

Order of Worship

March 1, 2026



Gathering and announcements *What Wondrous Love for Me*

Prelude *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* – arr. Joel Raney
Jessye Whitis, pianist

Call to worship (Psalm 121:1-2)

I lift up my eyes to the hills--
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

***Opening Hymn # 610** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Call to confession

We need God's help. Therefore, let us approach God's throne of grace and honestly confess all that keeps us from right relationship.

Prayer of confession

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are aware of our need for your presence, your love, your guidance on life's journey. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don't run deep enough and don't last. We come to your well this Lent desperate and thirsty for Christ's living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

Assurance of pardon (from John 3:17)

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ, and be at peace. Amen.

*Organist – Carol Tyson

Choral Anthem *Heart of God* – by Ruth Elaine Schram

Jessye Whitis, Music Director and pianist

Prayer for illumination (*Book of Common Worship*)

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving Word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts — a spring of hope for a thirsty world. Amen.

Scripture readings Genesis 12: 1 – 4a; John 3: 1 - 17

Sermon *You Are Enough*

Rev. Kathy Vineyard, H.R.

Affirmation of faith (Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Call for the offering

God gives generously. Let us honor God by giving generously in return.

Offertory *Ah Holy Jesus* – by Johann Cruger Jessye Whitis, pianist

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

Prayer of dedication

God of grace, you provide for all our needs. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission among the poor, the despairing, and the destitute. Amen.

Hymn # 529 *Draw Us in the Spirits Tether*

Sealing of the Word

Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is a table of Christ's Light and Love.

This is a table of God's good grace.

This is a table of the Spirit's sustenance.

Christ invites all those who trust in him, to come to this table.

Rising Sun, Soaring Spirit, Radiant Lord,

You are there. You whisper hope, you softly call to us, as you have through all time, "Come home." In you is our home.

In stable and temple, river and hillside, cross and tomb, action and mystery both reveal your true presence.

You are there, even beyond the grave. You are there in shining glory, overcoming death and welcoming us to life.

You meet us in the breaking of bread, you pour out the wine of salvation;

You feed us with grace, overwhelm us with love, and welcome us home. You are the brilliance of light, the abundance of love.

By your Spirit, make these gifts your body and your blood, make us salt and light and teach us to repent, resist injustice, and to whisper your hope that swells to shouts of praise.

By your Spirit, make us one with you and each other.

By your Spirit, make us strong that we might share your love with your blessed and broken world, ancient and new.

You, Lord, are here.

Lord's Prayer

Hear us now as we pray the prayer your Son taught us, praying,
Our Father...

Words of Institution

During the week when our Lord was anointed by a woman and betrayed by a friend, he took bread and said, This is my body, broken for you. Take. Eat. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, he took the cup and said, This is my blood, poured out for you, shed for the forgiveness of sins, drink of it, all of you.

Every time we take and eat from this loaf, and drink from this cup, we proclaim the saving life, death, and resurrection of our Risen Lord who promises he will come again, and he will.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion of the people

Hymn of sending # 203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Charge and benediction (from the "Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent," *Book of Common Worship*)

Beloved people of God,
I invite you, in the name of Christ, to continue to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love,
and by meditating on Gods' word.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

Postlude *Standing in the Need of Prayer*

Jessye Whitis, pianist

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