

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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of welcome, receive these gifts as a sign of our commitment to be bound to one another and to You as we create spaces of hospitality toward the stranger and the most vulnerable in our midst. May we be bearers of gospel hope in spaces where the light of hope is but a distant dream.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn of Commissioning**

We are Marching in the Light of God

No. 853

***Benediction**

Postlude

Fanfare Postlude

Douglas Wagner

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Special Thanks Today:

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CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN

March 8, 2026

Sunday Order of Worship

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March 8, 2026

Worship Service

11:00 am

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

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, we pray for Your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be tempted to find help, and the sorrowful find comfort. Here may the weary find rest. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired, through Jesus Christ.

Welcoming and Announcements

Dorothy Pettay

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 worshipers. **For sight impaired worshipers:** Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. **For hearing impaired worshipers:** We recommend downloading the Listen Everywhere app.

***Greeting One Another in Love**

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Be Still My Soul

Jean Sibelius

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: We gather today, aware of our weariness. We are wanderers and seekers, longing for a place where we are home.

People: We gather, moved by the stories of Ruth and Naomi and finding our own stories in their journeys of loss, diaspora and redemption.

Leader: We gather before the God of creation, whose love defies all human borders, limitations and biases.

People: We gather to worship in the promise of that redemption.

Leader: Let us lift our voices to the One who lifts us from the margins, emboldening us to be ambassadors of hope in this world; to the One who prepares a home and place for us at the table.

***Hymn of Praise**

Great is Their Faithfulness

No. 39

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, notwithstanding Your presence of hope in our lives, we acknowledge that we often ignore the cries of voices around us. We close our hearts and eyes to the pain of others. We feel exhausted and we disregard those who don't feel welcomed in our midst. Forgive us. Help us to be like Ruth, open to bonds beyond blood; to be like Naomi, determined and wise; to be like Boaz, compassionate and just. May we lean into our call to embrace the most vulnerable among us. We pray this in the name of the One whose life embodied this commitment, Jesus of Nazareth. Amen.

***Assurance of God's Grace**

Friends, God journeys with us in the wanderings and wonderings of diaspora. God breaks down walls that separate us from one another. Our God meets us where we are and invites us into the story of salvation. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are a forgiven people. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Dorothy Pettay

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 146:5-10

Pew Bible page 448

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

Ruth 1:1-8,16-18; 3:1-2a; 4:9-17

Pew Bible pages 187-190

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

He's God

Sermon

Making a Home

Rev. Shelby Baxter-Andrews

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of the Day**

For All the Faithful Women

No. 324

***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

Joanne Folger

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.