

March 22, 2026 Fifth Sunday in Lent
Thought to ponder: *We are all created in God's own image*
Prelude: *The Taxman* by the Beatles

Welcome
Announcements, Life & Work of the Church

Acknowledgement of the Territories:

Christ Candle Lighting:

Call to Worship:

One: Come into God's presence, you who imagine and you who seek, you who disrupt and you who repair.

All: By the Spirit, we gather in hope.

One: Come into God's keeping, you who bear the divine image, you who are in this world but not of it, you who feel tested or tried.

All: In Christ, we gather and we belong.

One: Come into God's presence, singing for joy and for justice; bringing prayer and worship, your most faithful acts of resistance.

All: To God be the glory! We gather to praise!

Hymn: How Then Shall I Live?

Took a walk outside of my walking,
 Stepped inside another's shoes.
 Walked the dusty borders between us
 Paths I'd never chosen to choose.

How then shall I live?

How then shall I live?

How then shall I live, O God?

How then shall I live?

Heard a sound outside of my list'ning
 Felt the living hum of the ground
 Waited on the voice of the spirit
 Singing with its new - old sound.

Refrain

Saw the world outside of my looking
 Gazed upon the eyes of its soul
 Held the hopes and fears of tomorrow
 Found the pieces making the whole.

Refrain

Took a step outside of my walking
 Found within a beat that we share
 Walked with you the length of a lifetime
 And made of life a living prayer.

Refrain

Linnea Good

Gathering Prayer:

God of discernment, you send your Spirit to guide us when the questions seem too difficult or the possibilities seem too limited. Bless us with curiosity and creativity. Show us pathways beyond the binaries of

“either/or” and “yes/no.” Give us the strength to live your will, and dedicate our lives to your holy callings of love, mercy, humility, and grace. We do this following the way of Jesus Christ, our leader and our guide. Amen.

Confessional Prayer and Assurance:

One: Siblings in Christ, ... our time, and our attention.

All: We confess that our purchases support harmful practices and abusive regimes. We confess that our entertainment choices, at times, center on people who mock the weak. We confess that our participation in consumerism and disposability causes destruction of creation. Forgive us for aligning our allegiance with systems and corporations that harm life and cause suffering. Help us resist the temptation to devote ourselves to worldly ways that offend your righteousness. We choose to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, so we might have open hands to serve you better.

Silence is kept

Grace is given:

Passing the Peace:

One: May the peace of Christ be with you
all.

All: And also with you.

Time for Young at Heart: The Coin Bearer

(narrative)

Hymn: MV #187 We Give Our Thanks

(omit vs 3)

**We give our thanks to God
We give our thanks to God
We give our thanks to God
We give our thanks to God.**

**We give our hands to you
We give our hands to you
We give our hands to you
Because you reached for us.**

**We give our feet to you
We give our feet to you
We give our feet to you
Because you walk with us.**

**We give our hearts to you
We give our hearts to you
We give our hearts to you
Because you first loved us.**

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Prayer of Illumination:**Scripture:**

Titus 3: 1-8

Mark 12: 13-17

Ministry of Music

When I Can't Take The First Step

from TLUS#97 Emily O'Donnell, Anne Jackson & Choir

Reflection: True Allegiance

Hymn: TLUS #100

In My Wrestling and In My Doubts

(My Lighthouse)

In my wrestling and in my doubts,
 In my failures, you won't walk out.
 Your great love will lead me through,
 You are the peace in my troubled sea, woah oh,
 You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence you won't let go,
 In the questions, your truth will hold
 Your great love will lead me through,
 You are the peace in my troubled sea, woah oh,
 You are the peace in my troubled sea.

**My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
 Shining in the darkness,
 I will follow you. Oh
 My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
 I will trust the promise,
 You will carry me safe to shore.....
 Safe to shore.....
 Safe to shore...
 Safe to shore.**

I won't fear what tomorrow brings,
 With each morning I'll rise and sing
 My God's love will lead me through,
 You are the peace in my troubled sea, woah oh,
 You are the peace in my troubled sea.

**My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
 Shining in the darkness,
 I will follow you. Oh
 My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
 I will trust the promise,
 You will carry me safe to shore.....
 Safe to shore.....
 Safe to shore...
 Safe to shore.**

Fire before us, you're the brightest
 You will lead us through the storms.
 Fire before us, you're the brightest
 You will lead us through the storms . Hey!
 Fire before us, you're the brightest
 You will lead us through the storms .
 Fire before us, you're the brightest
 You will lead us through the storms .

**My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
 Shining in the darkness,
 I will follow you. Oh
 My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
 I will trust the promise,
 You will carry me safe to shore.....
 Safe to shore.....
 Safe to shore...
 Safe to shore.**

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Prayers of the People:

One: Gracious One, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer:

**Our father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity:**Prayer of Dedication:**

**Generous God, we bring our gifts
before you and your church like tiny
seeds from a dandelion. Send out
these gifts on the mighty wind of your
Spirit, bringing growth, bearing fruit,
and nourishing both our faith
community and our neighbors. May
each gift of every size bloom with your
holy imagination. Amen.**

Hymn: MV #191 What Can I Do? 2x

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

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Affirmation of Faith:

One: Let us affirm our faith as we participate in the holy work of imagination.

All: We believe there is no other object of our allegiance or devotion that compares to the Way of Jesus. This devotion supremely outmatches any allegiance to country, team, or people group. We believe that when we divide our allegiance among other powers, our faith is diluted by lesser ambitions. We lose sight of our calling, and we compromise our values. We believe our allegiance to Christ's way of love and justice informs all other promises, contracts, covenants, and relationships. When forced to choose between Caesar's way and Christ's way, we choose Christ because Christ first chose us. Amen.

Benediction:**Sung Benediction:**

VU #298 When You Walk from Here

When you walk from here,

When you walk from here,

Walk with justice,

walk with mercy,

And with God's humble care.

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Announcements

March 8, 2026 3rd Sunday of Lent

Reader for this week: Youth

Reader for next week: Gordon

Greeter this week: Youth

Greeter next week: Donna, Linda

Tellers this week: Wendy and Al

Tellers next week: Paul and Shirley

A/V this week: Al

A/V next week: Lloyd

Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Service

Coffee and Conversation after the service

Tuesday 7:00 Fundraising

Wednesday 6:00 Choir rehearsal

Next Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

Good News and Caring Corner: If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

Easter Messy Church March 26 at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall with a Taco Bar.

Palm Sunday: March 29

Maundy Thursday service: 6pm, April 2 in chapel

Good Friday service: 10am April 3

Sunrise service: April 5 at 6:45am at the gazebo in Sunnyside park across from where the Ultramar used to be. Breakfast to follow.

Easter service with communion at 10am.

VBS will be June 22-25. This year's theme: [Snowball Mountain Challenge](#)

Offering Envelopes are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

Grocery Cards: We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards and cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?pwd=7IAYtPHcGTE)

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If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown.