

Worship Guide March 15, 2026

**GATHERING**

**Welcome and Announcements Pastor Andrew**

**Call to Worship**

Pastor: God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance;  
God looks on the heart.

**Many: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!**

Pastor: Once we lived in darkness, but now – as children of light, we are called  
to what is good and right and true.

**Many: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!**

**All: Let us worship God together!**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Song – LYH #85 “Thy Word” Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**(Note: people do not stand during the candle lighting)**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way, still you’re there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near,

Please be near me, to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

(Interlude: Child lights candle)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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**Presenting the Word**

Worship Leader: Your Word Lord, is eternal.

**All: It stands firm in the heavens forever!” Psalm 119:89**

(Bible is walked to the table)

**Song - PH #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines” Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)**

V1 – Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

V2 – World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

**Leader: Please be seated**

**Confession and Pardon          Worship Assistant Holton**

Confession of Sin

Leader: Please join me as we confess our sins together.

**All: Gracious God,  
we are people who still love darkness rather than light.  
We keep shameful deeds secret,  
but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue.  
We see ourselves as blameless,  
but pass judgment on others.  
We do not stand firmly enough  
with those who are vulnerable,  
but step back, protecting ourselves.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Bring us into your light  
that we may know ourselves loved.  
Bring us into your light  
that we may live more fruitful lives.  
Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin,  
and shine upon us with your grace.  
In Christ's name, hear our silent prayers of return...**

Moment of silence (as people confess their own sins)

**Assurance of Pardon          Worship Assistant Holton**

Leader: Hear the good news: God's goodness and mercy will follow us all  
the days of our life. We are God's forgiven people!

**Many: We will receive this goodness and mercy, and live as children of  
the light, for Christ shines on us. Amen.**

**Doxology PH #609**

**Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Children's Blessing "You are Somebody" - Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**Leader: Will the children come forward for the blessing**

You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.  
You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.  
(repeat)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

(Turn and share the peace with the people around you)

**OFFERING**

Invitation to Offering

**Worship Assistant Holton**

**(WA to ask people to return to seats as needed before starting)**

Leader: Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.  
*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
The world, and those who live in it. (Ps 24:1)*

Bread and Cup

Leader: For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!

**(WA to pause and wait for the children to bring up the elements and recess to the back of the chapel)**

Leader: Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him! Even more than this:

Let us “present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!

Presentation of tithes and offerings

**Song - PH #649 “Amazing Grace” Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)**

V1 - Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

V2 - ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

V3 - Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Dedication of Offering **Worship Assistant Holton** (own words for prayer)

**Leader: You may be seated.**

## THE WORD

**Story Time: "Mud in Your Eye" (John 9)**

**Song PH #106 “Prepare the Way, O Zion” Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)**

V1 – Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.  
O blest is Christ that came in God’s most holy name.

V2 – Christ brings God’s rule, O Zion, he comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.  
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.  
O blest is Christ that came in God’s most holy name.

V3 – Fling wide your gates, O Zion. Your Savior’s rule embrace.  
And tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.

All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.  
O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

**(Children leave during song)**

**Leader: You may be seated.**

Prayer for Illumination      **Pastor Andrew**

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Leader: Our scripture today is Psalm 23. After the text is being read, we will take  
a few minutes to meditate on God's Word. Hear the Word of the Lord:

**Scripture Reading Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**Response: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: Now, let us sit quietly and open our hearts to God's word and spirit as we reflect on the word; in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen!

### **Silent Meditation**

**Sermon "In the Valley" Pastor Andrew Chapdelaine**

**Song LYH #87 "On Eagle's Wings" Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)**

And he will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.  
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

(repeat song)

**Confession of Faith Worship Assistant Holton**

Leader: Please remain standing as we confess our faith:

**As Jesus Christ is God's assurance  
of the forgiveness of all our sins,  
so in the same way and with the same seriousness  
is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.  
Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance  
from the godless fetters of this world  
for a free, grateful service to God's creatures.  
We reject the false doctrine,  
as though there were areas of our life  
in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ,  
but to other lords—  
areas in which we would not need justification  
and sanctification through Christ.**

**Leader: You may be seated.**

**Prayers of the People Worship Assistant Holton**

**Song PH #834 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

**Worship Leader Emmanuel**

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

V1 – Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

V2 – When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Leader: You may be seated.

## **COMMUNION** Led by Pastor

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor: Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary  
and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Let us remember that the table is not a right bestowed upon the worthy,  
but a privilege given to the undeserving.

Christ invites all to his table.

This table helps us to strive for authenticity in all aspects of our lives,  
and helps us to seek to live in peace with each other and our communities.

### Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: God, creator of the universe,  
it is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God:  
our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.  
Out of chaos you bring order and care.  
You breathe life into our weary lungs.

Even from our depths, you remain steadfast.  
You love us not in spite of our sins, but regardless of them.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending refrain:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed in the he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ, who redeems us all.  
He welcomed those deemed strangers,  
and he challenged the status quo.  
He delivered, fed, and cared for those whom society ignored.  
When the time came, he took up his cross  
and died that we might live a new life.  
Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,  
we break bread and share one cup,  
giving thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ  
and offering ourselves to live for him  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,  
Christ has risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and of the vine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be his body for the world.  
redeemed and restored.  
By your Spirit make us one with him,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,

until we feast with him in glory.  
All thanks and praise to you, O triune God,  
now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

#### Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

**All: 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.**

#### Breaking of the Bread

Pastor:

God, we give you thanks that on the night of his arrest  
Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,

do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord,  
until he comes.

With thanksgiving, let us offer God all that we are.

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

#### Communion of the People

Pastor:

The table is set. Our savior joyfully awaits.

After the deacons come forward to serve, please, come to the table!

(Explanation of intinction, individual serving cups if preferred. Deacons will note any who want cups or who need to be served in their seats.)

(Musical Interlude)

Prayer after Communion

Pastor: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

**All: Send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

**Charge and Blessing Pastor Andrew**

Pastor: Please stand for the benediction

**(Pastor returns to pew)**

**Song LYH #136 – “Freely, Freely” Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)**

V1 - God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.  
I've been born again in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share his love as he told me to.

(Refrain)

He said, “Freely, freely, you have received,  
Freely, freely, give.  
Go in my name and because you believe,  
others will know that I live.

**(Pastor recesses down from aisle)**

V2 - All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,  
in earth and heav'n in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share his pow'r as he told me to.

(Refrain)

He said, "Freely, freely, you have received,  
Freely, freely, give.  
Go in my name and because you believe,  
others will know that I live.

Close