



Traditional Worship Service Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Intrada" from *Miniature Suite for Organ*

John Ireland

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tell me something good!

God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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LAUDES DOMINI

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat? Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? Did we see you alone and offer you compassion? Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes? Did we come up with every excuse in the book? God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them. But we must admit, we have a long way to go. Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

*Please stand if you are able.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Faith family, even when we act with judgment, even when we are guided by fear, even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need, God does not turn God's back on us. So join me in this good-news declaration: **We are seen. We are forgiven. We are invited to try again. Thanks be to God for this unending love.**

WE LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:35-40

Joanne Kelhart

Luke 7:36-50

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

"Great Love"

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

When you think of demonstrating great love, who or what comes to mind? In what ways are you being called to receive and extend great love in this season?

*SERMON HYMN

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O for a World

AZMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the world. And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory As the Deer Longs

Peter Stearns

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

As our Savior Christ has taught us, so we pray:

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music "Berceuse" from *24 Pièces en style libre*, Op. 31

Louis Vierne

Post-Communion Prayer

*SENDING HYMN

Come! Live in the Light! (from *Glory to God* – see last page)

*BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, when you meet anger, speak with love. When you meet fear, speak with hope. When you meet pain, speak with gentleness. But no matter what, speak this good news. For the good news of the gospel is love and justice for all. It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms. The good news of the gospel is alive in the world, so go forth speaking. For if you won't, then who will? Thanks be to God for this good, good news. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Allegro assai", from *Sonata No. 1 in F*

Felix Mendelssohn

Flowers are given in memory of their parents by Glenn and Darla Rossetti

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Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"