

10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
March 1, 2026 – 2nd Sunday in Lent  
*A New and Right Spirit*

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Introduction and Welcome

Preparation for Worship / Breath Prayer

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
**from where will my help come?**  
My help comes from the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**  
Please join me in our Opening Prayer.

Opening Prayer

O Lord, as we gather here to worship in this place,  
assure us of your presence through the Holy Spirit,  
that we may be led to follow you this day and always.  
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn No. 37 – *Let All Things Now Living*

1 Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us;  
pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished,  
all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 By law God enforces,  
the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

**Children's Song – *Where Children Belong***

**This, this is where children belong,  
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:  
this is where children belong.**

**Time for Children**

**Children's Prayer**

**Announcement Reminders**

**CONFESSING**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God,  
as we wander through the wilderness this Lent,  
we are aware of our need for your presence,  
your love, your guidance on life's journey.  
Forgive us for turning away from you.  
Forgive our doubt and uncertainty  
that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts  
that don't run deep enough and don't last.  
We come to your well this Lent  
desperate and thirsty for Christ's living water.  
Quench our thirst, we pray.  
Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Lenten Sung Response No. 551 – *Lord Have Mercy***

**Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**And now as forgiven people, I say to you:  
the Peace of Christ be with you.**

**And also, with you.**

**LEARNING**

**Anthem – *Unto the Hills I Lift My Eyes* – Lloyd Larson**

**Lenten Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading – *Psalms 121***

**Sermon**

## RESPONDING

Offering

Offertory

**\*Doxology No. 606** – *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**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. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**God of grace, you provide for all our needs.  
Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude  
and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission  
among the poor, the despairing, and the destitute. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy are you, Mothering God!

In the beginning, you formed us from the earth,  
creating us female and male in the image of you.

And when you beheld what you had made, you said, "This is good."

**Covenanting God, in love and promise,  
you drew us together, welcoming us into one family,  
all of us your children.**

When we found ourselves in slavery,  
you brought us out of bondage and into freedom.

**When we lost our way, you brought us out of exile  
and helped us find our way home.**

Loved and welcomed by you again and again,  
with all your people in every time and place,  
we can only sing your praise:

**Response No. 595** – *Holy, Holy, Holy (Santo, Santo, Santo)*

***Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!***

***Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón te adora!  
Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres, Señor!***

## Communion Prayer

Holy One, when the time was right,  
you came to us in Jesus Christ.  
In Jesus Christ, your Word became flesh  
and dwelt in our midst, fully human, fully you.

**Jesus lived life with us,  
experienced what we experience,  
and felt what we feel.  
Jesus reached out in love  
to the poor and the oppressed  
and the outcast,  
binding up the brokenhearted,  
freeing us from all that would do us harm,  
and extending a healing touch  
to our broken bodies and our troubled hearts.**

Jesus walked with us through the whole of life,  
even unto death, in resurrection,  
bringing us into new life – together and whole.

**In Christ, you welcome us  
into life and renew us day by day.**

Great is the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Holy One, pour out your Spirit upon these,  
your gifts of bread and cup  
that they may be for us –  
and for the whole world –  
your body and your life.

**May this be a table of welcome,  
a visible sign in this world  
of your eternal hospitality and love.**

Triune God, in community with all that you continue to create,  
we pray the prayer that Jesus taught, singing:

## Sung Lord's Prayer for Lent

**Our Father in heaven,  
holy is your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread;  
forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory are yours, forever,  
forever, forever and ever.**

## Words of Institution

## Communion of the People

### Communion Music

**Hymn – *There is a Longing in Our Hearts***  
(Choir to sing verses and Congregation to sing refrain)

Refrain:

**There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,  
for you to reveal yourself to us.  
There is a longing in our hearts for love  
we only find in you, our God.**

**Hymn No. 45 – *I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes***

**1 I to the hills will lift my eyes;  
from whence shall come my aid?  
My help is from the Lord alone,  
who heaven and earth has made.**

**2 God will not let your foot be moved;  
your guardian never sleeps;  
God's watchful and unslumbering care  
protects and safely keeps.**

**3 Your faithful keeper is the Lord,  
your shelter and your shade.  
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night,  
you shall not be afraid.**

**4 From evil God will keep you safe,  
provide for all you need.  
Your going out, your coming in,  
God will forever lead.**

**Hymn No. 7 – *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth***

**1 Mothering God, you gave me birth  
in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of every breath,  
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**

**2 Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
offering me your food of light,  
grain of life, and grape of love,  
your very body for my peace.**

**3 Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,  
in arms of patience hold me close,  
so that in faith I root and grow  
until I flower, until I know.**

### Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

\*Closing Hymn No. 423 – *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

1 Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

2 Cast me not away from your presence;  
cast me not away from your presence;  
cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

3 Restore to me the joy of your salvation;  
restore to me the joy of your salvation;  
restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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