



March 22, 2026—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

Worship at MRPC is a tiny fragment in something much bigger: it is part of the worship which is offered to God by Christians every hour of the day and night, all around the world. Come and worship the holy God!

Prelude

Community Life Update

PRAISING THE CREATOR

*Call to Worship

from Romans 8

Leader: Hear the Word of the Lord from Romans 8:31: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

All: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Since God has declared his favor toward us in Jesus Christ, and no power in heaven or on earth can stand against his saving purpose,

All: Let us come before him with reverence and joy.

Leader: Lift up your hearts to the Lord, who is for his people and faithful to his promises.

All: Let us worship God.

New Testament Reading

I Peter 1:13-25

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

*Hymns of Praise

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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* Please stand if you are able.

O love of God, how strong and true, eternal, and yet ever new,
Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought!
O love of God, how deep and great! Far deeper than man's deepest hate;
Self-fed, self-kindled like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite.

We read you best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame;
Sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.
We read your pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the darkness of the grave;
Still more in resurrection light, we read the fullness of your might.

O love of God, our shield and stay, through all the perils of our way!
Eternal love, in you we rest, forever safe, for ever blest.
We will exalt you, God and King, and we will ever praise your name;
We will extol you ev'ry day, and evermore your praise proclaim.

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*Prayer of Adoration

Choral Meditation *Thou Art Holy*

Holy, holy, holy... Holy, thou art holy...
Thou alone art holy... Thou art holy!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Thou art holy, thou art holy!

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity... in love and purity...

Thou art holy! Thou art holy. Holy art Thou, O Lord.
Thou art holy... Thou alone art holy.

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LAMENTING THE FALL

Confession of Sin

All: Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

CHERISHING REDEMPTION

Words of Grace and Peace

Ezekiel 36:25-26

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

*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.

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart,
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war;
You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forever more.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,
Did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your word to me,
Through the gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life, that's dependent on your grace,
Keep my heart and guard my soul, from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your Name through me.

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Global Partner Update

Pastoral Prayer

LONGING FOR RESTORATION

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Trusting God with Obedience

Andy Lewis

*Hymn of Response

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy; I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
No one else can be my strength; I should come to him.

*For the Lord is good and faithful; he will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus—Jesus, strong and kind. (continued)*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
No one else can be my shield; I should come to him.

*For the Lord is good and faithful; he will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus—Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me;
And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Liturgist: Jason Yon, Local Outreach and Mercy Director (8:30);

Richard Winston, Associate Professor of New Testament, Erskine Seminary (9:45)

New Member's Weekend—April 10-12

Don't miss the opportunity to sign up for our bi-annual New Members Class. We look forward to getting to know you and sharing more about us. Register and learn more on our Church Center App!

March 29 - April 5—Holy Week at Mitchell Road

Sunday, March 29	Normal morning worship times (8:30, 9:45, 11:00am) 5:30 pm - Hymn Sing (<i>childcare - crib to K3 available</i>)
Wednesday, April 1	7:00 pm - Congregation-wide 24 hour fast begins
Thursday, April 2	5:45 pm - Maundy Thursday service (<i>childcare - crib to K3 available</i>)
Friday, April 3	5:00 pm - Good Friday service (<i>childcare - crib to K3, and K4/K5 at 5:00 pm service</i>) 7:00 pm - Good Friday service with Choir
Sunday, April 5	7:00 am Resurrection Day sunrise service 8:30 and 9:45 am - Resurrection Day Sanctuary worship service 9:45 and 11:00 am - Resurrection Day Fellowship Hall worship service <i>No Sunday School for kids, youth or adults. Childcare (crib to K3) and Kids Church (K4/K5) for all services except sunrise</i>

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