



March 29, 2026—8:30 and 9:45 am  
Sanctuary

*So let us spread before His feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in His grace, or rather, clothed completely in Him.*

—Andrew of Crete, 8th c.

Prelude *All Glory, Laud and Honor* arr. Roy Brunner

Community Life Update

PRAISING THE CREATOR

\*Call to Worship Psalm 24:7-10

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**All: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

**All: The Lord, strong and mighty,**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**All: And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

**All: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Entrance

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children made sweet Hosannas ring,  
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's Royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.  
To thee before thy Passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the praise we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!  
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children made sweet Hosannas ring!

\*All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Words: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820; tr. John Mason Neale, 1854;  
Music: ST. THEODULPH; Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615

\* Please stand if you are able.

Choral Offering

*Celebrate the King!*

\*Hymn of Praise

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!  
*"Jesus Shall Reign" Words: Isaac Watts, Public Domain, 1719; Music: John Hatton, Public Domain, 1793*

LAMENTING THE FALL

Confession of Sin

Puritan prayer from "The Valley of Vision"

Leader: Help me, Lord. I am so slow to learn, so prone to forget, so weak to climb;  
I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights;

**All: I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days,  
my poverty of love, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities.**

Leader: I am blind while light shines around me:  
take the scales from my eyes, grind to dust the evil heart of unbelief.

**All: Make it my chiefest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you, sit like Mary at your feet,  
lean like John on your arm, appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all things loss.**

Leader: Give me increase and progress in grace

**All: that there may be more decision in my character, more vigor in my purposes,  
more elevation in my life, more fervor in my devotion, more constancy in my zeal.**

Leader: As I have a position in the world, keep me from making the world my position;

**All: May I never seek in the creature what can be found only in the Creator;**

Leader: Let not faith cease from seeking you, until it vanishes into sight.

**All: Ride forth in me, King of kings and Lord of lords,  
that I may live victoriously, and in victory attain my end.**

Moment of Silent Confession

CHERISHING REDEMPTION

Words of Grace and Peace

I Timothy 1:15-17

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

\*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.*

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us his precious blood.  
Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?  
He can never be forgotten, throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,  
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all your love accepting, love you, ever all my days;  
Let me seek your kingdom only and my life be to your praise;  
You alone shall be my glory, nothing in the world I see.  
You have cleansed and sanctified me, you, yourself, have set me free.  
*"Here Is Love" Words: William Rees, Public Domain, 19 c. Music: Robert Lowry, Public Domain, 1876*

Pastoral Prayer

LONGING FOR RESTORATION

Scripture Reading

Joshua 4:1-24

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

Sermon

*Trusting God with Each Step and Stone*

Neel Skelton

Communion Prayer and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion Hymns

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, O my soul!  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.  
*"What Wondrous Love Is This?" Words: Trad. American; Music: From the Southern Harmony, Public Domain, 1835*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us and we remember  
the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you, eat and remember  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love  
around the table of the King. *(continued)*

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember.  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of the bonds of grace  
around the table of the King.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

\*Hymn of Response

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond--and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim, Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven, around the table of the King

*"Behold the Lamb" Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend © 2005 Thankyou Music, Song No. 5003372 CCLI No.789870*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Preacher: Neel Skelton, Worship and Formation Pastor

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

Tonight! 5:30 pm - Hymn Sing (*childcare - crib to K3 available*)  
Wednesday, April 1 7:00 pm - Congregation-wide 24 hour fast begins  
Thursday, April 2 5:45 pm - Maundy Thursday service (*childcare - crib to K3 available*)  
Friday, April 3 5:00 pm - Good Friday service (*childcare - crib 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 services  
9:45 and 11:00 am - Resurrection Day Fellowship Hall worship services  
*No Sunday School for kids, youth or adults.*  
*Childcare (crib to K3) and Kids Church (K4/K5) for all services except sunrise*

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