



**We saved you a seat.**

March 1, 2026  
10:15 am Family Contemporary Worship  
Second Sunday in Lent

# WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

## Prelude

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Carter

## Worship Song

### Way Maker

Egbu

#### Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You

#### Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

#### Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You

#### Verse 3

You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending ev'ry heart  
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

#### Tag

That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are

#### Bridge

Even when I don't see it You're working  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working  
You never stop You never stop working

## Confession

### Refrain

***Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.***

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who forgives us now and always.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love, for seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you. Have mercy on us for desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word. Have mercy on us for failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit and we sing together...

(Refrain)

P: Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers. Have mercy on us for disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world. Have mercy on us for dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love and we sing...

(Refrain)

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. Amen.

## Prayers of the Church

*Refrain- O praise the Name of the Lord our God*

*O praise His Name forevermore*

*For endless days we will sing Your praise*

*Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

O God, When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church. Preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint.

O God, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. We praise you for the diversity of people among us. Awaken us to share and receive the gifts we each possess, and stir up a spirit of understanding, celebration, and welcome for all.

*Hear us as we sing...*

*(Refrain)*

O God, we plead for your peace on earth. Bring an end to war and violence, and raise up leaders in governments, courts, businesses, schools, and community organizations who seek goodness and mercy.

O God, When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need. We lift to you all who are in need of your healing.

*(We now invite you to speak aloud the names of those for whom you are praying.)*

O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation and we sing our amen...

*(Refrain)*

*(Children may head out for C&C Kids)*

## Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**



This Week's Story: Four Friends  
Icebreaker Question: What is the worst thing you have ever eaten?

Pre-K through 3rd Grade

**Welcome Home and Announcements** *(See back page for additional announcements.)*

# THE WORD

## John 3:1-17

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon**

Jeremy Carr

## THANKSGIVING

**Anthem**

God So Loved the World

Stainer

God so loved the world, God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him, should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

God so loved the world, God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him, should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life, everlasting life, everlasting, everlasting life. God so loved the world, God so loved the world, God so loved the world.

(Please stand)

## Offertory Response

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Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

### Statement of Belief

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## COMMUNION

### Come to the Table— Everyone's Invited!

*Holy Communion is a celebration of Christ's love, shared through His body and blood. If you're hungry for His presence, this meal is for you! We commune by taking a piece of bread and dipping it into wine or grape juice. Need grape juice or gluten-free options? No problem—the assistant will gladly help you out. Kids are welcome, too! Just let the assistant know if your child will be receiving Communion or would prefer a special blessing. We're so glad you're here—let's share this joyful moment together!*

## Words of Institution

P: When we gathered for the celebration of Communion last Sunday, Pastor Melody said these words. With thanksgiving, we remembered that "in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." We were given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now we bring to you this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who  
trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

OR

Our Father, who is of heaven,  
Holy is your name  
Your kingdom come  
Your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven  
Give us today our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation  
and deliver us from evil  
For yours is the kingdom  
And the power, and the glory  
now and forever, Amen.

## Welcome to the Table

P: Come now and feast on the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please be seated)*

## Lamb of God



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Distribution of Holy Communion

### Communion Song

#### O Come to the Altar

Furtick, Brown, Joye, Brock

#### Verse 1

Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

#### Chorus

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

#### Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

#### Bridge

Oh what a Savior  
Isn't he wonderful  
Lord we love you, Christ is risen  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Lord we love you, Christ is risen

#### Verse 3

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

### The Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C: Amen.

### Benediction

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

## **Sending Song**

### **My Lighthouse**

Llewellyn, Gilkeson

#### **Verse 1**

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

#### **Verse 2**

In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

#### **Chorus**

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness  
I will follow You oh  
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

#### **Verse 3**

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

#### **Bridge**

Fire before us  
You're the brightest  
You will lead us  
Through the storms (hey)  
(REPEAT 3X)

### **The Doxology** (sung a capella)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

### **Sending**

**L:** Please read the sending with me.

**L:** Go in peace and share Cross and Crown's mission with the world.

**C:** **Following Jesus, loving and serving all!**