

March 15, 2026

Worship Service

11:00 am

* Those who are able, please stand. **Bold** is to be read in unison.

Prayer of Preparation

Gracious and searching God, in the noise and movement of our days, we confess how restless we have become. We thirst for many things, yet it is You alone who can truly satisfy. Draw us now into Your stillness. Quiet the questions that churn within us. Meet us in the depths of our longing and remind us that our hope is found in You. In this hour of worship, gather the scattered pieces of who we are, that our love may be more whole, our trust more steady, and our lives more deeply rooted in You. As we reflect on your Word, restore our souls, renew our hope, and lead us into the quiet joy of loving You above all things. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements

Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. **Visitors:** Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshippers. **For sight impaired worshippers:** Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. **For hearing impaired worshippers:** We recommend downloading the Listen Everywhere app.

Minute for Mission

Helping Hands Ministry

Tina Wright

***Greeting One Another in Love**

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: As the deer longs for flowing streams,

People: So our souls long for You, O God.

Leader: Our souls thirst for the living God.

People: We come seeking the One who alone can satisfy.

Leader: When our hearts are restless and our thoughts are scattered,

People: God calls us to stillness and trust.

Leader: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

People: We come to offer our whole selves in love.

Leader: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

People: We come to be shaped into a people of deep and faithful love.

Leader: Come, let us rest in God's presence and reflect on God's mercy.

People: We come to worship the living God, our hope and our peace.

***Hymn of Praise**

This is My Father's World

No. 370

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

***Assurance of God's Grace**

Friends, hear the good news. As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 42

Pew Bible page 401

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

Mark 12:28-34

Pew Bible page 718

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon

First Things First

Rev. Jeff Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of the Day**

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

No. 738

***Affirmation of Faith**

The 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

Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Lee Wolfe

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.