

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
March 8, 2026 – 3rd Sunday in Lent
A New and Right Spirit

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Introduction and Welcome

Preparation for Worship / Breath Prayer

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

Come, let us sing to the Lord!

**Let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!**

Come, let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Opening Prayer

Loving God, as we gather for worship today,
we are tired, weary, and seeking solace.
Refresh us with your Holy Spirit, the living water,
so we may hear your word and pledge ourselves to serve you.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 386 – *Come, Worship God (Psalm 95)

**1 Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!
You are the rock of your people's salvation
to whom our jubilant praises belong.**

**2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;
held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
God above all gods, who gave us our birth.**

**3 We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;
you are our Maker, and to you we pray.
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;
great is the one whom we worship this day!**

**4 Now let us listen, for you speak among us;
open our hearts to receive what you say.
Peace be to all who remember your goodness,
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!**

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

Loving God,
I am sorry for the ways I have hurt you and others
through my words and actions.
Open my heart so your renewing spirit can blow through.
Wash away anger and hurt like a fresh spring rain
and allow joy to bloom in its place.
Amen.

Announcement Reminders

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of endless renewal,
God who calls us to lives restored,
God who rescues
the lost and saves the afflicted,
there are times
when our way grows confused.
We struggle to know what to do.
Or worse, we know what needs
to be done and find it easier
to stay on the wrong path.
Forgive us for failing
to heed opportunities
to follow a better way.
Remind us that you
stand more ready to forgive
than we are to confess
those aspects of our lives
that stand in need of your grace.
And thus forgiven,
help us to lean in to what
you would teach us about
how we are to be.
We pray all these things
in Jesus 'name. 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

Lenten Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading – *Psalm 95*

Sermon

RESPONDING

Hymn of Response No. 451 – *Open My Eyes, That I May See

**1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Affirmation of Faith – from the *Confession of 1967

**God's sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wisdom and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross, and
goodness in receiving sinful men and women.
The power of God's love in Christ
to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer
is the Lord and Creator who made all things
to serve the purpose of God's love.**

Prayers of the People

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.**

Commissioning Departing Members

Jen and Eric Neal with children Adelaide and Benjamin

Offering

Offertory – *There Is a Longing* – Anne Quigley

**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**

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**

**Holy God, from abundance upon abundance,
you have said that we may freely take, and freely share.
As we return to you what is already your own,
we ask that you would bless these gifts and multiply them.
May we, in turn, be blessed,
as we see your reign unfolding before us,
through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

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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