

Worship Guide March 22, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Andrew

Call to Worship

Pastor: O mortal, can these bones live?

Many: **Only the Lord God knows.**

Pastor: O people, hope in the Lord.

Many: **With the Lord there is steadfast love, and great power to redeem.**

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: O Lord,
if you held our sin against us,
who could live? Who could stand?
We seem to have more faith in death
than hope in your promise of life.
We seek peace through way
and find security in weapons.
We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying,
and pursue wealth by making others poor.
And even so, you love us;
still there is forgiveness with you!
Therefore we worship you;
for you alone, Lord,
can save us from death.
God, forgive us for our limited sight.
Give life to our dry bones,
that we might be brought back into life with you.
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: If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life, and the grace of God will be your righteousness.

Many: God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give us life. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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 - “In Christ Alone” Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

V1 - In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

V4 - No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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

Leader: You may be seated.

THE WORD

Story Time: "Life Comes to Valleys of Death" (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

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.

(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 Romans 8:6-11. 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 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.

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 "Living In The Spirit" Pastor Andrew Chapdelaine

Song LYH #44 - "Lord, Glorify Your Name" Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

Lord, glorify your name as we lift our hands in praise.

Bring your pow'r, bring your holiness,

Bring your glory to this place.

As we sing to you, "Hallelujah!"

we lift our voice to you, "Hallelujah!"

we lift our voice to you, "Hallelujah!" "Hallelujah!"

Lord, glorify your name as we lift our hands in praise.

Bring your pow'r, bring your holiness,

Bring your glory to this place.

As we sing to you, "Praise you, O Lord!"

we lift our voice to you, "Praise you O Lord!"

Lord we sing to you, "Praise you O Lord, Praise you O Lord!"

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 #621 "I Will Call Upon the Lord" Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

I will call upon the Lord,
Who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.

The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock,
And the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock,
And the God of my salvation be exalted.

(Repeat song)

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 #117 – “Take Up Your Cross” Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

Take up your cross and follow me,
Lift up the yoke of your salvation,
Put on the armor of the Word,
And walk in the truth and light.

What would it profit you, to gain the world for a day?
If you would have your life, first you must give it away.

(Pastor recesses down from aisle)

Take up your cross and follow me,
Lift up the yoke of your salvation,
Put on the armor of the Word,
And walk in the truth and light.
And walk in the truth and light.

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