



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

*For a brief hour, we step into the continual stream of worship which is being offered all around the world,  
which began long before us and will be offered until the end of time, and through eternity.  
He is worthy of all blessing and honor and glory!*

Prelude

Community Life Update

### PRAISING THE CREATOR

\*Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-3, Matthew 11:29

Leader: “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;  
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

**All: All who are thirsty, come.**

Leader: “Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.”

**All: All who are thirsty, come.**

Leader: Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.”

**All: All who are thirsty, all who are weary and burdened, come, and you will find rest for your souls.**

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Invitation

Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down;  
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you—rest in Him.  
He is gentle, He is lowly, He delights to bring us peace;  
Tender Shepherd, mighty Savior—rest in Him.

*How sure His compassion for us, Oh how deep is His love,  
So come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.*

Are you hopeless, are you guilty, caught in shame for all your sin?  
He pursues you to forgive you—rest in Him.  
He has paid for every failure, mercy flows in endless streams.  
Come and follow, freedom calls you—rest in Him.

Are you waiting in your sorrows for this broken world to heal?  
He is coming, soon returning—rest in Him.  
We will see him, we will know Him; Oh what heights of grace revealed!  
From His kindness every promise then fulfilled;  
Trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end.

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\* Please stand if you are able.

\*Hymn of Praise

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ear, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

*"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Words: Charles Wesley, Public Domain, 1739; Music: Carl Glaser, Public domain, c. 1800*

New Member Vows (9:45)

Zane and Emily Morton

Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)

Theodore William Wood and Margaret Elizabeth Wood  
*Children of Will and Christina Wood*  
*Baptized by TE Neel Skelton, assisted by RE Jeff Swiger*

(9:45)

Zane Randal Morton (adult)

Henry Daniel Morton

*Son of Zane and Emily Morton*

*Baptized by TE Neel Skelton, assisted by RE Jerel Warren*

Margaret Katherine Senn

*Daughter of Caleb and Sarah Senn*

*Baptized by TE Neel Skelton, assisted by RE Jake Strawderman*

\*Hymn of Hope

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

I am bound (*I am bound*)

I am bound (*I am bound*)

I am bound for promised land,

I am bound (*I am bound*)

I am bound (*I am bound*)

I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?

When shall I see my Father's face and in His bosom rest?

*"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" Words: John Rippon, Public Domain, 1930;*

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## LAMENTING THE FALL

Confession of Sin

based on Numbers 21

**All: O LORD, we have grown impatient on the way. We have spoken against you and questioned your goodness. You have brought us out by your mighty hand, yet we grumble at your provision and despise the daily bread you give. We confess that we have doubted your purposes, resented your discipline, and forgotten your mercy. Turn our eyes to the salvation that you offer us, that by looking in faith to Christ lifted up on the cross, we may live. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Moment of Silent Confession

## CHERISHING REDEMPTION

Words of Grace and Peace

John 3:14-17

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

\*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.*

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r.  
He is able, he is able, he is willing: doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh;  
Without money, without money come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all;  
Not the righteous—not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to call.

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

*"Come Ye Sinners" Words: Joseph Hart, 1759; last verse—author unknown; Music: RESTORATION, William Walker, Southern Harmony (1835)*

Pastoral Prayer

## LONGING FOR RESTORATION

Scripture Reading

Number 21:4-9

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon

*Trusting God with Faith*

Andy Lewis

**\*Hymn of Response**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*"Be Thou My Vision" Words and Music: Trad. Irish, ca. 8<sup>th</sup> c.*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Liturgist: Neel Skelton, Worship and Formation Pastor

**March Elective - Hope Explored (B111 at 9:45 am) \*new location**

Discover how the gospel infuses life with the hope, peace, and purpose we all long for. You'll see how Jesus was the fulfilment of a promise of hope made to God's Old Testament people and how His life, death, and resurrection are the guarantee of an even greater fulfilment to come.

**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  
Wednesday, April 1 7:00 pm - Congregation-wide 24 hour fast begins  
Thursday, April 2 5:45 pm - Maundy Thursday service (*nursery crib to K3 available*)  
Friday, April 3 5:00 pm—Good Friday service (*childcare birth to K3, and K4/K5 at 5:00 pm service*)  
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  
*No Sunday School for kids, youth or adults.*  
*Childcare (birth to K3) and Kids Church (K4/K5) for all services except sunrise*

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