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# THE CONNECTION

March 15, 2026  
10:30am



The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at the 10:30 AM service. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

--PRESERVICE SONG *“Giving It All to You”*

--ANNOUNCEMENTS

--WORSHIP SONG *“Here I Am to Worship”* (Philippians 2:6-8)

Verse 1...Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus...Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

Verse 2...King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above, humbly You came to the Earth You created, all for love's sake became poor.

Chorus...

Bridge...I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.  
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Sing Chorus twice...

Tag...Here I am to worship.

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**(Please stand)**

--INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

**--CONFESSION OF SINS**

P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C. Most merciful God, in Your kindness and love You have saved us. You've rescued us from the coldness of our sin. Yet, we still struggle to share Your warmth in our daily living. Our thoughts don't always follow Your thoughts. Our ways often stray from Your ways. We sin against not only You, but against our neighbors, as well. Forgive us, dear Lord. Wrap us securely in Your love and lead us in Your good ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**--FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

**--STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed***

**C. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**(Please sit)**

**--FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 42:14-21***

<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.

<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.

<sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.

*(continued...)*

I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.

<sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
“You are our gods.”

<sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!

<sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant,  
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?  
Who is blind as my dedicated one,  
or blind as the servant of the LORD?

<sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.

<sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

L. Here ends the first reading.

**--SECOND LESSON *Ephesians 5:8-14***

<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness,  
but now you are light in the Lord. Walk  
as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light  
is found in all that is good and right and  
true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is  
pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in  
the unfruitful works of darkness, but  
instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is  
shameful even to speak of the things  
that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when

anything is exposed by the light, it  
becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that  
becomes visible is light. Therefore it  
says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

L. Here ends the second reading.

**(Please stand)**

**--GOSPEL LESSON *John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-49***

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man  
blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked  
him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his  
parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus  
answered, “It was not that this man  
sinned, or his parents, but that the

works of God might be displayed in him.  
<sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who  
sent me while it is day; night is coming,  
when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am  
in the world, I am the light of the world.”  
(continued...)

<sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . .

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.

<sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

<sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

**(Please sit)**

## --CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG "Our God"** (John 2:1-11; John 9:1-7; Romans 8:31; Psalm 135:5)

Verse 1...Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind;  
there's no one like You, none like You.

Verse 2...Into the darkness, You shine; out of the ashes, we rise.  
There's no one like You, none like You.

Chorus...Our God is greater, our God is stronger;  
God, You are higher than any other.  
Our God is healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

Bridge...And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us, and if our God is with us then what could stand against? And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us, and if our God is with us then what could stand against? Then what could stand against? Chorus twice...

. . .

<sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

**--MESSAGE OF THE DAY "HAVE YOU SEEN THE LIGHT?"** (Text: John 9:1ff)  
*The Rev. Robert Burmeister*

**(Please stand)**

**--PRAYERS (Sung at beginning of prayers)**

**"The Spirit Intercedes For Us"** (Romans 8:26)

The Spirit intercedes for us,  
 With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

*The pastor will conclude the prayers with:  
 "Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray..."*

**(Sung at end of the prayers)**

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**--THE LORD'S PRAYER---Caribbean** (Matthew 6:9-13)

Verse 1... Our Father who art in heaven.

Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 2...As in heaven, so on the earth.

Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily bread.  
 Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 3... And forgive us, Lord, our trespasses.

Hallowed be Thy name. As we forgive those who  
 trespass against us. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 4...And lead us not into temptation.

Hallowed be Thy name. But deliver us from all evil.  
 Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 5... For Thine is the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory. Hallowed be Thy name.

Forever and forevermore. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 6...Amen, amen, it shall be so.  
Hallowed be Thy name. Amen, amen, it shall be so.  
Hallowed be Thy name.

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## --WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### --SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION **"Come to the Table"** (Luke 14: 13-14a, 15-23; Matthew 11:28; I John 4:10)

Verse 1...We all start on the outside, the outside looking in. This is where grace begins. We were hungry, we were thirsty, with nothing left to give. Oh, the shape that we were in. And just when all hope seemed lost, Love opened the door for us.

Chorus...(He said:) (So) come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed. Take your place beside the Savior. Sit down and be set free.  
Come to the table. (Come to the table.)

Verse 2...Come meet this motley crew of misfits, these liars and these thieves; there's no one unwelcome here. And that sin and shame that you brought with you, you can leave it at the door and let mercy draw you near. Chorus...

Bridge...To the thief and to the doubter, to the hero and the coward, to the prisoner and the soldier, to the young and to the older, all who hunger all who thirst, all the last and all the first, all the paupers and the princes, all who fail, you've been forgiven, all who dream and all who suffer; all who loved and lost another, all the chained and all the free, all who follow, all who lead, anyone who's been let down, all the lost, you have been found, all who have been labeled right or wrong, to everyone who hears this song:

Final Chorus...Come to the table. Come join the sinners; you have been redeemed. Take your place beside the Savior. Sit down and be set free. Sit down and be set free. Come to the table, come to the table. Sit down and be set free.  
Come to the table.

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**“All Who Are Thirsty”** *(Revelation 21:6b; John 7:37-39; John 4:13-14; Psalm 42:7)*

Verse...All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep.

Chorus...Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Repeat Verse and Chorus, then...Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

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**--COMMUNION DISMISSAL**

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

**--BENEDICTION**

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

**C. Amen.**

**--CLOSING SONG “I Lift My Hands”** *(Lamentations 3:22-24; Psalm 46:10)*

Verse 1...Be still; there is a healer. His love is deeper than the sea, His mercy is unending. His arms, a fortress for the weak. Let faith arise, let faith arise.

Chorus...I lift my hands to believe again. You are my refuge, You are my strength. As I pour out my heart, these things I remember: You are faithful, God, forever.

Verse 2...Be still; there is a river that flows from Calvary’s tree. A fountain for the thirsty, Your grace that washes over me. Let faith arise, let faith arise. Chorus twice...

Bridge...Let faith arise, let faith arise. Open my eyes, open my eyes. Let faith arise, let faith arise. Open my eyes, open my eyes. Chorus then...

Final Chorus... I lift my hands to believe again. You are my refuge, You are my strength. As I pour out my heart, these things I remember: You are faithful, God, You’re faithful God, forever.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God!**

**\*\*\* TO GOD BE THE GLORY \*\*\***

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