

## Worship Service for March 8, 2026

Welcome and Announcements .....Martha Thompson

### Upcoming Events

**Monday & Tuesday**..... Pastor Theresa will not have office hours

Monday 2pm ..... Uplift Cancer Support Group Linda H home

**7pm via zoom**..... Preservation meeting

**Tuesday 7pm** Prayer group/book study. We will be discussing ch 9 & 10 of What Happens Next by Max Lucado

**Wednesday 5pm** .....Church Leadership Counsel at church and Zoom.

**Saturday 9am** ... FOCUS Men's breakfast; Come and get filled both physically and spiritually.

**Sunday 8:30**..... Mary & Martha will be meeting at the firehouse.

PORK ROAST TAKE-OUT DINNER  
ON THURSDAY MARCH 19  
from 4:30-6:00 pm  
Pork Roast, Gravy  
Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans, Applesauce  
Cake for Dessert  
Donation: \$15.00  
Sponsored by the  
Mary & Martha Fellowship

For Reservations  
Call Martha Thompson 802-362-3473 (H)  
or Lisa Towslee 802-362-3076 (H)

### Happy Birthday to:

Allan McGraw on Wednesday and Joe Mylott on Thursday

Thank you to Barb Towsley for the flowers in memory of her husband Sherman

**Word of Preparation** - Martha Thompson

**Mission's moment.**

**Prelude** ~ Cares Chorus

I cast all my cares upon You.  
I lay all of my burdens  
Down, at Your feet.  
And anytime, that I don't know,  
Just what to do,  
I will cast all my cares upon You.

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**Call to Worship** ~ from the Week of Prayer for World Peace, 1978. Please join in reading the bold lines.

Lord, we pray  
**for the power to be gentle,**  
**the strength to be forgiving,**  
**the patience to be understanding,**  
**and the endurance to accept the consequences**  
**of holding to what we believe to be right.**

May we  
**put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil**  
**and the power of love to overcome hatred.**

We pray

**for the vision to see and the faith to believe  
in a world emancipated from violence.**

Help us  
**to devote our whole life, thought and energy  
to the task of making peace,  
praying always for the inspiration and the power  
to fulfill the destiny for which we were created.**

**Hymn - #485** Blue: Hymnal: Diverse in culture, Nation, Race

Verse 1

Diverse in culture, nation, race,  
we come together by your grace.  
God, let us be a meeting ground,  
where hope and healing love are found.

Verse 2

God, let us be a bridge of care,  
connecting people everywhere.  
Help us confront all fear and hate.  
And lust for pow'r that separate.

Verse 3

When chasms widen, storms arise,  
Oh, Holy Spirit, make us wise.  
Let our resolve, like steel, be strong,  
to stand with those who suffer wrong.

Verse 4

God, let us be a table, spread  
with gifts of love and broken bread,  
Where all find welcome, Grace attends,  
and enemies arise as friends.

**Praying Together ~**

**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**

**Hymn - #492** Blue Hymnal: Many Are the Lightbeams

Verse 1

Many are the lightbeams from the one light.  
Our one light is Jesus.  
Many are the lightbeams from the one light;  
we are one in Christ.

Verse 2

Many are the branches of the one tree.  
Our one tree is Jesus.  
Many are the branches of the one tree;  
we are one in Christ.

Verse 3

Many are the gifts giv'n, love is all one.  
Love's the gift of Jesus.  
Many are the gifts giv'n, love is all one;  
We are one in Christ

Verse 4

Many ways to serve God, the spirit is one;  
Servant spirit of Jesus.

Many ways to serve God, the spirit is one;  
We are one in Christ.

Verse 5

Many are the members, the body is one;  
members all of Jesus.

Many are the members, the body is one;  
We are one in Christ.

**Intro to sermon** - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

**Scripture text** - 1 Peter 4:7-11 (CEV)

<sup>7</sup>But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. <sup>8</sup>And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." <sup>9</sup>Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. <sup>11</sup>If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Sermon** - "Living for Today." - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

**Song** - Love Can Build a Bridge

Intro

Love can build a bridge.  
Don't you think it's time?  
Don't you think it's time?

Verse 1

I'd gladly walk across the desert, With no shoes upon my feet.  
To share with you, the last bite of bread I had to eat.  
I would swim out to save you, In your sea of broken dreams.

When all your hopes are sinking;  
Let me show you what love means.

Chorus

Love can build a bridge,  
Between your heart and mine.  
Love can build a bridge.  
Don't you think it's time?  
Don't you think it's time?

Verse 2

I would whisper love so loudly, Every heart would understand,  
That love and only love, Can join the tribes of man.  
I would give my heart's desire, So that you might see,  
The first step is to realize, That it all begins with you and me

Chorus

Bridge.  
When we stand together; It's our finest hour.  
We can do anything! Anything!  
If we keep believing in the power.  
Chorus

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**Benediction** -

If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world. So let it be.

**Purpose:**  
**To share the love of Jesus.**

**Vision:**  
**Beacon of hope, welcoming all.**

**Mission:**  
**Worship God, Follow Jesus, Rely on the Holy Spirit, and Love  
Everyone.**



**March 1, 2026**

"Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly,  
leave the rest to God"

**Ronald Reagan**