

Praise Service



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* = Please rise if you are able

* *Confession and Forgiveness*

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate One,

C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C: Amen.

* *Greeting*

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

C: And also with you.

* *Prayer of the Day*

P: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Sanctuary

Chorus:

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

It is you, Lord who came to save
The heart and soul of every man.
It is you Lord who knows my weakness,
Who gives me strength, with thine own hand.

Repeat Chorus

Lead me on Lord from temptation,
Purify me from within.
Fill my heart with Your holy spirit,
Take away all my sin.

Repeat Chorus

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Build My Life

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for you

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for you

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You, there is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and
Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Repeat Verses and Chorus

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken

Repeat Bridge

Repeat Chorus

Repeat Bridge

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* *Healing Rain*

Healing rain is coming down, it's coming nearer to this old town
Rich and poor, weak and strong, it's bringing mercy, it won't be long
Healing rain is coming down, it's coming closer to the lost and found
Tears of joy, and tears of shame Are washed forever in Jesus' name

Healing rain, it comes with fire so let it fall and take us higher
Healing rain, I'm not afraid to be washed in Heaven's rain.

Lift your heads, let us return to the mercy seat where time began
And in your eyes, I see the pain, come soak this dry heart with healing rain
And only You, the Son of man can take a leper and let him stand
So lift your hands, they can be held by someone greater, the great I Am

Healing rain, it comes with fire so let it fall and take us higher
Healing rain, I'm not afraid to be washed in Heaven's rain
To be washed in Heaven's rain

Healing rain is falling down, healing rain is falling down
I'm not afraid, I'm not afraid!

Repeat 4X

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Good News:

Luke 13:31-35

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time some Pharisees said to him, "Get away from here if you want to live! Herod Antipas wants to kill you!"

Jesus replied, "Go tell that fox that I will keep on casting out demons and healing people today and tomorrow; and the third day I will accomplish my purpose. Yes, today, tomorrow, and the next day I must proceed on my way. For it wouldn't do for a prophet of God to be killed except in Jerusalem!

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me. And now, look, your house is abandoned. And you will never see me again until you say, 'Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!'"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

** The Apostle's Creed*

C: 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 of Intercession*

** Sharing the Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

** Offering Prayer*

P: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

** The Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

** The Eucharistic Prayer*

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

** Lord's Prayer*

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Communion

** Post Communion Prayer*

P: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

** Benediction*

P: As you go on your way may Christ go with you.
May he go before you to show you the way.
May he go behind you to encourage you,
Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over you,
Within you to give you peace.
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

** Days of Elijah*

These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the word of the Lord,
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored.
And though these are the days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Chorus

Behold he comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call.

Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David,
Rebuilding the temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world.
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the word of the Lord!
Repeat Chorus

There's no god like Jehovah, there's no god like Jehovah,
There's no god like Jehovah, there's no god like Jehovah,
Repeat

Repeat Chorus 2x

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**** Dismissal***

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
C: Thanks be to God!

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This Week's Service Assistants

Greeters:	Jen and Paul Christman
Altar Guild:	Joyce Brothers
Welcome Center:	Nicole Greer

Next Week's Service Assistants

Greeters:	Brenda Foose, Deneen Kratz
Lay Reader:	Dennis Faust
Altar Guild:	Joyce Brothers
Welcome Center:	Gwen Semmens & Donna Usavage

St. Luke's Calendar

After today's service	Faith Formation, in the Fellowship Building
Tuesday, March 18	Congregational Council, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 19	Lenten Midweek Service, 11:00 AM in Chapel
Wednesday, March 19	Soup lunch in Fellowship Hall, Noon
Thursday, March 20	Community Dinner, 5:30 PM
Sunday, March 23	Communion service, 9:00 AM
Sunday, March 23	Faith Formation, after worship



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