

Morning Worship
Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD! (Psalm 117:1-2).

Adoration

Opening Hymn

Oh, How Good to Be Together

*Oh, how good to be together in this weary world we trod.
What a gift, and what a treasure; kindred in the house of God.*

*On this day the Lord has fashioned, come rejoice with all your might.
Raise a banner of salvation; He has led us through the night.*

*Chorus: Oh, the joy, oh, the sweetness, to be gathered in the name of the Lord.
Evermore, he will keep us, from the valley to the golden shore.*

*When it looked like evil conquered, when we felt the darkest hour,
In despair we sought the Father, he has proved his mighty power. Chorus*

*Tell the theme of his provision, how he met our every need.
He has been our firm foundation, he will ever, always be. Chorus X2*

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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

“What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written: ‘None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God.’ ... Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin” (Romans 3:9-11, 19-20).

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Father of mercies, we recognize and confess that we have sinned against you by what we have thought, spoken, and done. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Therefore, we seek you, to plead with you, O God: forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and guide us by your mercy in what we should be. Do this, we pray, so that we may hereafter do what is pleasing your sight and walk in the way of your commandments, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Adapted from the *Book of Common Worship*

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance

Assurance of Pardon

... God put [Christ Jesus] forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ... For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith (Romans 3:25-26, 28-30).

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

My Worth is Not In What I Own

*My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.*

*My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.*

*Chorus: I rejoice in my Redeemer – Greatest treasure, Well-spring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

*As summer flowers we fade and die; Fame, youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.*

*I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. Chorus*

*Two wonders here that I confess: My worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed – my ransom paid at the cross. ChorusX2*

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Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 3:1-4

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading

Romans 12:1-16

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Romans 12:9-16

Communion

Hymn of Preparation

Take My Life, and Let It Be (TH585)

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,*

swift and beautiful for thee.

*Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.*

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

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought! (TH600)

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: *He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:*

his faithful foll'wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

*Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. Refrain*

*Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. Refrain*

*And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. Refrain*

Benediction