

March 8, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE "Adagio" from *Fantaisie in C Major* Franck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE BRIDGE BUILDERS TASK FORCE Barb VanDyke

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is merciful and gracious, *Ps. 103:8*
slow to anger and abounding in love.
Through the gift of the Holy Spirit *Rom 5:5*
God's love is poured into our hearts.
Let all who thirst come to the waters; *Isa. 55:1*
let all who are hungry come and eat.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ **HYMN:** GTG #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION *Isa. 55:1*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE "Come and See (Kyrie)" MH KYRIE
Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.
Interlude
Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.

*Translation: Lord, Lord, Lord have mercy. Christ, Christ, Christ have mercy.
Christ, Christ, we adore you. Alleluia, Lord have mercy.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS *Isa. 55:3*

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

HYMN: GTG #438 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" TOPLADY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Have mercy, O God; **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING *Phil. 3:7-8*

OFFERTORY "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" arr. Sorenson

+ **RESPONSE:** GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Adapted from the Belhar Confession (1982)*
We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 17:1-7 O.T. page 49
Water from the rock

PSALM Psalm 95
The rock of our salvation

Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!
"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.
**There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.**
Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray;
they do not know my ways.'
**Indeed I swore in my anger,
'They shall never come to my rest.'"**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 5:1-11 N.T. page 118
Reconciled to God by Christ's death

GOSPEL LESSON John 4:5-42 N.T. page 72
The woman at the well

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE *2 Cor. 5:18-19*
All of this is from God,
who entrusts us with the message of reconciliation.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Lead Me, Guide Me" Akers / arr. Carter

SERMON "Where Do You Get That Living Water?" Rev. Bill Pinches

+ **HYMN:** GTG #440 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" ABERYSTWYTH

+ **CHARGE** *2 Cor. 5:20*
We urge you, on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God.
Amen.

+ **BLESSING** *Ps. 51:1, 11*
May the steadfast love of God,
the abundant grace of Jesus Christ,
and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit
be with you this day and always.
Alleluia!

+ **CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Nearer, My God, to Thee" BETHANY

POSTLUDE "Poco Lento" from *Fantaisie in C Major* Franck

**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.**
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY
Guest Organist: Caitlyn Brown
Liturgist: Debbie Markiewicz
Greeters: Abel and Evelyn Tayong
Next Week's Greeters: Camille Subject and Barb VanDyke
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Will Ozee and Mike Buchman

Today's flowers are given by Bob Caltrider
in memory of JoAnn Caltrider,
Millie & Palen Somerville,
Beulah & Delbert Caltrider,
and Sarah Caltrider

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#68: Andrew

Early Christian legends say that the apostle Andrew preached the Gospel along the northern coast of the Black Sea (modern Ukraine) and founded the church in Constantinople.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 104. What is the fifth commandment?

“Honor your father and your mother” (Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16).

Question 105. What do you learn from this commandment?

Though I owe reverence to God alone, I owe genuine respect to my parents, both my mother and father. God wills me to listen to them, be thankful for the benefits I receive from them, and be considerate of their needs, especially in old age.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School	11:30 am
Tuesday	Worship and Music Committee	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Midweek Prayer Service	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (K-12)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Finance Committee	9:00 am
	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
Saturday	Presbytery Meeting (in Dimondale)	9:30 am
	Family Game Night	5:00 pm

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mar. 8: Jacob Castle
Mar. 11: Peter Robinson
Mar. 12: Vern Schrock
Mar. 13: Steve Ware
Mar. 14: Deb Melse

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Christ and the Samaritan Woman
by Henryk Siemiradzki, 1890

*The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket,
and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”
(John 4:11)*