

February 22, 2026
First Sunday in Lent



Worship Leaders:

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Music Leaders:

Ralph Johansen & Worship Team

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All are invited to stand when there is an **

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*But still, we are not stuck with these lives of ours the way they are. We can change- can be changed.
That is the promise of God in Jesus Christ and the experience that is at the heart of Christian living:
conversion. - The Rev. Eugene H. Peterson*

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Proverbs 3

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to God,
and God will make your paths straight.
Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD and shun evil.
This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.

*OPENING SONGS

I Love You Lord

I love You Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
O my soul rejoice
Take joy my King
In what You hear
May it be a sweet sweet sound
In Your ear

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was
torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Chorus

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all and teaching us to renounce what is evil in this world. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***KYRIE**

#575

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven and reconciled to God!

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE**

#447 We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*SHARING THE PEACE

Since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture,
signs of peace and reconciliation.*

WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Hold us, Lord, that in the safety of your arms we might be free to understand your word for us today and let it sink deep into our souls. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 5:12-19

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— **13** for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. **14** Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. **16** And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. **17** If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

18 Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. **19** For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. **2** He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. **3** The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." **4** But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, **6** saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, 9 and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SONG OF PRAISE

God You're So Good

Verse 1

Amazing love that welcomes me
The kindness of mercy
That bought with blood wholeheartedly
My soul undeserving

Behold the cross age to age
And hour by hour
The dead are raised the sinner saved
The work of Your power

Chorus

Chorus

God You're so good
God You're so good
God You're so good
You're so good to me

Verse 3
And should this life bring suffering
Lord I will remember
What Calvary has bought for me
Both now and forever

Verse 2

Chorus 2x

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

2 Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

3 While I kept silent, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

6 Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

7 You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*

8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

10 Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

I Surrender All

Arr. Raney

*"Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life."
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***PRAISE REFRAIN**

#710 We Lift Our Voices

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are; all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering; we are an offering.

*OFFERING PRAYER

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he
rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the
body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of all compassion, hear now our prayers for the world you created and love.

We pray for your Church throughout the world, for the Presbyterian Church USA, for the churches of Buffalo, and for this congregation. Continue your sanctifying work in us, by the power of your Spirit, and lead us to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to those in need.

We pray for our country and its leaders; may they govern with justice, wisdom, humility, and peace, respecting the dignity of each and every person.

We pray for the world; especially for Ukraine and Russia, Palestine and Israel, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, and all areas in the midst of war, disaster, and distress.

We pray for your good creation; for all areas experiencing extremes of nature. Bring rain, warmth, cold, sun, and shade to all places in need of their nourishment.

We pray for those who are in need of your healing mercies. We pray especially for...

We pray for those who hunger and thirst, for those with no place to call home, for those with no community of support and companionship. Meet their needs, O God of provision, and where possible enable us to give of our bounty for their sake.

We pray for those in grief, may they find comfort in the promise that in Jesus death has lost its sting. We especially pray for...

We pray for those suffering from stress, anxiety, and loneliness; may they find relief in the loving presence of your Spirit.

We pray for all those who are spiritually hungry, for those who feel far from you, for those who seek your presence. Make yourself known to them, that they may know you in faith and love.

We pray for all people and situations that have gone unnamed; those held close in the quiet of our hearts and those known only to you...

We pray that you would deepen our faith and strengthen our commitment to you and the reign of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Holy One our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people and use us where possible to be the answer to people's prayers. In your great mercy, look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help, for you are gracious, O lover of souls. To you we give glory, O blessed Trinity, now and forever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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 for ever. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING SONG

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free

My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Chorus

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Our Mission is:
Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus*

WORSHIP NOTES

All liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ralph Johansen Recital, Rescheduled: Ralph's Organ Recital has been rescheduled for TODAY at 1:30pm in the Sanctuary. Come enjoy some early afternoon organ music and invite your friends and neighbors!

Soup Suppers: Join us and our friends from Spirit of Joy each week of Lent beginning Feb. 25th on Wednesdays for a Soup Supper and prayer service from 6-7:30pm. Sign up to bring soup or help clean up outside the office! All are welcome!

Immigration Aid Collection: There is a bin outside the Fellowship Hall gathering donations of bath & body soap, dish soap, and laundry detergent.

Meal Kit Collection: BPC is now one of the distribution sites for meal kits put together by Neighbors Feeding Neighbors. Meal kits include a recipe and shelf-stable ingredients to make the meal. Need a meal? Take a meal. Know someone who needs a meal? Bring them one. The kits are in the hutch near the water fountain and bathrooms.

Today February 22	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: CCC, The Whole Life w/ Pastor Brian 1:30pm: Ralph's Recital
Tuesday February 24	9:00am: Crafty Ladies 9:00am: Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe
Wednesday February 25	6:30pm: Soup Supper 7:30pm: Adult Choir
Thursday February 26	7:30am: People of Faith via Zoom 10:00am: Women of Faith 5:30pm: Racial Justice Reading Group via Zoom
Sunday March 1	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: CCC: Neighbors Helping Neighbors



How Can We Pray for You?

Scan the QR code to submit prayer requests.

BPC Prayer List:

- Family of Larry Pattee
- Milla Spike, Kevin's granddaughter
- Rich Dahl
- Christy Wood
- George Thole
- Mary Gillis, fighting cancer
- Steve Grittman
- Dennis Stanley, fighting cancer
- Marquietta Shupe
- Arthur James, Tanya's niece's baby
- Diane Ellis
- Family of Don Olsen
- Anne Marie Wille, Bonnie Morek's daughter
- Daniel & Gloria Elliot, Bonnie Morek's brother & sister-in-law
- Dennis Sletten, friend of Diane
- Sherry Sletten, friend of Diane
- Lois Lindstrom
- Ann Smith
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis, who has a terminal illness
- Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Jan Brown, People of Faith
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Jim and Jodi Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law and daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins
- The Family of Ann Tansill, family friend of Pastor Brian
- Cassie & Bryce Taylor, grandson of Lanny and Shirley Taylor
- Norm Lux