

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
March 22, 2026 – 5th Sunday in Lent
A New and Right Spirit

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Introduction and Welcome

Preparation for Worship / Breath Prayer

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord.

Let your ears hear our supplication.

We wait for you, O God. In your word is our hope.

We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.

Come, let us worship God together in our Opening Prayer.

Opening Prayer

Living God, we come to you today in humility and need.

We pray for life for our wounded souls, for our ailing communities,
for our troubled nation, and for our hurting world.

Call us out of discouragement and despair to rise up in courage and love.

Let your light shine upon our faces, so that, forgiven and renewed,
we may live again as your people, holy and whole, singing praises and
serving with joy through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 791 – *For You, My God, I Wait

1 For you, my God, I wait with hope born of the Word.

Like sleepless ones who long to dream I wait and call my Lord.

2 Lord, hear my pleading voice, and let me know you hear!

As sleepless ones feel rest approach, I know my God is near.

**3 If you should list my faults, the sins of heart and hand,
like sleepless ones who groan at dawn I know I could not stand!**

4 For even from the deep I know you hear my cries.

Like sleepless ones who dream at last, I ease my weary eyes.

**5 And once my soul is still, in you I find my rest,
at peace as though a child upon a gentle mother's breast.**

**6 O God, you are my hope; I know that you forgive.
Your love redeems me from the depths so I may rise and live.**

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 and Children's Prayer

Announcement Reminders

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, we are a busy people.
We become pre-occupied with the demands of work,
our relationships, and our communities.
We tend to focus on our own needs
and fail to see the needs of those around us.
We do that which we should not
and fail to do that which we should.
We ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance
in following the path you have set before us.
Hear us now as we humbly come before you
silently and privately to confess our sin.

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

LEARNING

Anthem – *Broken and Beautiful* – Joseph Martin

Lenten Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading – *Psalms 130, A Song of Ascents*

Sermon

*Affirmation of Faith – excerpted 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 people.
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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lessons from Scriptures

Presentation of Baptism Candidate

Questions to Parents, Sponsor, and Congregation

Vows of Commitment to Parents

Prayers Over the Water

Baptism – Luca Rodolfo Balderrama

Presentation of Gifts

Welcoming Hymn No. 486 – *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

**1 Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

**2 Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits; into joy and laughter lead.**

**3 Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.**

**4 Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.**

Prayers of the People

Sung Lord's Prayer for Lent

Our Father

Our Father

in heaven,

in heaven,

holy is your name.

holy is your name.

Your kingdom come,

Your kingdom come,

your will be done,

your will be done,

on earth

on earth

as in heaven.

as in heaven.

Give us today

Give us today

our daily bread;

our daily bread;

forgive us our sins

forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

who sin against us.

Save us from the time

Save us from the time

of trial,

of trial,

and deliver us

and deliver us

from evil.

from evil.

For the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory are yours, forever.

For the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory are yours, forever.

Forever,

Forever,

and ever.

and ever.

RESPONDING

Offering

Lent Offertory Hymn No. 470 – *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*

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.

1 For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief: be near; hear our prayer, O God.

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.

2 For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear: be near; hear our prayer, O God.

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.

3 For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death: be near; hear our prayer, O God.

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

God of grace, you have gifted us with life in Christ.
Today we bring the gifts of our work and the gifts of our hearts.
May all that we bring and all that we are be your means of grace in the world,
that all people may encounter your good news. 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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