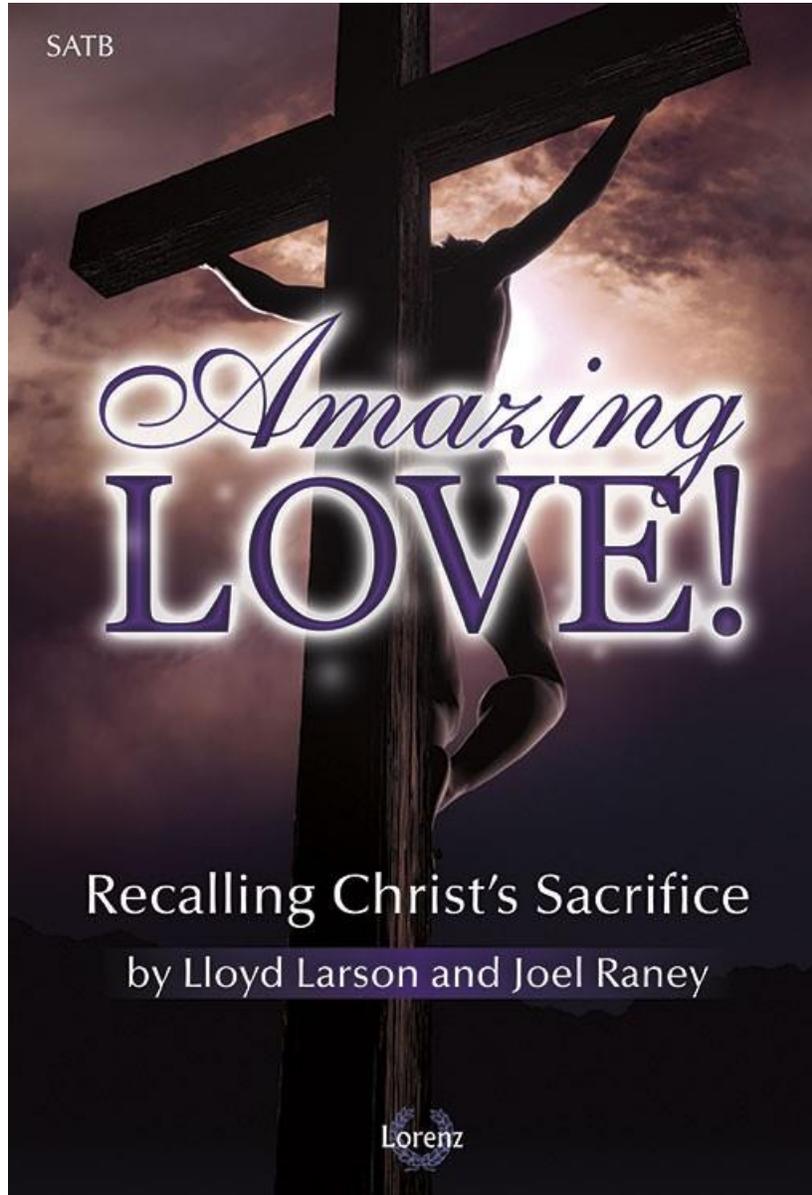




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**Like the crowds at Golgotha, we are unsure what to do with suffering — our own or the world's. Too often, we turn away.**

**Forgive us for the ways we participate in harm through action or inaction. Forgive us for the ways we doubt that your love is strong enough to heal what is broken in us and around us. Hold us at the foot of the cross until your mercy reshapes our hearts. Teach us again what love looks like — not in words alone, but in lives poured out for others. Amen.**

HYMN 575

*LORD, HAVE MERCY*

Congregation

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

*...Believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ, the curtain is torn, the distance is closed, and grace has the final word.*

**We are forgiven, and we are being made new. Thanks be to God.**

◆ HYMN 582

*GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME*

Congregation

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

~~~ LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD ~~~

◆ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Murray

◆ GOSPEL READING Luke 23:44-49 (The Message)

*This is the Word of the Lord. **God is still speaking.***

PASTORAL PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 35

Pastor Winslow

**~~~ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD THROUGH SONG~~~**

*AMAZING LOVE: RECALLING CHRIST'S SACRIFICE*

BY LLOYD LARSON AND JOEL RANEY

***AMAZING LOVE!***

“I have loved you with an everlasting love, drawn you with my loving kindness.”  
So says our God who reigns on high, so says our God, creator of earth and sky.  
“I have loved you with an everlasting love.”

***LIFT UP YOUR VOICE AND SING “HOSANNA!”***

Lift up your eyes, Jerusalem. Lift up your voice and sing Hosanna in the highest, hosanna to the King! Bow down before Him let loud hosannas ring! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

***AS YOU SERVE, REMEMBER ME***

Go and love as I have loved you, go and teach as I have taught, go and serve, and as you serve, remember Me. Go and satisfy the hungry, go and share the bread of life; go and serve, and as you serve, remember Me. At the end of the journey, at the close of the day, as the night falls slowly, as you bow your heads to pray, do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith and trust in Me, and wherever I am you will also be.

***ALONE IN THE GARDEN HE PRAYS***

Alone in the garden the Savior kneels to pray, “My God, my God, please take this cup away! Yet, not my will, but Your will be done.”

***BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD!***

Condemned to death, He stumbles on through the angry crowd, through the jeering throng. With a crown of thorns, in a purple robe He takes His final steps down Calvary's road. With a broken heart and tear-stained eyes, through the mocking scorn and the angry cries; with nail-scarred hands and a spear for His side, the Son of Man prepares to die. ... Behold the Lamb of God!

***HOW CAN IT BE?***

How can it be that I should have an interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain, for me, who Him to death pursued? He left His Father's throne above, emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's fallen race!

OFFERING

Pastor Murray

***CHRIST IS RISEN, SING ALLELUIA!***

Christ is risen, sing alleluia! Lift your voices in jubilant praise. Loud hosannas ring through the heavens, echoes of love and redeeming grace. Death is defeated, God's plan is completed, sing alleluia!

~~~ **CARRYING GOD'S GOOD NEWS INTO GOD'S WORLD** ~~~

◆ BENEDICTION

Pastor Murray

***AMAZING LOVE DEMANDS MY ALL!***

... 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. Amazing love demands my life, my all!

*After hearing **Amazing Love: Recalling Christ's Sacrifice** and standing with the witnesses at the cross in Luke 23, where did you sense God's love most deeply today — and how might that love shape the way you live this week?*

**Today's Service**

Music  
Trustee  
Usher

Mary Dailey, Chancel Choir and Guests  
Kathy McD  
Connie S

***CHANCEL CHOIR & GUESTS***

John A, Nolan B, Bruce B, Cheri B, Joy C, Matthew D, Grace D, Dana E, Kathy F, Deb G, Colin H, Karen H, Jess K, Blythe L, Kathie M, Trey McD, Pastor Jonathan Murray, Sharon P, T. David R, Merry S, Mary Anne and Steve Wi and Tina W

***Narrators***

Michaela R and Chris G

**Open Door Circle** will be meeting every 3rd Thursday, at 10:30.  
All women are welcome. Please call Hedy L  
with any questions.



### *March's RightNow Media selections*

If you have any trouble creating your account, or accessing content, please contact

Pastor Blakeley for assistance!

For general audience: "**Holy Habits**" Pastor Derwin Gray guides you in this four-part series which will uncover four foundational behaviors for Christians. Seek a new way of living this Lenten season—one formed by the rhythms of holiness.

For youth and young adults: "**Jesus in our Generation**": Celebrated pastor and author Ben Stuart helps young people to explore some of the major areas in our lives that are impacted by modern culture. This study will help those in the next generation to better understand how to respond to cultural shifts in a way remains faithful to the unchanging truths of God's Word.

For general audience: "**The Narrow Path**". Author and pastor Rich Villodas leads a five-session series, ideal for Lent, which explores "how the subversive way of Jesus satisfies our souls." While the world offers a broad way leading to destruction, as Christ followers we can choose to take the Narrow Path of Jesus, leading to fullness, peace, and joy.

### **Sunday Bible Study – Next Sunday, March 15**

Bible Study is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, following worship. Bring a 'brown bag' lunch and join us as we discuss God's Word to us. Both children and Adult Sunday Bible Study will meet, starting in Ficklin Hall for lunch.



### **Tuesday Evening Shabby Sheep Women Bible Study**

Tuesdays at 7pm

### **Wednesday Morning Shabby Sheep Women Bible Study**

New six-week study on *Acts*, starts April 8th



The mission committee will be holding its annual food drive for the Life Center during March. The Director said they could use any food, but they are always in need of foods with protein such as Spam, beans, tuna, salmon, peanut butter or any nut butter. We will be collecting food through March 29. There will be a container at the Windemere entrance and at the Littleton Boulevard entrance to place your donations. Thank you in advance.

**Office Hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Thursday \*Appointments Encouraged**

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*Worship Plans*

*Sermon Series for Lent:*

*Lent In Plain Sight*

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| <i>March 15</i>  | <i>Coins</i>  | <i>Ephesians 2:1-10</i> |              |
| <i>March 22</i>  | <i>Shoes</i>  | <i>Exodus 3:1-15</i>    |              |
| <i>March 29, Palm Sunday</i>                                   | <i>Coats</i>  | <i>Luke 19:29-40</i>    | <i>BELLS</i> |
| <i>April 2, Maundy Thursday at 6pm</i>                         | <i>Towels</i> | <i>John 13:1-13</i>     |              |
| <i>April 3, Good Friday at Noon</i>                            | <i>Thorns</i> | <i>John 19:1-11</i>     |              |
| <i>April 5, Easter Sunday Worship Services at 8am and 10am</i> |               |                         |              |
| <i>*Pancake Breakfast 9am*</i>                                 |               |                         |              |

Sermon Series for the Season of Easter: *New Life* (4/12-5/24)

**Our Mission:**

***We welcome all to love, share, serve, and grow in Christ.***



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