



March 9, 2025—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

*"I have now concentrated all my prayers into one, and that one prayer is this,
that I may die to self, and live wholly to Him." -Charles Spurgeon*

Prelude

Community Life Update

*Hymn of Entrance

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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*Call to Worship

Psalm 36:5, 7-9

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

All: your faithfulness to the clouds.

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Leader: They feast on the abundance of your house,

All: and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;

All: in your light do we see light.

*Prayer of Adoration

** Please stand if you are able.*

*Hymn of Praise

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone—Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand.

*Oh sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good—God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave what will we sing? Christ He lives—Christ He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore!

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Sacrament of Baptism

Amelia Alison Pilgrim, daughter of Nate and Alison Pilgrim (8:30)
Baptized by TE Andy Lewis, assisted by RE Bob Peck

Samuel Reeves Ashmore, son of Sam and Anna Ashmore (9:45)
Margaret Lee Ashmore, daughter of Sam and Anna Ashmore (9:45)
Baptized by TE Andy Lewis, assisted by Doug Ashmore

Lily Katherine Marionneaux, daughter of Alan and Ellyn Marionneaux (9:45)
Baptized by TE Andy Lewis, assisted by RE Jamie Lightcap

Blessing to Our Covenant Children

French Huguenot Blessing

Blessed Child of the Covenant, for you God made the world. For you the prophets and patriarchs were sent. For you the covenants and promises were given. For you God's revelation was written down. For you our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ became a man, lived a perfect life, died upon the cross, and was raised again for your salvation. You cannot possibly know these things now, but we your church promise to tell them to you until you make them your own.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!
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Scripture Reading

Psalms 63:1-8

Reader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Grace and Peace

Lamentations 3:22-23, I Corinthians 1:8-9

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

[He] will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Hymn of Worship

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Ministry.

8:30 am—One parent will need to escort the child to volunteers in the Commons Area for Kids Church.

9:45 am—One parent will need to escort the child downstairs to join Kids Sunday School.

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

*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.

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!

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Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:14-17

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Point of Fasting

Andy Lewis

*Hymn of Response

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord - His mercy is more,
Stronger than darkness - new every morn.
Our sins they are many - His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Liturgist: Mark Reed, Executive Pastor (8:30); Jamie Lightcap, Ruling Elder (9:45)

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