

# Order of Worship

March 15, 2026



## Gathering & Announcements *Deep Wondrous Love*

**Prelude** *God So Loved the World* – arr. Eleanor Whitney

Jessye Whitis, pianist

### \*Call to worship (from Psalm 146)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God all my life long.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord:

**Who made heaven and earth, and all that is in them.**

Who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord sets the prisoner free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

**The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow,**

But the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!**

### \*Opening Hymn # 772 *Live Into Hope*

### \*Call to confession (from Psalm 103:8)

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Confident of God's character, let us confess our sins together so that we might receive healing and peace.

### \*Prayer of confession

**Almighty and merciful God, we continue to want more, blind to the blessings we already possess. We want everything now, blind to the value of patience and hard work.**

**We take so much delight in our own accomplishments that we are blind to people in need. Forgive us! Cleanse us of our entitlement, anxiousness and pride. Help us see the world with your eyes so that we can be people of gratitude, courage and compassion, because of what we see in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*(Silence is kept)*

**\*Assurance of pardon** (from Jeremiah 33:31-34)

“The days are surely coming,” says the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. I will put my law within them; I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people. I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.”

**We believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and our sins are remembered no more.**

**Choral Anthem** *You Know Me, Lord* – David Lantz III

Jessye Whitis, Music Director, pianist

**Prayer for illumination**

Holy, magnificent God, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, allow us to see you clearly in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Scripture readings** Ephesians 5: 8 – 14; John 9: 1 - 12

**Sermon** *The Barefoot Mailman*

Rev. Kathy Vineyard, H.R.

**\*Affirmation of faith** (Psalm 23:1-6)

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

**\*Hymn # 182 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

**Call for the offering**

God gives and gives and gives to bless, help, heal, and save us. What can we give in return? In the beloved words of Isaac Watts: "Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

**Offertory *I Need Thee Every Hour*** – arr. Robert Graham  
Jessye Whitis, pianist; Carol Tyson, organist

**\*Doxology #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

**\*Prayer of dedication**

What language can we borrow to thank you, dearest Friend? Accept the gifts we give today to be for your glory and the good of your people, because of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer**

God of heaven and earth, why do we settle for blindness? Why do we choose not to see the suffering of others? The evils of hatred and prejudice, injustice and oppression? The misuse and destruction we bring to this beautiful planet? And when our eyes are opened and we see these things clearly, what do we do about them?

You are the one who cares so deeply about each one of us. You are the one who can heal, help and save. And it is to you we come in our great need. To whom else can we go? We beg your help and healing for all we name before you now, both aloud and in our hearts:

Your church ... Our nation ... The earth ...

Those we love who are ill in body, mind, or spirit ...

Ourselves ...

Pour out your grace, mercy and peace on all we have named. Make your presence known. May your name be glorified, because of all you have given us in Christ Jesus our Lord, who taught us to pray saying: "**Our Father...**"

**\*Hymn of Sending # 300 *We Are One in the Spirit***

**Charge and benediction**

Let us go forth from this sacred gathering with new eyes to see God and each other more clearly. The blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us all! **Amen.**

**Postlude *Power Medley***

Jessye Whitis, pianist

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