



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

If there is one Old Testament passage that the New Testament invites us to read in a Christ-centered way as a paradigm of Christ's salvation, it's the exodus. If you're a Christian, you've already crossed over. God has dealt with sin and death... Look at what God has already done for you! -Tim Keller

Prelude

Community Life Update

PRAISING THE CREATOR

Call to Worship

Exodus 15:1-2, 13, 18

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying...“The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him... You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode... The Lord will reign forever and ever.”

Prayer of Adoration

Choral Introit

Choir: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Word of God, the Cornerstone,
Yesterday, today, forever, seated on His heavenly throne.

In this world that God created, broken by the fall of man,
God remains the sure foundation, steadfast and unshakable, forevermore.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

God will not forget His promise, ever faithful to remain,
Never to forsake or leave us, by our side both night and day.

Our tomorrows hold no secrets that the Father does not know;
We can trust Him, ever working for His glory and our good, forevermore.

Congregation (seated): Under the shadow of Thy Throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Choir: Praise the Author of creation of the world and all it holds;
Word eternal, standing firm, our God is God forevermore.

***Congregation** (standing): O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Choir: Forevermore!

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**Please stand if you are able.*

*Hymn of Praise

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

"Come, Thou Almighty King" Words: Anon., circa 1757; Music: Felic De Giadini, Public Domain, 1769

Officer Ordination and Installation (8:30)

Sacrament of Baptism (9:45)

James Altman Wilson, Milly Brooks Wilson, Lee Alford Wilson
Children of Neil and Meg Wilson
Baptized by TE Andy Lewis, assisted by RE Jeff Henry

* Hymn of Thanksgiving

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?"

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
Send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing thy redeeming grace.
"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" Words: Isaac Watts, Public Domain, 1707; Music: Andre Gretry, Public Domain

LAMENTING THE FALL

*Song of Deliverance

From the love of my own comfort, from the fear of having nothing,
From a life of worldly passions, deliver me, O God.

From the need to be understood, from the need to be accepted,
From the fear of being lonely, deliver me, O God. Deliver me, O God.

*And I shall not want, no, I shall not want.
When I taste your goodness, I shall not want.
When I taste your goodness, I shall not want.*

From the fear of serving others, from the fear of death or trial,
From the fear of humility, deliver me, O God. Deliver me, O God.

"I Shall Not Want" Words and Music: Audrey Assad © 2013 Audrey Assad Inc. Song No. 7004369 CCLI. No. 789870

Confession of Sin

LORD, you are a gracious and merciful God,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness (Ex. 34:6)

Yet we confess that we have been a stiff-necked people (Ex. 32:9)

Though you have brought us out with a mighty hand,
we grumble against you in the wilderness (Ex. 16:2)

We test you and say in our hearts, “Is the LORD among us or not?” (Ex. 17:7)

We have feared other gods and trusted in the work of our own hands (Ex. 20:3-4; 32:4)

We have not listened to your voice or kept your covenant (Ex. 19:5; 24:7)

Forgive our sin, and teach us your ways,
that we may know you and find favor in your sight (Ex. 33:13)

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

CHERISHING REDEMPTION

Words of Grace and Peace Jeremiah 31:2-3

Thus says the Lord: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.”

***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!*

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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Prayer for New Officers

Pastoral Prayer

LONGING FOR RESTORATION

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-16

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

Sermon

Burden of Leadership

Andy Lewis

*Hymn of Response

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Liturgist: Adam Betterton, Church Planting Pastor (8:30); Scott Puckett, Engage the World Pastor (9:45)

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February 21 - 25—Missional Living Conference

March 29 - April 5—Holy Week

April 10 - 12—New Members Weekend (sign up on Church Center)

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