



Lent

March 15, 2026 at 9:30am (EDT | UTC-4)

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The Congregation, Ministers
Randall Engle, Preaching Minister & Organist
Carol Kenney, Pianist
Olivia Langsdorf, Soloist

Gathering Music: *Lamb of God: Three Lenten Hymn Settings* David Cherwien

- I. Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless
- II. Beneath the Cross of Jesus
- III. Go to Dark Gethsemane

Our Opening Prayer: *I Will Sing New Songs* Antonin Dvořák

I will sing new songs of gladness
I will sing of Jehovah's praises upon a ten-string psaltery
Every day will I extol Thee and will bless Thy holy name
Great is God and great His mercy
Who shall tell of all His greatness? Who shall His power declare?
My song shall be of praise and honor and of Thy glorious acts
Thy works are wonderful past our knowing
Yea, men shall tell of Thy great kindness and of Thy wondrous might
And my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy glory

***Our Opening Hymn:** *Holy, Holy, Holy* Hymnal 538

***God's Greeting**

*Mutual Greetings

A common greeting, used by Christians for millennia, is “the Lord be with you,” or “God’s peace.” The response: “And also with you.”

*A Song of Challenge: *Let It Be Said of Us* Steven Fry

Verse



1. Let it be said of us that the Lord was our pas - sion, That with
2. Let it be said of us: we were marked by for - give - ness, We were

5



glad - ness we bore ev - 'ry cross we were giv - en; That we fought the good fight, that we
known by our love and de - light - ed in meek - ness. We were ruled by His peace, heed - ing

Chorus

11



fin - ished the course Know - ing with - in us the pow'r of the ris - en Lord. Let the
un - i - ty's call, Joined as one bod - y that Christ would be seen by all.

17



cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song, By mer - cy made ho - ly, by the Spir - it_ made

24



strong. Let the cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song 'Til the like - ness of

30



Je - sus be through us made known. Let the cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song.

Confessing our Sin

Our Confession and Assurance of Pardon Hymnal 636

We'll sing the *Kyrie* of Hymnal 633; note that the soloist begins each phrase, the congregation repeats

*A Song of Gratitude: *There Is a Redeemer* Hymnal 833

Our Morning Offerings are Received

Our Morning Prayers are Offered

Hearing the Word

The Scripture Lessons: Luke 18:18–30 *The Bible*, p. 1629

One: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

The Anthem: *Give to My Eyes, Lord* Ronald Corp

Give to my eyes Lord, the blessing of seeing Your face
In all around me the light of Your glorious grace
Help me to see the needs of Your people and be
Ready to go Lord wherever Your Spirit leads me

Give to my hands Lord, the blessing of doing Your will
Bringing Your touch where it's needed to soothe every ill
Help me to heal the pain of Your people and be
Ready to serve Lord, wherever Your Spirit leads me

Give to my feet Lord, the blessing of walking Your way
Going wherever You lead me throughout the whole day
Show me the paths that lead where Your people need me
Mine your own footsteps, wherever Your Spirit leads me

Give to my mouth Lord, the courage to speak of Your cross
Boldly proclaiming Your death as a gain not a loss
That through Your blood, true justice and mercy may be
Building Your Kingdom, wherever Your Spirit leads me

Give to my heart Lord, the grace to rejoice in Your love
Showing forgiveness and mercy and grace from above
That by Your word I'll share in the joys You give free
Help me to go Lord, wherever Your Spirit leads me

Jesus Lord, take me, I offer my whole life to You
And by my service I'll show that I'm faithful and true
Help me to live and praise You; please Lord set me free
That You may use me, wherever Your Spirit needs me

~Text: Colin Coppen

The Sermon: *Letting Go*

The Sermon Prayer

God Sends Us

***God's Blessing**

***Our Closing Hymn:** *Faith Begins by Letting Go* Hymnal 852

***The Organ Postlude:** *Fanfare* R. Mark Otterstadt

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538 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Descant

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

D Bm A D G D

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

A D Bm A E7 A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

D Bm A D G D

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,

Words: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt., P.D.

Music (NICAEA 11.12.10): John B. Dykes, 1861; desc. David McK. Williams (1887-1978), P.D.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Bm D G D7 G A7 D

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is the vocal line in G major, with lyrics underneath. The middle staff is the guitar accompaniment, with chords Bm, D, G, D7, G, and A7 indicated below the notes. The bottom staff is the bass line. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

636 A Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Gracious God,

**our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a
consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past
that we cannot change;
open us to a future in
which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more
in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light
of the world.**

All sing "Kyrie Eleison" see 633, 635, 637, 639

This saying is sure and worthy
of full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
He bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that free from sins,
we might live for righteousness.
By his wounds we are healed.
Alleuia! Amen.

All sing a hymn or psalm of praise.

Prayer: *Book of Worship*, United Church of Christ © 1986, 2002 United Church of Christ
Text: from 1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Pet. 2:24

Kyrie/Lord, Have Mercy

D
Leader

All

G
(*simile*)

D *G* *D*

Ky - ri - e. Ky - ri - e. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Bm *Em* *Bm* *Em* *C* *Em* *C/E* *A/E*

Chris - te. Chris - te. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

D *G* *D* *G* *D*

Ky - ri - e. Ky - ri - e. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

D

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. e - le - i - son.

There Is a Redeemer

D G/D D A D G A D Asus A

1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,
3 When I stand in glo - ry I will see his face;

D G D Em7 Asus A7 D

pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
there I'll serve my King for - ev - er, in that ho - ly place.

Refrain D G D G A D A7

Refrain Thank you O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and

D G/D D G Asus A7 D

leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Faith Begins by Letting Go

F Dm F/C C F A Dm F/C C F

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's roots a - live
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,

F/A C7/G F F/C C C7 F/C C F

tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
 so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
 shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;

F7 B^b/D D Gm F/C C7 F

pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
 not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
 till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Optional Prayer

God of grace and glory,
 we pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit—
 for us, for those whom we love...

for those unknown to us but known and loved by you...

By your Spirit, reveal to our minds and seal upon our hearts
 a firm and certain knowledge of your lavish generosity toward us,
 founded on the truth of all your promises
 given and confirmed in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Truly, you are the fountain of all goodness,
 the giver of every good and perfect gift. Amen.**

Text: based on John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, III.2.7, and James 1:17

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