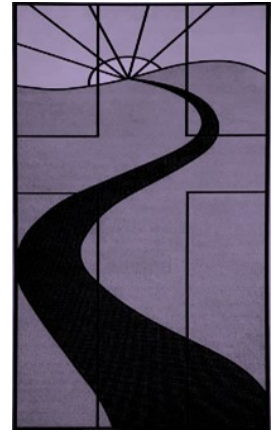


**MARCH 1, 2026 ~ 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT
10:00 A.M. SERVICE**

***Indicates we will rise in body or spirit**



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Diane Ritzema

Welcome

Call to Worship:

God calls us to worship as His children. We live as aliens on an earth we cannot call home. As we walk along the way, He calls us to remember His covenant promises, and follow His example. Let us worship God.

***Songs of Praise: We are People on a Journey**

We are people on a journey,
Following where the Master walks.

We are people on a journey,
In the shadow of the cross.
What compels? The face of Jesus!
Who protects? Our faithful guide:
He who treads the road of service,
Christ the Lord, the crucified.

We are people on a journey,
Taking up the cross of Christ.
We are people on a journey,
Moving on from death to life.
We release the sin that tangles.
We relinquish all acclaim.
We receive the suffering Savior,
He our glory, wealth and fame.

We are people on a journey,

Rising up in life reborn.
We are people on a journey,
Speaking peace, accepting scorn.
We are walking toward a homeland,
To a mystery yet unknown,
To a kingdom coming quickly,
To the light of God's own throne.

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Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with you,
Lead me my whole life through.

I am weak and I need your strength and power
To endure with grace my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with you,
Lead me my whole life through.

Help me walk in the paths of righteousness;
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am trusting you whate'er may be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with you,
Lead me my whole life through.

I am lost if you take your hand from me,

I am blind without your light to see.
Lord, forever may I your servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with you,
Lead me my whole life through.

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God's Greeting/Mutual Greetings

WE ARE RENEWED

Call to Confession:

The way of the cross is a dark way. We follow Christ who said,
"Behold, we go up to Jerusalem."

**ALL: As we follow Christ, we will remember his suffering
along the way, and we will confess that our darkness
put him on that road.**

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever would save their
life will lose it; and whoever loses their life for my sake and the gospel's
will save it" (Mark 8:34-35).

**ALL: Help us, Lord, to be ready to deny ourselves, take up
our crosses, and follow you.**

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and
believe in the gospel."

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Song of Confession: Forgive Our Sins, As We Forgive

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
you taught us, Lord, to pray.
But you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew—
What trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease.
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

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Declaration of Forgiveness: John 8:12

Dedication to Holy Living Psalm 121:

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

ALL: My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;

ALL: indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

ALL: the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

ALL: the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Prayer for our Church:

ALL:

Jesus, our Savior, show Grace Church Your way. As we seek to be Your people in this world, may we stand firm, looking to you for strength and guidance along the way. May we be examples of Your love as we keep our eyes on You. Amen.

Prayers of the People: Diane Ritzema

GOD SPEAKS

***Song of Preparation: I Come to the Cross**

I come to the cross
seeking mercy and grace.
I come to the cross
where You died in my place
Out of my weakness
and into Your strength,
Jesus, I come to the cross.

Your arms are open,
You call me by name,
You welcome this child that was lost.
You paid the price
for my guilt and my shame.
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come,
Jesus, I come to the cross.

(repeat whole song)

Scripture: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Message: “Help Along the Way”

WE RESPOND

(Please pick up your children from Children’s Church at this time)

***Song of Response: Beneath the Cross**

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am.

For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me come.
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own.
Once strangers
chasing selfish dreams;
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
The path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us—

To be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives.

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Lord's Supper:

Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

ALL: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We rejoice that your great love through our Redeemer's sacrifice has set us free and given us hope for a future with you. Until our Lord Jesus returns to establish his kingdom without end, we will joyfully proclaim his death and resurrection.

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

ALL: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. Amen

As we draw near to the table of our Lord, let us stand and confess our Christian faith:

ALL:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; He descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty.**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church
The communion of saints
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**ALL: We who are many are one body, for we all share the same
loaf.**

The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**ALL: The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of
Christ.**

(Distribution of the bread in silence.)

The body of Christ, given for you.

ALL: Thanks be to God

(Distribution of the cup in silence.)

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

ALL: Thanks be to God

ALL:

We bless you, O God, for gifts of bread and cup, for sustaining us in hope, every day of our lives.

We pray for your strength to prepare us now for your service as we offer to you lives of witness and worship in the world you have made. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Offering: General Operating Fund

Song of Thanksgiving: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,

His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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GOD BLESSES US TO SERVE

***Benediction**

***Doxology: Let it Be Said of Us**

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given;
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course
Knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song
Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Let it be said of us: we were marked by forgiveness,
We were known by our love and delighted in meekness.
We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call,
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,

By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song
Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.
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Postlude

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