

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Today is the Third Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE See *How Good It Is* (Psalm 133) | Worship Team

GATHERING

Welcome & Call to Worship Rachel Moury

Jesus Messiah

Prayers of the People Pastor Melissa Lowther

The Lord's Prayer

Offering *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

HEARING THE WORD

Sermon Pastor David Flowers

RESPONDING

Let Us Be Known By Our Love

Special Offering *My Coins Count* | Children's Choir

Baptisms

SENDING

Doxology

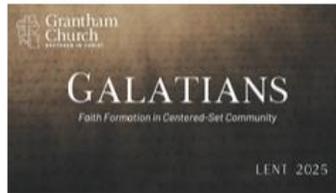
Benediction

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LENTEN STAINED GLASS

The final set of stained glass for our Sanctuary platform was created last fall by a group of Grantham arts team folks. The pieces were designed by Kelle Alonso, who stated: "This design depicts wilderness landscape with barren trees and road through the wilderness towards the light." Stained glass by its nature evokes community and beauty through brokenness. As we worship during Lent this year, we are reminded we are not alone when we experience difficult times. We have a community to walk with us, and a Suffering Savior who endured great hardship to redeem us.

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Belonging to Christ Through Faith

GENESIS 12:3,15:6
GALATIANS 3:1-29
EPHESIANS 2:8-9

In Galatians chapter 3, Paul further explains the purpose of the law of Moses, how God's covenant works, and how all disciples of Jesus can become children of God through faith in Christ. All of this is in keeping with Paul's efforts to encourage these believers to embrace the gospel of God's grace and move away from bounded thinking to a centered-set practice of community. In the third message of our series, Pastor David invites us to see how we can all belong to Christ and be one in him.

Galatians current sermon series

The Apostle Paul wrote a passionate letter to the churches in Galatia that has the potential to lead us to more profoundly experience the liberating work of Jesus in and through Christian community. Paul wrote, "My children—I seem to be in labor with you all over again, until the Messiah is fully formed in you!" Join us for Lent 2025 as we explore this letter to better understand the problem that provoked Paul to write it, and as we seek to gain new insights by using the concept of bounded, fuzzy, and centered-set churches as a lens for interpreting and applying Galatians to our lives.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

WANT TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

If you are interested in joining with others to share life and dive deeper into the sermon and what it means for our lives, go to our website to learn more about getting connected (granthamchurch.org/small-groups).

SERMON RESOURCES granthamchurch.org/sermons

Sermons are posted online every Monday along with small group discussion questions and other sermon resources (e.g. sermon slides, sermon audio, service video, etc.).

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TODAY

Love In Action 12PM

Youth Group 6PM

THIS WEEK

Wonderful Winter Wednesdays WED, MAR 26, 6-7:30PM

Grandmothers in Prayer THUR, MAR 27, 9:30AM

Lenten Prayer Gathering THUR, MAR 27, 6:30PM

Men's Bible Study FRI, MAR 28, 6:45AM

Sing & Play FRI, MAR 28, 9:30-10:15 & 10:30-11:15AM

Spring Clean-Up SAT, MAR 29, 9AM-1PM

NEXT SUNDAY Mar 30

Learning Communities 9AM

Children's Choir 10-10:20AM

Worship Service 10:30AM

Super SPUDtacular Spectacle of Youth after service

SAVE THE DATE

Moms Together WED, APR 2, 9:30-11AM

GriefWork Group Begins WED, APR 2, 6:30PM

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David Flowers senior pastor
Melissa Lowther discipleship pastor
David Perry worship arts pastor
Denise Fogelsanger children's pastor
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GIVING, ATTENDANCE, & VIEWS

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Year to Date Budget \$203,697

Year to Date Giving \$181,084

LAST WEEK

Giving \$21,336

Attendance 298

Livestream 173



Simon Kyllonen

Hi everyone! My name is Simon Kyllonen. As I think back on my walk with Christ, I realize that there isn't

really an exact date, event, or time that I can identify as the moment I became a Christian. Rather, as I reflect, I am filled with this sense of gratitude for how ever-present and consistent the Lord has been throughout my life. I am blessed to be born into a loving, Christian household. I am blessed to have parents that are willing to learn, change, and grow in their faith, to ask hard questions and show that faith development doesn't stop at adulthood. I am blessed to go to a church and Christian school where I am surrounded by people who teach me and push me to ask questions and grow. I am blessed to have friends who walk alongside me in my faith and who point me to the Lord when I'm lost.

I first really began to develop my faith the beginning of my senior year of high school. Ever since then, through graduation, a car crash, beginning college, and finding community, the Lord has remained an ever-present source of joy, forgiveness, and protection in my life.

And the more I grow in my faith the more I realize how broken I am, and further, how much I needed saving. I am getting baptized today to show my gratitude for how the Lord has been present throughout my life. I am getting baptized to show that the Lord is my sole source of joy. And I am getting baptized to show that I have been saved and born again in and through Christ, through His unfathomable and awesome love and grace, and have been given the greatest gift of all, salvation.



Nathaniel Kiely

I did not grow up in a Christian home, my parents were both raised Catholic, but apart from a Christmas eve service

here and there, there was no place for religion in my life, and I didn't want one. I had severe social anxiety and eventually fell into depression. I had contemplated taking my own life and when COVID-19 hit at the end of my 8th grade year my plan was solidified. I planned to jump off of Hurricane Mountain on my family's summer trip to the Adirondacks. One day in May, I didn't want to wait that long. As I reached up to grab the knife, I heard a voice say: "What are you doing?".

Being home alone, I thought someone had broken into my house, and I secretly hoped someone had so they could do the work for me. I searched all through my house, there was no one there, and once I finished searching upstairs I heard it again. "What are you doing?".

At that moment, although I never wanted anything to do with religion, I knew God was telling me: "What are you doing with your life? I had so much more planned for you". I completely broke down, ran into my room, fell on my knees and prayed for the first time. Between sobs I said something like "God, please help me" and that was when I first felt the Holy Spirit come into me, and I was overwhelmed by a feeling of peace and even joy as so much of my anxiety and depression was taken away. I began to sob even more, and after I was able to speak again I told God that my life is His and I would spend the rest of it getting to know Him and serving Him.