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*"Sharing the love of Jesus by glorifying God and extending His kingdom"*

## SUNDAY, March 1, 2026 WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE: Ken Hanks WELCOME SONG

#### "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream  
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

#### *Refrain*

In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star  
sheds its beams around me. *Refrain*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain*

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river. *Refrain*

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love  
of God, and the communion of the Holy  
Spirit be with you all. **And also, with you.**

### KYRIE

Kyrie eleison. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christe eleison. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Kyrie eleison. **Lord, have mercy.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters  
of baptism you bring us to new birth to live  
as your children. Strengthen our faith in  
your promises, that by your Spirit we may  
lift up your life to all the world through your  
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

READER: Rose Henry

#### FIRST READING:

Genesis 12:1-4a

#### PSALM: Psalm 121 (Read Responsively)

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your foot be  
moved nor will the one who watches over  
you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup> the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD will watch over your going  
out and your coming in, from this time  
forth forevermore.**

#### SECOND READING:

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Nothing in all creation  
can separate us from the love of God.  
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can separate us from the love of God.**

## GOSPEL:

John 3:1-17

## SERMON

## ANTHEM

“Come to the Water” – Jack Schrader

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign  
that is marked at baptism, as the presiding  
minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who  
removes our guilt  
and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your  
steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us  
and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your  
steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of  
hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your  
steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit:  
Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your  
steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving  
ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ  
offers: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your  
steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and  
hope in the world:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your  
steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and  
discontent,

and for disregarding Christ’s call to come  
forth to life:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your  
steadfast love.**

God’s steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness  
abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God,  
you have been clothed in the righteousness  
of Christ.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are  
forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from  
the dead

dwells in you,

pours God’s love into your hearts,  
and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**

## APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son,  
our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the  
Father, and he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS

**RESPONSE:** *YOUR MERCY IS GREAT*

#### PEACE

#### OFFERING

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### LORD'S PRAYER

#### COMMUNION SONGS

##### **"Blessed Assurance"**

Music by: Phoebe Knapp

Music Arranger: Naomi Stirrat &  
Steph Macleod

##### **"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

##### **"What Wondrous Love Is This"**

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, sinking down,  
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.

And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing God's love for me,  
and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

and through eternity I'll sing on.

### **BLESSING**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains  
creation, ✝ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG**

**“Take My Life, That I May Be”**

#### *Refrain*

Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*

Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*

Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

### **DISMISSAL/ POSTLUDE**

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Preaching & Presiding Pastor**-Pastor David Hall  
**Praise Band Music Director**-Brian Lindner  
**Celebration Choir Director**-Sally Schaefer  
**Assisting Minister**-Steve Colson  
**IT/Livestream**-Scott Giesking  
**Reader**-Rose Henry  
**Keyboardist**-Ken Hanks  
**Worship & Music Director**-Rebecca Parker