faithful with the "little things" so we may multiply God's love in the world.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

\*HYMN #757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory.

You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted and continually grasp for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness.

Forgive us, Lord and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good.

**Leader: Let us continue our confession together in silence.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Church, hear the Good News: Jesus Christ is present in our lives. Christ is a wellspring of mercy that never runs dry. Know you are forgiven and be at peace!

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

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

FIRST READING

PSALM 98

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

Brother

SECOND READING

Matt 25:31-46

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**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

Jesus's Challenge

SILENT REFLECTION

**RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*HYMN #766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

To share a joy or concern: Click [HERE](#) or use the QR code

OFFERING

What Wondrous Love

To give online: Click [HERE](#), or use the QR code

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

Brother

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Lenten Small groups every Sunday at 8:30 a.m., and Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. The small groups are led by Pastor Brett. 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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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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Decorate our church on Easter morning by purchasing a \$15 Easter Lily, in honor or memory of a loved one. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex, and you can pay online.

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