

March 23, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude.

What Wonderous Love Is This

Bell Choir

Call to Worship

God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you:  
My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.  
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.  
So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

\* Gathering Song O God, You are my God 743

O God, you are my God,  
and I will ever praise you.  
O God, you are my God,  
and I will ever praise you.  
I will seek you in the morning,  
and I will learn to walk in your ways.  
And step by step you'll lead me,  
and I will follow you all of my days.

\*Call to Confession

Dennis Schooley, Lay Reader

\*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have been quick to judge others and slow to make changes in our own lives. We confess that we have focused on others' shortcomings instead of reforming our own. Turn us from ways that lead to perishing. Lead us, O Lord, in your ways that lead to abundant life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Isaiah 55:1-9

See Insert

Anthem

When I Survey The Wonderous Cross

Scripture.

Luke 13:1-9

13 At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ 8 He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

Message

Rev. Edward Dunn

\*Responding Song God of Grace and God of Glory 307

God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,

lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.  
Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Receiving our Offering

Offertory Blessed Assurance

Mary Schumm, Oboe

\*Doxology Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

\* Sending Song                      Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound                      649  
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.

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

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

\*Blessing

Postlude O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing and Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises