

Worship Service ~ March 22, 2026, 9:00

Fifth Sunday in Lent

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

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PRELUDE *"The King of Glory"* FAME CHOIR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BAPTISM OF COLTON HUNTER JEANS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG

ELW #714 *O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF LIGHT*
stz 1,3, 5

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

~Silence for Reflection~

L: 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.

L: 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. **Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us prayer.

C: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC *“There is Nothing that Our God Can’t Do”*

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R: A reading from Romans.

Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL **John 11:32-44**

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

SONG OF THE DAY **WAYMAKER**

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MUSICAL OFFERING *"There's a Wideness in
God's Mercy"* by Bob Moore; Faith Choir; Alan Ball,
piano; Linda Burk, director



There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

OFFERTORY ELW #186 *CREATE IN ME*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor,
✠ and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ELW #666 *WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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