



March 8, 2026
 The Third Sunday of Lent
 The Reverend Jenny Anderson

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**All who are able, standing*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

After the gathering, a bell will ring to signal the beginning of worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fill My Cup, Lord

Fill My Cup

* HYMN

127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM Rhondda

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
 pilgrim through this barren land.
 I am weak, but thou art mighty;
 hold me with thy powerful hand.
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 feed me till I want no more;
 feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
 whence the healing stream doth flow;
 let the fire and cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through.
 Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
 be thou still my strength and shield;
 be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside;
 death of death and hell's destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side.
 Songs of praises, songs of praises,
 I will ever give to thee;
 I will ever give to thee.**

* GREETING

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

* OPENING PRAYER

Enduring Presence,
goal and guide,
you go before and await our coming.
Only our thirst compels us
beyond complaint to conversation,
beyond rejection to relationship.
Pour your love into our hearts,
that, refreshed and renewed,
we may invite others to the living water
given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory be to the Father

Meineke

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 17:1-7

Old Testament p. 79

* HYMN

132 All My Hope is Firmly Grounded

Michael

All my hope is firmly grounded
 in the great and living Lord;
 who, whenever I most need him,
 never fails to keep his word.
 God I must wholly trust,
 God the ever good and just.

Tell me, who can trust our nature,
 human, weak, and insecure?
 Which of all the airy castles
 can the hurricane endure?
 Built on sand, naught can stand
 by our earthly wisdom planned.

But in every time and season,
 out of love's abundant store,
 God sustains the whole creation,
 fount of life forevermore.
 We who share earth and air
 count on God's unfailing care.

Thank, O thank, our great Creator,
 thru God's only Son this day;
 God alone, the heavenly potter,
 made us out of earth and clay.
 Quick to heed, strong in deed,
 God shall all the people feed.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

* GOSPEL LESSON

John 4:5-42

New Testament p. 115

SERMON

What is Her Story?

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANTHEM

Come, Ye Disconsolate

arr. Terre Johnson

Text: See hymn 510

* PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and help us,
for you are strong and trustworthy.
 Let all generations see your blessing,
for your name is holy and your mercy is great.
 Show the strength of your hand,
quiet your fears.
 Comfort those of us who are afflicted,
with your mighty, healing hands.

Afflict those of us who are comfortable,
to feel the pain of all who suffer.
 Then we will sing out with joy and glorify you forever;
for your mercy shows no bounds. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

My Song is Love Unknown

Donald Busarow

* DOXOLOGY

95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

568 Christ, for the World We Sing

Italian Hymn

Christ for the world we sing,
 the world to Christ we bring,
 with loving zeal;
 the poor, and them that mourn,
 the faint and overborne,
 sinsick and sorrow-worn,
 whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing,
 the world to Christ we bring,
 with fervent prayer;
 the wayward and the lost,
 by restless passions tossed,
 redeemed at countless cost,
 from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing,
 the world to Christ we bring,
 with one accord;
 with us the work to share,
 with us reproach to dare,
 with us the cross to bear,
 for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing,
 the world to Christ we bring,
 with joyful song;
 the newborn souls, whose days,
 reclaimed from error's ways,
 inspired with hope and praise,
 to Christ belong.

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

Ministry of Worship

Preacher	Reverend Jenny Anderson
Liturgist	Jeanne Lee
Lay Reader	Carol Capers
Greeters	Joan Piercy, Alexandra Anderson, Ulrike Arntz
Ushers	Nick Anderson, Charles Piercy
Acolyte	Rowyn Scritchfield
Crucifer	Annabelle Quattlebaum
Organist and Director of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Piano	Larry Millen
Choirs	The St. John Choir and Men's Choir
Offering Counter	Nesbit Dasher
Worship Technicians	Donald Tilton, Adam Kuehl

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Weekly Stewardship	
2026 Budget	\$631,305
Weekly Giving	\$11,722
YTD Giving	\$69,551
YTD Other Income	\$4,093
YTD Expenses	\$118,152
Attendance 3/1	Sanctuary: 126 Online: 93

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