



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

3rd Sunday in Lent | March 7, 2021

NOTE:

**For this Service of Communion,
you'll want to set up your worship space with some bread or crackers,
and some kind of juice.**

PRELUDE *My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. Paul Sjolund
Susan Pearce, Gail Thomas, Laura Viau, trio singers; Lynn Auman, violin

CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Lewis & Susan Pearce, liturgists

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

As the time drew near,
Jesus made up his mind to go to Jerusalem.

What will it take to walk that road together?

Let us pick up our crosses and follow Christ,
forward-focused, on a path lined with wisdom and love.

(based on Luke 9:51-62)

HYMN *Amazing Grace* AMAZING GRACE

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

TEXT: John Newton, 1772. TUNE: Columbian Harmony, 1829. P.D.

PRAYER OF PRAISE *(based on Psalm 25 & Luke 10:27)*

Linda Stackhouse & Jane Townsend, liturgists

God of our lenten journey, extending wisdom and love to all,
we praise you.

You are honest and merciful, patient and kind.

Your paths are loving and faithful:

**to love you with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength;
and love our neighbor as ourself.**

We thank you for your saving grace
offering the humble: mercy, forgiveness, and freedom;
your wise instruction
showing people of the covenant your paths and how to stay the course;
your fair-minded decrees
breaking old ways of caste and station, shame and hate.
We thank you for the cross and tomb and heaven
that are the way of love. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elizabeth Lewis, Gail Thomas, & Joyce Winkler, liturgists

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Let us pray,

Light of the World, show us the way of love.
Forgive us when we forget to leave behind
the measures of world success.
Turn us—heart, mind, soul, and strength—back to you;
remind us to cling to the reign of God,
to live into God’s ways of love and justice;
that we may love our neighbor as we love ourself;
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

God is not a stony judge, but the finder of sheep and the lover of all who are lost.
In Christ’s name, we are forgiven and encouraged to begin again.
Thanks be to God. Let it be. Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

Sue Anderson, Alberta Gisel, Ken Curry, & Wayne Tillman, quartet singers

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God’s love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

TEXT: Native American (Dakota); John B. Renville, 1879; trans. Emma Tibbets, 1955; vers. Jane Parker Huber, 1989. TUNE: Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813 English Trans. Metrical Version © 1989 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press) Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-732613

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15

Deb Claxton, Sally Gunn, & Helen Odum, liturgists

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:167-176 (NIV)

Nancy Gorman, liturgist

Sung Response:



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... for all your commands are righteous.

Sung: O Holy One, teach us your way, and help us walk in it.

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... for I have not forgotten your commands.

Sung: O Holy One, teach us your way, and help us walk in it.

SERMON

“Lost and Found”

Rev. Laura Viau

HYMN

There is a New Creation, v. 4

STUTTGART

Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast;

Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

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Drink this cup in remembrance of me.

**We are ready to join this meal
of remembrance, of communion, of hope.
Let us break bread together.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them 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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... with all the faithful, we offer our praise to you:

Holy, holy, holy God, who reconciles us to yourself.

All creation is glad and rejoices. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who finds the lost and guides them home.

Hosanna in the highest.

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... we would reflect on that mystery we call faith:

Christ died, to be our salvation;

Christ rose, to be our reconciliation;

Christ will return, to lead us home.

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... in the unity of your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Now, let us pray the family prayer, saying:

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.

Breaking and Pouring

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These are Gifts from God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion

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We have shared a meal together.

**Even while we remain physically separated,
we have been united in our souls.**

Prayer

Let us pray:

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and in gratitude, be love.

Amen.

HYMN

There is a New Creation, vv. 2 & 3

STUTT GART

***Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone:
now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.***

***Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child.
All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.***

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WALK WITH ME

SPC Handbell Ringers

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Joyce Winkler, Qualified Ruling Elder; **Crystal Braxton**, Nursery;
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