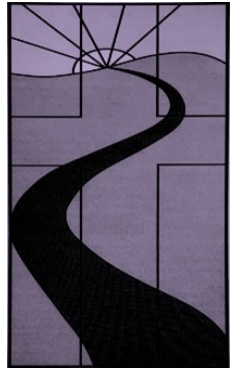


**MARCH 15, 2026 ~ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT  
10:00 A.M. SERVICE**

**\*Indicates we will rise in body or spirit**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**



**Prelude**

**Diane Ritzema**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship:**

God calls us to worship as His children, as aliens and strangers on the way to our true home. We are called to see our need for forgiveness, to experience the Father's extravagant love, and to celebrate being a child of God. Let us worship God.

**\*Songs of Praise: We are People on A Journey**

We are people on a journey,  
Following where the Master walks.

We are people on a journey,  
In the shadow of the cross.  
What compels? The face of Jesus!  
Who protects? Our faithful guide:  
He who treads the road of service,  
Christ the Lord, the crucified.

We are people on a journey,  
Taking up the cross of Christ.  
We are people on a journey,  
Moving on from death to life.  
We release the sin that tangles.  
We relinquish all acclaim.  
We receive the suffering Savior,  
He our glory, wealth and fame.

We are people on a journey,  
Rising up in life reborn.  
We are people on a journey,

Speaking peace, accepting scorn.  
We are walking toward a homeland,  
To a mystery yet unknown,  
To a kingdom coming quickly,  
To the light of God's own throne.

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### **I Will Sing of My Redeemer**

I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love to me;  
On the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.  
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me;  
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,  
In his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave.  
I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant power I'll tell;  
How the victory he gives me over sin and death and hell.

I will sing of my Redeemer and His heavenly love to me;  
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God with Him to be.  
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me;  
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

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## **God's Greeting/Mutual Greetings**

### **WE ARE RENEWED**

#### **Call to Confession:**

The way of the cross is a dark way. We follow Christ who said,  
"Behold, we go up to Jerusalem."

**ALL: As we follow him, we will remember the suffering of  
Jesus along the way, and we will remember that our  
darkness put him on that road.**

"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light."

**ALL: Help us, Lord, to lift up our eyes to you on the cross  
as we make our journey out of the darkness into the light.**

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;  
repent and believe in the gospel."

### **Song of Confession: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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**Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18**

## Dedication to Holy Living: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

**ALL: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.**

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

**ALL: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;**

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

**ALL: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

**ALL: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## GOD SPEAKS

**[Children ages 3-3<sup>rd</sup> grade may exit the sanctuary during the song]**

### **\*Song of Preparation: Amazing Love**

My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly  
That I, the guilty one, may go free?

Amazing love, O what sacrifice.  
The Son of God giv'n for me;  
My debt He pays and my death He dies,  
That I might live, that I might live.

And so they watched Him die, despised, rejected;  
But, O the blood He shed flowed for me.

Amazing love, O what sacrifice.  
The Son of God giv'n for me;  
My debt He pays and my death He dies,  
That I might live, that I might live

And now, this love of Christ, Shall flow like rivers;  
Come, wash your guilt away, live again.

Amazing love, O what sacrifice.  
The Son of God giv'n for me;  
My debt He pays and my death He dies,  
That I might live, that I might live.

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**Scripture: Luke 15:11-32**

**Message: “The Cost of the Way Home”**

## **WE RESPOND**

### **\*Songs of Response: Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

Wonderful, merciful Savior,  
precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,  
Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
hopelessly lost the way;  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

You are the One that we praise,  
You are the One we adore,  
You give the healing and grace our  
Hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father,  
faithfully loving Your own;

Here in our weakness You find us  
falling before Your throne;  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

You are the One that we praise,  
You are the One we adore,  
You give the healing and grace our  
Hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

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### **What Love, My God**

What love my God would bring You down to earth  
What king would take a low and lonely birth  
Yet to this dark and broken place You came  
To sleep beneath the stars that You had made

What love my God would send the Way of Life  
To walk the road rejected and despised  
That You might know the weakness I possess  
And be my rock of strength and righteousness

O Your love my God like a flood  
As heaven opened up pouring out on us  
O praise the King who came to the world  
In His love like a mighty flood

What love my God could hold You to the tree  
To bear that overwhelming debt for me  
The Son of heaven leaves the Father's side  
The Healer bleeds the Life was made to die

What love my God so gracious and extreme  
Was strong enough to come and fight for me  
To go through hell and down into the grave  
And raise me up to see You face to face  
You raise me up to see You face to face

O Your love my God like a flood  
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### **Prayer for our Church:**

**ALL:**

**Jesus, our Savior, show Grace Church Your way. We know that we as individuals and as a church do not always walk in that way. Forgive us for our failures. And as we have experienced Your forgiving love, may we forgive others. Help us to share the joy of forgiveness with those we come in contact with each day. We pray in Your name. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People: Ed Ritzema**

**Offering: General Operating Fund**

## **GOD BLESSES US TO SERVE**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Doxology: Let it Be Said of Us**

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,  
That with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given;  
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course  
Knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,  
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.  
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song  
Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.  
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Let it be said of us: we were marked by forgiveness,  
We were known by our love and delighted in meekness.  
We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call,  
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,  
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## Postlude

