

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent*  
*Celebrate the Gifts of Women*  
*International Women's Day*  
*Daylight savings time begins*

**March 8, 2026**

**Eleven O'Clock**

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast  
Liturgist: Pat Nash

## **PRELUDE:**

## **CHIMING THE HOUR**

**GREETINGS** Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

**Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the the Assurance of Pardon**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

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

People: **Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

All: **Let us worship God.**

**Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** God of wilderness and water, Your Son was tempted as we are. Guide us through this season, that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. Amen.

**Our first hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

**Let us pray together**

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful and just Father, hear our prayer of confession. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We ignore the suffering around us, preferring to believe the lies of those who assure us that everything is fine. We don't look beyond the words to see and address the suffering of humanity. Forgive us when we only have compassion for a few people who have similar experience to our own. Help us to reach out to those who are suffering and bring them healing in Your name. (Say – **“Please pray silently,”** and after about 20 seconds, say, **Amen**) Amen

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: **Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**You may be seated**

**A TIME FOR YOUTH It is now time for youth, so would our youth please come forward.**

**Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** God of the living, through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of the resurrection. Remain with us and give us hope that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit who gives life to our mortal flesh, we may be clothed with the garment of immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 95:1-6 please read it responsively with me.**

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

People: **Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

Leader: **For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.**

People: **In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.**

Leader: **The sea is His, for He made it, and the dry land, which His hands have formed.**

People: **O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Exodus 17:1-7, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 65 of the Old Testament

**Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**ANTHEM:**

**GOSPEL LESSON** Our Gospel Lesson comes from John 4:5-42 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 94-95 of the New Testament

**John 4:5-42**

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

**Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."**

**Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.**

**Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."**

**Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."**

**Leader: The Word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

**Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:**

**\*HYMN** No. 441 “*Hear the Good News of Salvation*” NETTLETON

**Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.**

**\*AFFIRMATION** The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

**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.**

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 “*Glory Be to the Father*” GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

**You may be seated, and now I would like to bring you some Minutes for Mission**

**A MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Pat Nash

**ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?**

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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 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**

### OFFERTORY:

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

**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.**

**Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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.

**Our last Hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 494 "*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*" QUEBEC

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 515 vs. 5 "*I Come with Joy*" DOVE OF PEACE

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*POSTLUDE:**

**\*Those who are able may stand.**

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FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

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Supplement

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

**TUESDAY** – 10:30 AM Tuesday morning group - Bible Study

**THURSDAY** – 10:00 AM Art Group

**NEXT SUNDAY** –

09:45 AM Choir Practice

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

## EASTER LILY SIGN-UP SHEET

There is a sign-up sheet on the large round table in the Opportunity Corner if you would like to purchase Easter Lilies. The last day to sign-up will be on Sunday, March 29, 2026.

## ST PATRICK'S POT-LUCK LUNCHEON CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a Pot-Luck Luncheon on March 15, 2025. Please plan on attending and bring your favorite dish to share. We will also be celebrating Joan Christy's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday, so I will be bringing a cake.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Jessica Zinn

Travel mercies for Heidi and Ivan

## CELEBRATIONS

Elizabeth found today's sermon very inspiring