



COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

LIGHTING
A pathway into community

GROWING
Disciples in God's Love

SENDING
The Hope and Joy of Jesus

Our Vision: To Be Love to Leisure World

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Sunday Service: 9:30 AM
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March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

Drip
Sweet
Wine



Rev. Johan Dodge



OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Johan Dodge

Good Morning and Welcome to Worship! Worship is often the first place that new people come into contact with this growing community of faith. And so, if you are joining us for the first time, I say to you what is said every Sunday: You are welcome here. Here is a place where all are welcome. For such is the love of God for God's Very Good Creation.

[please stand as you are able]

CALL TO WORSHIP: Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures

here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye Heav'n - ly

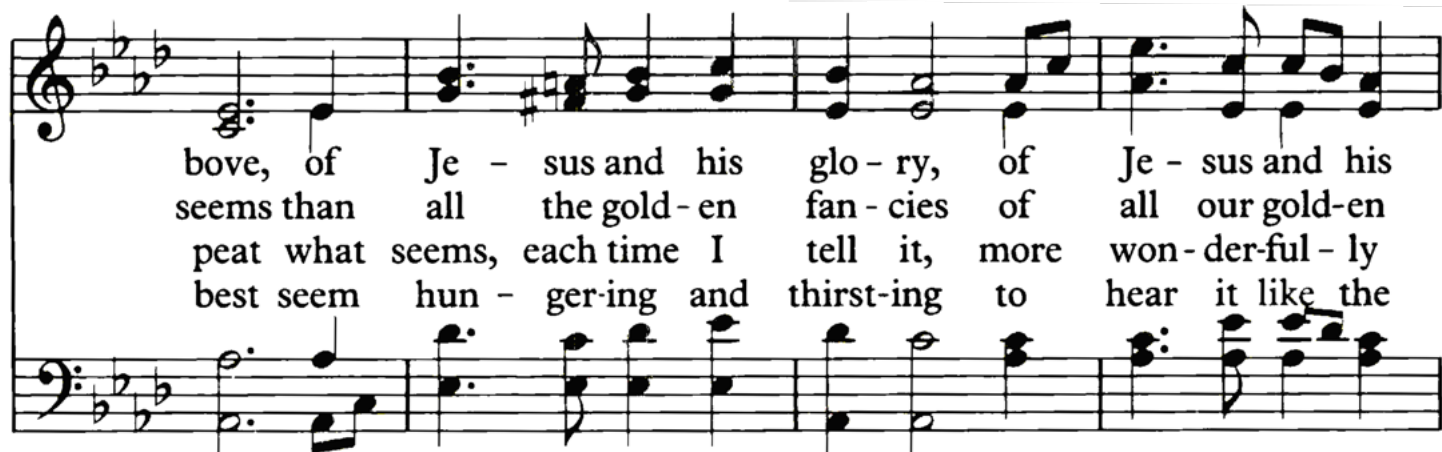
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: "The Prayer of Jesus" — Jeanette Williams

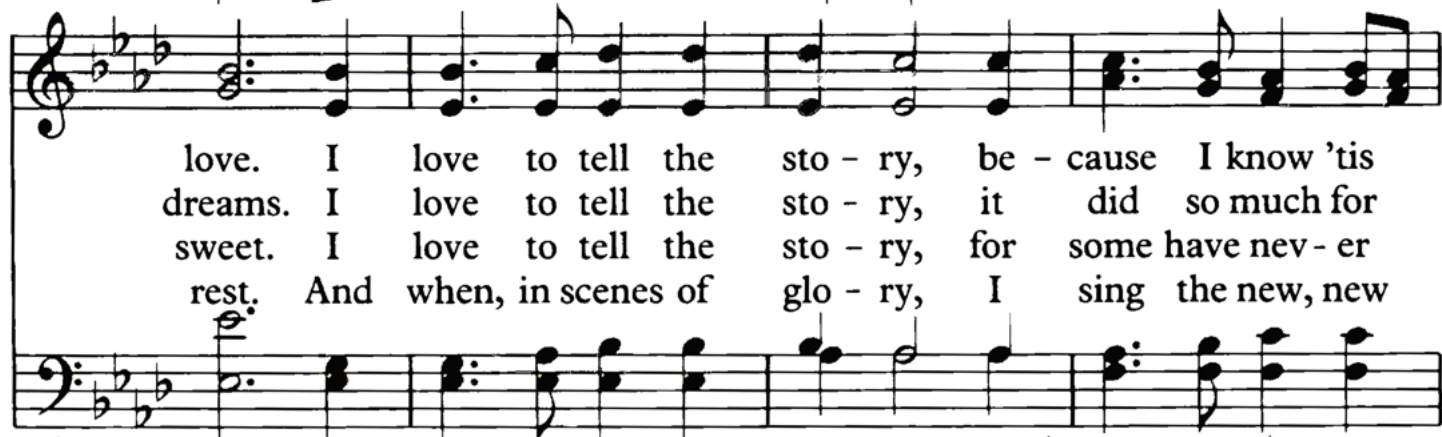
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kindom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story"

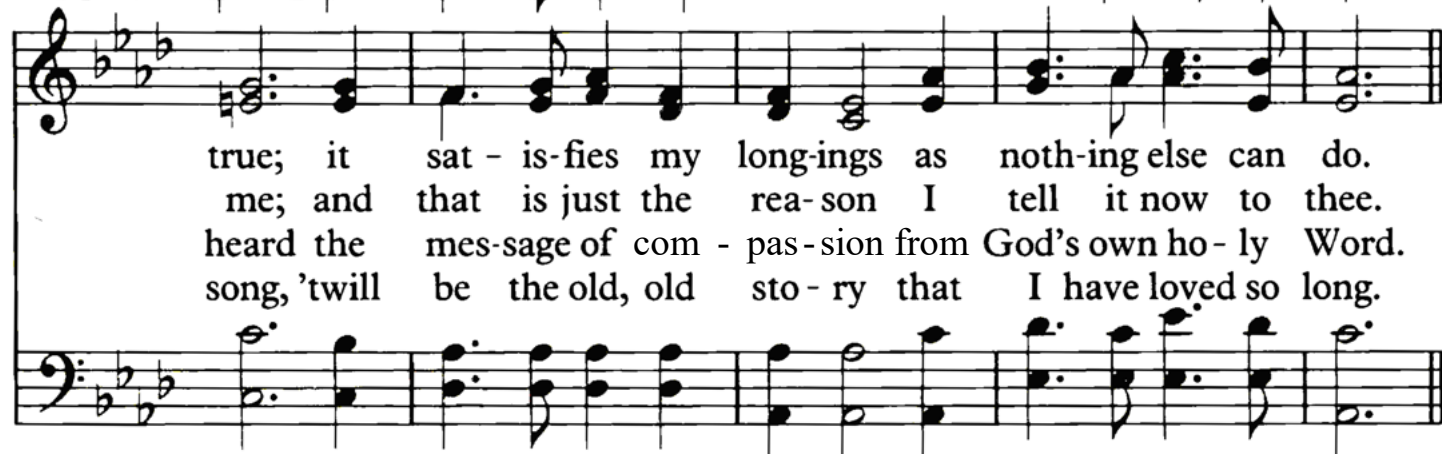
1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a -
2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it
3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re -
4. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it



bove, of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his
seems than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en
peat what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly
best seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the

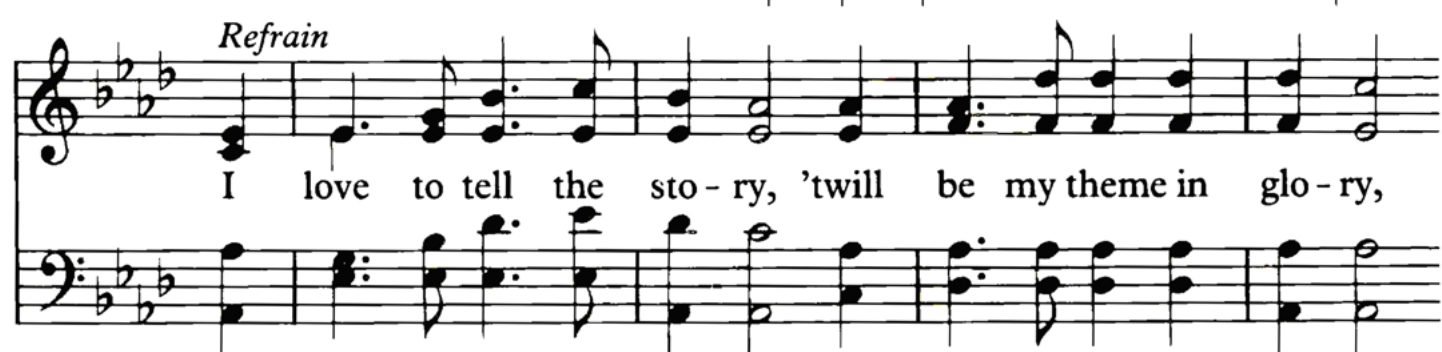


love. I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis
dreams. I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for
sweet. I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er
rest. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new



true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
me; and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
heard the mes - sage of com - pas - sion from God's own ho - ly Word.
song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Let us pray for the needs of the world.

Loving, Ever-Present God, you are the giver of living water, the source of deepest compassion, the fountain of eternal love. Therefore, we pray to you ...

Wellspring of Divine Love, hear our prayers.

For all who are thirsty —

Thirsty for a life of meaning,

Thirsty for a word of grace, thirsty for a drink of water...

Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayers.

For all who are weary —

Weary from life's long journey,

Weary from quarreling and testing,

Weary from pain and grief ...

Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayers.

For all who feel broken —

Broken by mistakes and broken by suffering,

Broken by hard disappointment,

Broken by acts of violence ...

Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayers.

Living God, through your Spirit, pour your love into our hearts,

Your grace into our lives,

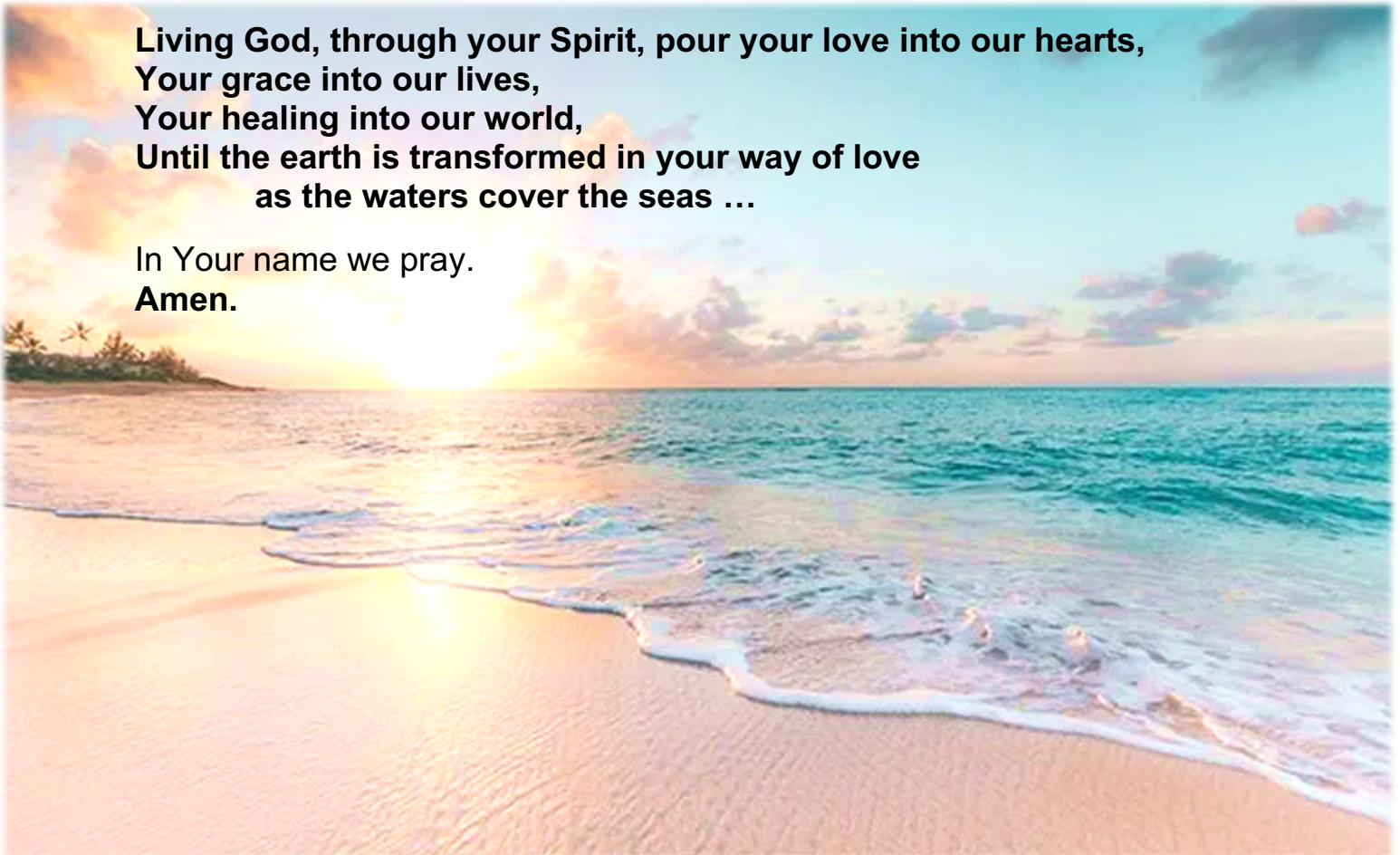
Your healing into our world,

Until the earth is transformed in your way of love

as the waters cover the seas ...

In Your name we pray.

Amen.



[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "In the Garden"

Verses

I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the
He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so
I'd stay in the gar - den wth Him though the

dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear,
sweet the birds hush their sing - ing, And the mel - o - dy
night a - round me be fall - ing, But He bids me go;

fall - ing on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
that He gave to me with - in my heart is ring - ing.
through the voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

Refrain

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own;— And the

joy we share as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er — known.

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Jeanette Williams

Loving God, through the reading of the Scriptures and by the power of your Spirit, may we hear for ourselves the good news of your love for the world and may we be filled so that we might go forth to pour out God's love upon the world. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Jeanette Williams

Exodus 17:1-7

Water from the Rock

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Amos 9:11-15

The Restoration of David's Kingdom

- ¹¹ On that day I will raise up
the booth of David that is fallen
and repair its breaches
and raise up its ruins
and rebuild it as in the days of old,
- ¹² in order that they may possess the remnant of Edom
and all the nations who are called by my name,
says the Lord who does this.
- ¹³ The time is surely coming, says the Lord,
when the one who plows shall catch up with the one who reaps
and the treader of grapes with the one who sows the seed;
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,
and all the hills shall flow with it.
- ¹⁴ I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.
- ¹⁵ I will plant them upon their land,
and they shall never again be plucked up
out of the land that I have given them,
says the Lord your God.

MESSAGE: “Drip Sweet Wine” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

In the Gospel lesson, Jesus speaks of living water to a Samaritan woman who is drawing water in the noon day sun. Father Richard Rohr, in his insight on the prophet Amos, speaks of God loving us until we will love God back. God is seeking to drip the mountains with Sweet Wine. Where do you see evidence of God’s extravagant love in your life? Where do feel it is missing? Is that God not loving you? or is it you getting in the way of God loving you? What might you do to turn back to the Way of Love?

REFLECTION: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” — John Fluker, *pianist & arranger*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Jeanette Williams

My siblings, the fields of God are ripe for harvest! Already, God is gathering fruit for eternal life. With rejoicing, let us offer our lives to God, that we might share what we have with one another and experience God’s abundance.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “Fill My Cup, Lord” — Dave Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Jeanette Williams

Loving God, we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; and may we follow the Way of Jesus that brings transformation and shared abundance.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me._____

Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be._____

_____ With God, our Cre - a - tor,_____ we are fam - i - ly._____

25 Let us walk with each oth - er _____ in per - fect har - mo - ny. _____

33 Let peace be - gin with me, let this be the mo - ment now; _____

41 With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow: _____ To

49 take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly; _____

57 Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me. _____

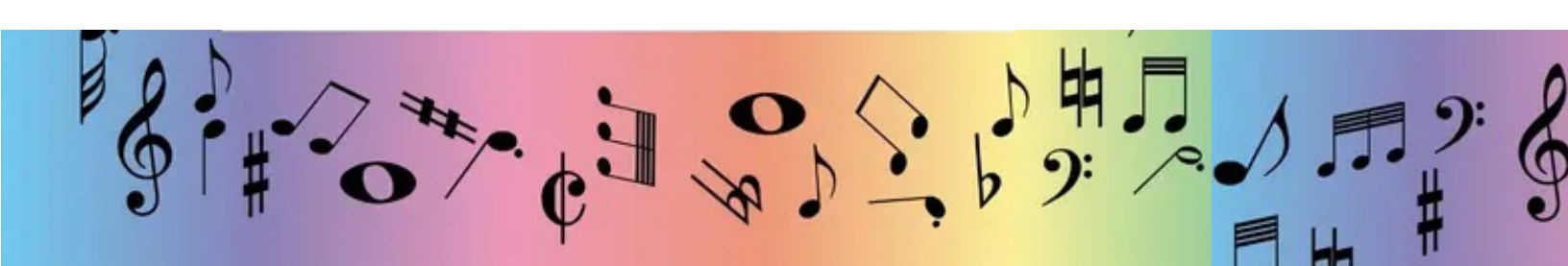
BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

The hour has come and is now here for us to pour out the love of God for the community before us. May the love of God and the way of Jesus spring up like living water to fill your heart and flow through you into the world beyond these walls. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Blest be _____ the tie _____ that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love: The

fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove. A - men.



Music Team: Dave Albulario, *Tenor / Music Dir.*
John Fluker, *Pianist*

Jennifer Rudy, *Soprano*
Hannah Yi, *Pianist*

Doxology (*Old Hundredth LM*)
Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551
Words by Thomas Ken, 1674

"I Love to Tell the Story"
Music by William G. Fischer
Words by Katherine Hankey

"In the Garden"
Music and Words by C. Austin Miles
1868-1946, Baptist Hymnal 1991

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
Traditional Indian Folk Melody;
Piano Arrangement by John Fluker

"Fill My Cup, Lord"
Words and Music by Richard Blanchard,
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"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Music & Words by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson
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Lee Music, Beverly Hills, California

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Dennis SM)
Music by Johann G. Nægeli, 1768-1836
Words by John Fawcett, 1740-1817
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Linda Hildreth – Continued prayers for Linda, who is now back at Cascade Home.
Please send prayers for her comfort and care.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS and **FELLOWSHIP**: Today's 🌺 flowers and Fellowship refreshments 🍪 are provided by Phyllis Spencer. See the new sign-up charts for 2026 to provide refreshments or cover the cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are \$35. See Phyllis Spencer to coordinate the arrangements.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: ☕ On Thursday, March 12th at 10 AM, join us for "Coffee with Pastor." Join Pastor Johan and other members of our congregation for a relaxed time to discuss *any* questions you may have, current events, or just to get something off your chest. Come share coffee & conversation.

FOOD DONATIONS: Deepest gratitude for your kindness and continuing food donations for those in need. To streamline the process, we need boxes that hold 10 to 14 cans of soup and are deep enough to hold cans and/or cereal boxes (about 7-11 inches deep), with flaps to close when filled. When donating items, please unload bags if you have time, and place food items on the table. Presently, we are accepting only food items and personal hygiene products. ***Thanks again for all you do to support those in need.***

END-OF-YEAR STATEMENTS: If you wish to receive an End-of-Year Giving Statement of your 2025 donations, please see Phyllis Spencer.

RECENT LWCC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

February 8th: 29 | February 15th: 31 | February 22nd: 29 | March 1st: 40

LENT: SHINE in the DARKNESS

March 8th	Mini Easter! Be Kind today!	March 12th	Give a stranger a compliment
March 9th	Tell someone you're grateful for them	March 13th	Call a friend you haven't talked to
March 10th	Avoid complaining — all day	March 14th	Give a meal card to an unhoused person
March 11th	Send a letter to a friend	March 15th	Mini Easter! Be Kind today!



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Notes from the Service

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My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use this prayer in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, creator of me and everything I see before me, old me this day, with the same hand that shapes the mountains, with the same hand that cradles the deep. Keep my heart soft and supple, make my faith strong and renew me, re-form me, re-create me into the image of Jesus — your love for the world. Amen.

*Consider The Upper Room Daily Devotional
as a resource for Midday Prayer.*

Household Prayer: Evening

I come to you now, O God, weary from the day's journey, thirsty for rest, hungry for peace. Renew me in your love and restore me by your grace, until I find my rest at last by the river of the water of life. Amen.