

Fruit of the Spirit

Youth Sunday



THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER
APRIL 19, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Eric Robinson

PRELUDE

Kingdom Hearts
(Henry Mills, piano and Alice Mills, bass)

Y. Shimomura

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jaidyn McAlister
Kaitlyn McAlister

Throughout the ages, disciples have said,
“I will follow you wherever you go.”

**Lord, give us the freedom to follow you
in the ways of love.**

We come from busy homes, filled with little time
to consider Christ in our lives.

**Lord, give us the strength to follow you
in the ways of peace.**

In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

**Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you
in the ways of kindness.**

Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit,
who shows us the joy of following God.

**Lord, give us the patience to follow you
in the ways of faith.**

*SONG OF WORSHIP *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Daniel Clissold

Loving God,

We confess that we lose sight of what is truly important.

We confess that we've become preoccupied with our worldly lives rather than the spiritual fruit you offer us.

We confess we give in to the short-term fulfillment rather than the everlasting substance of your grace.

Help us, Lord, to remember what truly sustains us.

Give us the strength to deny distractions and meaningless gratification and to return to your love and your light.

(a moment for silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Alice Mills

Friends, hear the good news!

Even when our branches are bare,

God's grace is deep and relentless.

In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed,
and given a fresh start to grow.

Amen.

*SONG OF JOY

Your Grace Is Enough

Matt Maher

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness, O God.

You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.

You lead us by still waters into mercy,

And nothing can keep us apart.

Pre-Chorus

So remember Your people,

Remember Your children,

Remember Your promise, O God.

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough,

Your grace is enough,

Your grace is enough for me.

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob

You use the weak to lead the strong.

You lead us in the song of Your salvation,

And all Your people sing along. (Pre-Chorus, Chorus 1, Chorus 2)

Chorus 2

Your grace is enough,

Heaven reaches out to us.

Your grace is enough for me.

God, I sing, Your grace is enough,

I'm covered in Your love,

Your grace is enough for me,

For me.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Alice Mills

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Olivia Bressan, Catalina Campbell,
Daniel Clissold, Georgia Cotter, Jaidyn McAlister,
Kaitlyn McAlister, Alice Mills, Henry Mills, and Charlie Weitekamp

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SONG OF PREPARATION

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jaidyn McAlister
Kaitlyn McAlister

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 15:15
Galatians 5:22-25

Daniel Clissold

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

At Least I'm Trying
Playing the Long Game

Jaidyn McAlister
Kaitlyn McAlister

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Daniel Clissold, Alice Mills,
and Henry Mills

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Daniel Clissold

OFFERTORY

Multiplied

needtobreathe

Verse

Your love is like radiant diamonds
Bursting inside us—we cannot contain;
Your love will surely come find us
Like blazing wild fires singing your name!

Chorus

God of mercy, sweet love of mine,
I have surrendered to your design.
May this offering stretch across the skies,
These hallelujahs be multiplied.

*DOXOLOGY 608 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Henry Mills

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Henry Mills

**We are deeply loved by God.
God is our refuge and strength.
We believe in God,
who is love and loves all.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
who came to heal us,
and to free us from all the ways
that separate us from Him.
We believe that in Jesus Christ,
God became flesh, our teacher, our best example, Savior of the world.
We believe that Jesus Christ was fully human and fully God.
And we believe in the Spirit of God
who works in and through all of us,
turning us toward the truth.**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING SONG

My Lighthouse

Chris Llewellyn

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts,
In my failures you won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea. *(continued next page)*

written by
Jaidyn McAlister

Verse 2

In the silence you won't let go.
In the questions your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness, I will follow you, oh,
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise: you will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore,
Safe to shore.

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings,
With each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through,
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh.
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Bridge (3 times)

Fire before us, you're the brightest,
You will lead us through the storms! (chorus)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Jaidyn McAlister
Kaitlyn McAlister

POSTLUDE

Your Grace Is Enough
(The Band)

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

Ushers and Greeters: Olivia Bressan, Catalina Campbell, Georgia Cotter
Oliver Watson, and Charlie Weitekamp



LOVE, JOY, PEACE,

PATIENCE,

KINDNESS, GOODNESS,

FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS,

SELF-CONTROL



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