



Order of Worship for 3/3/25

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*** Please rise in body/spirit | Congregational responses are in bold**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning and your
faithfulness by night,**
to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
**For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work; at the works of your hands we
sing for joy!**

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your kingdom to the lowly
and pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in
striving for peace, that by our words and deeds the world may see the promise of
your kingdom, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

* HYMN #276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. We desire to experience your steadfast love but confess we lack faithfulness. We enjoy our comforts and so fail to reach out to those who need our care and support. We don't want to risk being involved and so fail to work towards justice. We ask for what we want and fail to see those excluded in our communities, our church, and our relationships. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. Give us courage and commitment to be your challenging voice, your healing mercy, your loving-kindness in each opportunity we are given.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ,
We are forgiven.

* HYMN #579

Glory Be to the Father

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Old Testament page 559

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 6:6-8

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Old Testament page 866

SERMON

Steadfast Love

Rev. Dr. Barbara Anne Keely

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In

everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother

who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

* HYMN #132

Come, Great God of All the Ages

1 Come, great God of all the ages,
Make Your earthly mission known;
Speak through every deed and person,
Let Your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment,
Give direction now, we ask;
Fit us for the work of building,
Dedicate us to the task.

2 Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit,
Sure foundation, cornerstone,
Help us form the church eternal,
May Your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower,
Lead all people to Your way;
Urge us to strong faith and action
As we build the church today.

3 Come, great Spirit, in and with us,
Tune our ears to hear Your call;
Through the moving of Your presence.
Let redeeming love recall
Ministry in dedication,
Love embodied in our deeds;
Challenge us to do Your bidding,
See Your purpose, fill all needs.

4 Come, O come, in celebration,
Household of the one true God.
In commitment and rejoicing
Let us go where Christ has trod;
As we act in faith and reverence.
Let us, Lord, the future see;
Place us in the church triumphant,
Now and for eternity.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.

We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

* CLOSING HYMN #386

O For a World

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

