



May 3, 2026—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

*God's mercy is so great that you may sooner drain the sea of its water,
or deprive the sun of its light... than diminish the great mercy of God*
-Charles Spurgeon.

Prelude *To God Be the Glory* arr. Joel Raney

Community Life Update

PRAISING THE CREATOR

Choral Introit

Forever King

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*Call to Worship

Psalm 145:8-12

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**All: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Entrance

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; You behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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* Please stand if you are able.

*Prayer of Dedication

based on a Puritan prayer from “The Valley of Vision”

Leader: O Lord, my Lord, this is Your day, the heavenly ordinance of rest,
the open door of worship, the record of Jesus’ resurrection,

All: the seal of the sabbath to come, the day when saints triumphant unite in the eternal song of praise!

Leader: We praise You, O Lord, for bringing us to the throne of grace,
where we find You eager to hear us and help us.

**All: Through the blood of Christ You have made us Your children,
and You promise to give us more than we can ask or imagine.**

Leader: Please give us in rich abundance the blessings that this Lord’s Day was designed to impart:

**All: Flood my mind with peace that passes all understanding; may my meditations be sweet,
may my worship be joyful, may Your precious Word nourish my soul,
and may my soul be more deeply knit to Jesus.**

*Hymn of Devotion

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

And when I am alone, Oh and when I am alone, and when I am alone, give me Jesus.

And when I come to die, Oh and when I come to die, and when I come to die, give me Jesus.

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LAMENTING THE FALL

Confession of Sin

Father, we come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience your grace, then withhold grace from others. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. Forgive us. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, now and always. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

CHERISHING REDEMPTION

Words of Grace and Peace

Psalm 145: 13-14, Psalm 147:2-3, 5

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

*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.

There is an everlasting kindness, you lavished on us,
When the radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost.
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress,
For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of your rest. *(continued)*

And with compassion for the hurting, you reached out your hand,
As the lame ran to meet you and the dead breathed again.
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears,
Heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.

*What boundless love what fathomless grace! You have shown us, O God of compassion.
Each day we live an offering of praise, as we show to the world your compassion.*

We stood beneath the cross of Calv'ry and gazed on your face,
At the thorns of oppression and the wounds of disgrace.
For surely you have borne our suffering and carried our grief,
As you pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief.

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LONGING FOR RESTORATION

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 103

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

Sermon

God Is Merciful and Gracious

Tim Pitzer

Communion Prayer

Based on The Valley of Vision prayer, "The Lord's Supper"

Leader: God of all good, You have prepared for us a feast; and because we are unworthy in ourselves to sit down as guests, we wholly rest on the merits of Jesus and hide ourselves in His righteousness.

All: In this supper we remember the agony of the cross and the cost of redemption.

We rejoice in Your eternal love, boundless grace, and infinite compassion.

Leader: We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*An usher will invite you forward. The elements offered by the elders can be taken at your pew at any time.
If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand to be served at your pew.*

Communion Hymns

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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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.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

*Song of Response

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.

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

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Preacher: Tim Pitzer,, Next Generation Pastor

Liturgist: Scott Puckett, Engage the World Pastor

May Elective— Finding Peace: A Christian Perspective on Anxiety

Anxiety can be overwhelming, but it's often a signal—not the core problem. In this class, we'll explore what anxiety really is, how it shows up in everyday life as well as clinical struggles like panic, OCD, trauma, and more—and how our modern, overloaded lives can make it worse. We'll also talk about the power of emotional honesty, the role of community, and how the gospel offers us real peace, not just coping. Come learn practical tools, gain insight, and experience grace-filled encouragement. Led by Jonathan Kittel, LPC/S, LMFT/S, this class will meet in the Learning Commons May 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 9:45am.

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