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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
ENGLISH AND JAPANESE JOINT WORSHIP
MARCH 15, 2026 • 10:00 am**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Please be sure to silence your cell phones. Thank you!)

PRELUDE 前奏 – Shane Cantanho

WELCOME 歓迎: — Mark Teagle, Director of Spiritual Formation, Community Engagement, and Music

***CALL TO WORSHIP 招きの言葉** – Barbara Hiura

One: Dearly beloved, as we continue our journey through this season of Lent, let us be grateful for all that makes us glad to be alive.

All: We are grateful for blue skies and sunshine,

One: For seasons and strawberries,

All: For flowers and fertile fields,

One: For good books and new ideas,

All: For great music and deep mystery,

One: For water and wisdom,

All: For friends and family,

One: For faith and courage,

All: For hope and joy,

One: For justice and peace,

All: and for this church, this country and the freedoms we cherish!

One: Above all, we are grateful for the gift of God's patience, the grace of God's acceptance, and the comfort of knowing that God is with us, we are never alone.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

One: Let us be in a spirit of prayer.

***OPENING PRAYER 祈禱** – Barbara Hiura

Loving God, as we continue our journey through Lent, may your wisdom inspire us with brightness, may your deep joy shine out from our eyes, may the splendor of your glory glow out through our actions, and may you capture our cold hearts with your love until we are full of the warmth of compassion and the light of life, as was Jesus our brother with whom we gather and through whom we pray. Amen

***SONG: “Uncontained!”** – Wesley Praise Band

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Uncontained!
Unrestrained!
Unexplained!
You remain
uncontained!

We try to box you in, lock you down,
make you stay the same.
But you come to knock the walls down,
roll the stone away!
Far beyond what we could ask or imagine,
thoughts we could entertain.
Lord, we try to make you small,
but you cannot be contained.

Uncontained! (*Bursting out, never detained!*)
Unrestrained! (*Breaking through every chain!*)
Unexplained! (*Far beyond our human domain.*)
You remain (*you remain*)
uncontained!

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***SONG: “Way Maker”** – Wesley Praise Band

Words and music by Losinachi Kalu and Okoro Egbu.

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You are here, moving in our midst;
I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, working in this place;
I worship you, I worship you.

You are here, moving in our midst;
I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, working in this place;
I worship you, I worship you.

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
my God, that is who you are.

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
my God, that is who you are.

You are here, touching every heart;

I worship you, I worship you.

You are here, healing every heart;

I worship you, I worship you.

You are here, turning lives around;

I worship you, I worship you.

You are here, mending every heart;

I worship you, I worship you.

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
my God, that is who you are.

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
my God, that is who you are.

Even when I don't see it, you're working.

Even when I don't feel it, you're working.

You never stop, you never stop working.

You never stop, you never stop working.

Even when I don't see it, you're working.

Even when I don't feel it, you're working.

You never stop, you never stop working.

You never stop, you never stop working.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker,

Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
my God, that is who you are.

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
my God, that is who you are.

That is who you are. That is who you are.
That is who you are. That is who you are.
That is who you are. That is who you are.
That is who you are. That is who you are.

Children, Youth, and Teachers excused to their classes.

ANTHEM: “Steal Away” — Chancel Choir

with Jeffrey Bao, violin

Traditional Spiritual arr. by Howard Helvey

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VIDEO: “Free to Choose” — Hikaru Bakoshi

SCRIPTURE聖書: — Barbara Hiura

Galatians 5:1, 13-14

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ¹⁴For

the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

JAPANESE SCRIPTURE 聖書: –

Miyuki Nakazato 中里美由紀

ガラテヤの信徒への手紙5章1節, 13節-14節 (新共同訳)

¹この自由を得させるために、キリストはわたしたちを自由の身にしてくださったのです。だから、しっかりしなさい。奴隷の軛に二度とつながれてはなりません。

¹³兄弟たち、あなたがたは、自由を得るために召し出されたのです。ただ、この自由を、肉に罪を犯させる機会とせず、愛によって互いに仕えなさい。¹⁴律法全体は、「隣人を自分のように愛しなさい」という一句によって全うされるからです。

MESSAGE 説教: “Free to Choose” – Rev. Dick Corson

HYMN: “Who You Say I Am” – Wesley Praise Band

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Who am I that the highest King
would welcome me.

I was lost but he brought me in.

Oh, his love for me. Oh, his love for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.

I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Free at last, he has ransomed me,
his grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin,
Jesus died for me. Yes he died for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.
In my Father's house there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken.
I am who you say I am.
You are for me, not against me.
I am who you say I am.
I am chosen, not forsaken.
I am who you say I am.
You are for me, not against me.
I am who you say I am.
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I'm a child of God, yes I am.

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERING 献金 : — Barbara Hiura

OFFERTORY MUSIC – Shane Cantanho

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Words and Music by Martin Luther Public Domain

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***DOXOLOGY 頌栄** – Wesley Praise Band

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" words by Thomas Ken | music by Luis Bourgeois | words and music Public Domain

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

In Japanese:

A-me-tsu-chi ko-zo-ri-te

Ka-shi-ko-mi ta-ta-e-yo

Mi-me-gu-mi a-fu-ru-ru

Chi-chi mi-ko mi-ta-ma wo. Amen

***OFFERTORY PRAYER 祈禱** – Barbara Hiura

Loving God, even as we choose to come to this church rooted in love, formed in faith, and committed to justice, we also choose to support it not only with our presence but with our prayers, our service, our tithes, and our offerings. May we as a community, committed to pleasing you, continue to love you with heart, mind, soul and strength, and to love our neighbors as we would want to be loved ourselves. In such love may we find true

freedom as did Christ our Lord in whose name we pray.
Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER 牧会祈祷: — Rev. John Oda

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Creator, 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. Amen.

***SONG: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” UMH #474**

— Wesley Praise Band

Words and Music by Thomas A. Dorsey

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Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

***BENEDICTION** 祝禱: – Rev. Dick Corson

***RESPONSE** 応答 – “Go Now In Peace” – Shane Cantanho

Words and Music: Don Besig OneLicense 735877-A.

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE MUSIC 後奏: — Shane Cantanho

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*Please stand if you are able.