

A Service of Song, Word, & Table
March 15, 2026

* Please rise in body or spirit.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dr. Daniel Cummings

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies.

We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.

The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.

We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good and right and true.

The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God.

We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.

Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace.

Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together! Amen.

HYMN

Christ for the World We Sing

UMH 568

*** A READING FROM THE EPISTLES**

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

(11:00) ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

arr. Jack Schrader

Chancel Choir

HOMILY

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH 420

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O Lord, you are our shepherd,

And yet we want.

We lie down when we could act,

We stir the pot when we could offer peace,

We wander tempting paths instead of following you.
We seek courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you.
We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them,
We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance.
We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy,
So that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

REGATHERING HYMN I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing (vs 1,4) UMH 333

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Radiant Shepherd, you walk beside us through valleys and over mountaintops, guiding us with grace and guarding us with love. In your presence, we lack nothing that truly matters. Even in a world clouded by shadows, your light shines through—inviting us to live as children of the day. Receive these gifts, O God, as signs of our desire to walk in your ways, to live as your people, and to shine with the goodness, justice, and truth that reflect your image. Let our giving be more than ritual; let it be an act of trust, a response to your faithfulness, and a testimony of your light at work in us. In Christ's holy name, we pray, Amen.

OFFERTORY Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You Jay Althouse Good News

DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May the God of still waters be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to the One who gives you rest.

We open ourselves to God, who restores us.

Join together in glad songs of praise to God.

We rejoice in the One who is our comfort and hope.

You prepared a feast of wonder
for us, Imagination beyond power,
when creation burst forth:

 green pastures radiant with sunflowers;
 cool, still pools for rest and renewal;
 paths formed by antelopes up mountainsides.

Your heart overflowed with love
as you showed us what to do
that we might live with you in peace.

 But looking at sin and death,
 we said, 'surely these are the
 ones we should follow,' and
 trailed after them.

You would not reject us,
but sent prophets to pursue us,
calling us to return to you.

 But we did not know
 where they came from
 and so ignored them.

Then you sent Jesus to us,
providing a Savior for yourself,
and for those who wander death's valleys,
so we might be brought home to you.

With all who once lived in the shadows,
but now walk in the light of grace,
we sing glad thanksgivings to you:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

You are goodness, God of pastures and pools,
and Jesus Christ, your Son, is our mercy.

He came peacefully,

 so our differences might be reconciled.

As he walked along,
he brought light to those
who could not see the way.
Seeing the foolish choices we made,
he decided to look at our hearts,
so we might be drawn closer to you.
Your anointed One,
he went into death's deepest valley,
coming forth as the Risen One,
bathed in resurrection's life.

Once we were children of the shadows,
but now we are heirs of the Light of Christ,
and so we speak of that faith we know as a mystery:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

Here is the Table prepared for us,
God of still waters and deep love,
your Spirit transforming the simple gifts
of the bread and the cup into
that goodness and mercy which is always with us.
We take the bread, broken for our healing,
and share it with one another
so we may go forth and do all
that makes your heart race with joy:
bringing hope to those who suffer,
listening to the voices of the hopeless.
We take the cup which overflows with grace,
and take it to pour out on
all who have lost their way,
all who long for community.

And when our journeys have ended
around the Table prepared for us in glory,
we will join our hearts and voices
with those from every age and time
and forever sing your praises,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN IN YOUR HEART LANGUAGE)

**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. Amen.

Amen response. Amen, amen, amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

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INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*** SENDING HYMN** The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve TFWS 2241

BENEDICTION

Beloved, may the blessing of God's mercy go before you, behind you, and all around you as we journey in grace, reflecting the Light of new life wherever we go. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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