

**Morning Worship**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 22, 2026**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods (Psalm 95:1-3).

**Adoration**

**Opening Hymn**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (TH457)*

*Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fix'd upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it – prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

**Invocation**

**The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Confession**

**Call to Confession**

Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, “Return, faithless Israel, declares the Lord. I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful, declares the Lord; I will not be angry forever” (Jeremiah 3:12).

### **Corporate Confession of Sin**

O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. From the days of our fathers to this day we have been in great guilt. And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken your commandments. O Lord, the God of Israel, you are just, for we are left a remnant that has escaped, as it is today. Behold, we are before you in our guilt, for none can stand before you because of this (Ezra 9:6-7, 10, 15).

### **Silent Confession of Sin**

#### **Assurance**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins (Isaiah 43:25).

#### **Thanksgiving**

#### **Offertory**

#### **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavn'ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### **Offertory Prayer**

#### **Petition and Intercession**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Silent Prayer for the Salvation of Others**

#### **Instruction**

#### **Hymn of Preparation**

*Dear refuge of my weary soul, on Thee, when sorrows rise  
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, My fainting hope relies  
To Thee I tell each rising grief, For Thou alone canst heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, For every pain I feel*

*Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul*

*But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine  
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee though prostrate in the dust*

*Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace, be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends the mourner's prayer  
Oh may I ever find access, to breathe my sorrows there*

*Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet,  
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With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet.*

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### **Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 118:5-9

**Leader:** The word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

### **New Testament Reading**

Hebrews 13:4-6

**Leader:** The word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

### **Sermon**

Hebrews 13:4-6

### **Communion**

#### **Hymn of Preparation**

*Jesus, Strong and Kind*

*Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.  
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.*

*Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.*

*Chorus: For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.*

*Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him. Chorus*

*Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me.  
And he showed me on that cross, He will come to me. Chorus X2*

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### **Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sursum Corda

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And with your spirit.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation: It is good and right to do so.**

We welcome to Communion (also called The Lord's Table or The Eucharist) all baptized Christians who have received and are resting on Jesus alone for salvation, and are communing members of any church that faithfully proclaims the gospel. If that does not currently describe you, we invite you to participate by observing but not partaking of the elements – in part because of the warnings Scripture gives those who partake of the Supper without discerning its spiritual significance; but also because we don't want you to express something with your body that isn't true of your heart and mind, namely, that you're trusting in and depending on Jesus as your Lord and Savior. We invite you to take this time to consider what you've seen and heard in the worship service, including Jesus' love for sinners as it is portrayed in this meal. There's also a prayer below for those considering Christianity that you might wish to pray. If this raises questions or concerns, we welcome them and invite you to address them to our pastor or elders.

*Prayer for those searching for truth:* Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If you are real, please open my heart and mind to the truth of who you are and what you have done in your life, death, and resurrection. Give me faith to trust you for salvation and satisfaction, and to follow you as my Lord. Help me to see this as the only way to the life you promise and for which I long. Amen.

*Prayer for Christians:* Lord, you have prepared for me a feast; and though I am unworthy to sit down as a guest, I rest on the merits of Jesus, and come clothed in his righteousness. While I see the bread and the cup, may I ponder why Jesus died and hear him say, "I gave my life to purchase yours, presented myself as an offering to satisfy divine justice, shed my blood to blot out your guilt, opened my side to make you clean, endured your curses to set you free." May I obey, extend the hand, take the bread, receive the cup, eat and drink, testify before all that I gladly receive Jesus to be my life, strength, nourishment, joy, delight. In the Supper give me assurance of pardon, adoption, life, and glory. As the outward elements nourish my body, may your Spirit invigorate my soul, until that day when I hunger and thirst no more, and sit with Jesus at his heavenly feast. Amen.

- excerpted and adapted from *Valley of Vision*, "The Lord's Supper"

## Charge and Blessing

### Closing Hymn

*All I Have Is Christ*

*I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way;  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.*

*But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;  
And I beheld God's love displayed, you suffered in my place,  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace!*

Chorus: *Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life! X2*

*Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose  
And let my song forever be my only boast is You. Chorus X2*

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### Benediction