

## **Kent United Church of Christ**

*AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING, ACCESSIBLE TO ALL, W.I.S.E.,  
and CREATION JUSTICE CONGREGATION*

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 1, 2026**

**10am**

**“LOOK FOR THE HELPER”**

**WE GATHER**

BELLS

PRELUDE

*Jesus is All the World to Me* W. Thompson, arr. P. Keveren

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Gopp, senior minister

THRESHOLD MOMENT

1. Hearts o - pen, minds a - wake, change us now for heav - en's  
 2. Eyes o - pen, shocked a - wake, much to learn from our mis -  
 sake; leave us not a - lone in ha - tred's wake.  
 -takes; draw us clo - ser in our heart - ache. Show us  
 how to love, show us how to love,  
 show us how, show us how to love.

Music by Mark A. Miller  
 Words by Lindy Thompson

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Pastor Emily

*Silence*

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My friends, be assured by the Psalmist who says,  
 "The Lord will keep your life... your going out and your coming in  
 from this time on and forevermore."

Let us respond together:

**We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision  
 to the ways of love**

**created by God,**

**embodied in Jesus,**

**and already moving in us by the Spirit.**

**We are forgiven, loved, and freed!**

**Amen!**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the love and peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

\*OPENING HYMN #25

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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**WE PROCLAIM**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Emily

## SONG OF PREPARATION FOR THE WORD



1 Love us in - to full - - ness,  
2 Love us in - to full - - ness,  
3 Love us in - to full - - ness



touch us with your grace; Je - sus, in your  
hold us in your care, cheer us with your  
and we will be strong; Je - sus, walk be -



mer - cy, draw us to your face.  
pre - sence here and ev - ery-where.  
side us, fill our hearts with song.

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FIRST READING  
*Psalm 121*

Anderson Lehman

SECOND READING  
*John 3:1-17*

Hannah Odellscott Prochaska

Here ends the reading from God's word.  
**Thanks be to God, who is still speaking.**

SERMON

*Look for the Helper*

Pastor Amy

THE WORD IN MUSIC

*What Wondrous, Marvelous Love*  
Chancel Choir

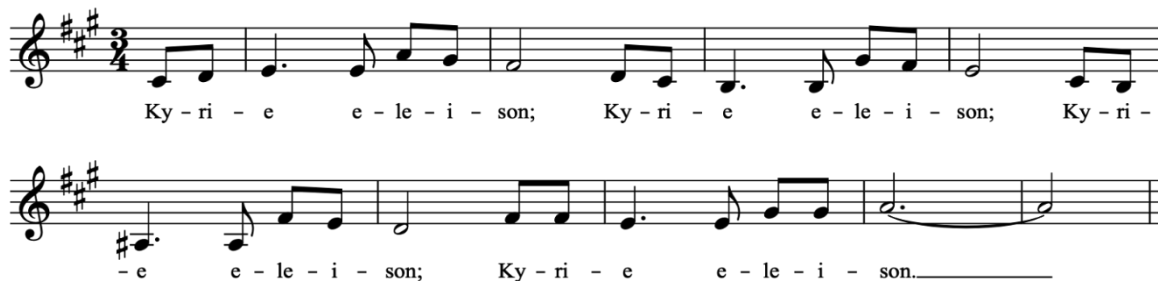
Mary Ann Cooper

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.  
Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
When I was sinking down, O my soul!  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul;  
He laid aside His crown for my soul!

How marvelous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be;  
How marvelous! How wonderful!  
Is my Savior's love for me.  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

## WE RESPOND

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri -  
- e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Trad. liturgical text  
Guarani melody; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1996  
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### THE PRAYER OF JESUS

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

UYF Member

### \*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Amy

### HOLY COMMUNION

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May Love be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

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And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise the name of Love and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Sing vs. 1 of "All Who Hunger" (insert)*

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And so,  
in remembrance of this love in Jesus Christ,  
we offer our love completely  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!**

*Sing vs. 2 of "All Who Hunger" (insert)*

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*Sing Vs. 3 of "All Who Hunger" (insert)*

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.  
As you receive the bread and the cup, please hold them so we may partake together.*

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## **WE GO FORTH**

\*CLOSING HYMN (Insert)

*I Will Choose Christ*

Tom Booth

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

\*POSTLUDE

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* W. Bradbury, arr. P. Keveren

*The postlude signifies the end of worship. Please refrain from applause and feel free to depart.*

***Our service has ended. Now our service begins.  
You are the Body of Christ, and the whole world awaits you.***

*The chancel flowers are an offering today from Carol Ewers with love and gratitude for our two awesome pastors, Pastor Amy and Pastor Emily.*



# I WILL CHOOSE CHRIST

Tom Booth



I will choose Christ, I will choose love, I choose to serve.



I give my heart, I give my life, I give my all to you.

1. How many times  
must he call my name  
and show to me that he is God?  
And as a servant he calls to me,  
"You must serve too."
2. Christ, my teacher and healer,  
teach my heart and heal my soul.

- And as I walk this road with you,  
teach me to love.
3. As I look upon your cross,  
so too must I die with you.  
And with the death of my  
own desires,  
I'll rise with you.

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# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1. All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly;  
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers,  
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er;



Ho - ly man - na is our bread. Come from wil - der -  
Seek - er, be a wel - come guest. Come from rest - less -  
Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li -



ness and wan - d'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness,  
We that once were lost and scat - tered  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble



All a - round us is our food. Taste and see the  
In com - mun - ion's love have stood. Taste and see the  
Live their days in grat - i - tude. Taste and see the



grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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  - 6" Tulips (color choices below)
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    - Orange Qty \_\_\_\_\_
    - Pink Qty \_\_\_\_\_
    - Yellow Qty \_\_\_\_\_
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