



January 25, 2026  
Third Sunday after Epiphany

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

### Welcome

### Missions Moment

Becky Haines

### Prelude

*God Will Take Care of You*

Martin

*The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.*

### Call to Worship

Damon Moore

Friends of God, today Jesus calls to each of us:

“Come! Follow me!”

**The kingdom of heaven has come near.**

Some say, “But we are walking in darkness.”

**In Christ, we have seen God’s light.**

**The kingdom of heaven has come near.**

Some say, “But divisions tear us apart.”

**In Christ we are united in mind and purpose.**

**The kingdom of heaven has come near.**

Friends of God, today we gather to worship God  
and to follow Jesus.

**The kingdom of heaven has come near.**

## **Opening Prayer**

Damon Moore

Inviting God, help us to hear Jesus calling us  
and help us to follow him.

In Christ, your kingdom draws near to us,  
whether we are seeking it or not.

When we are caught up in our anguish,  
you shine a great light in our darkness.

When we face days full of trouble,  
you shelter us.

When we are at odds with others,  
quarreling and breaking apart into factions,  
you save us with the unity won by Christ  
through the cross and his resurrection.

Whether we face danger or are at ease in our routines—  
the kingdom of heaven draws near and Jesus says:  
“Now is the time to follow me.”

You hear us, God, when we cry out to you.

May we hear you this day when you cry out to us.  
Amen.

## **Hymn**

*To God be the Glory*

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## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

Jesus calls us to follow him, sharing with one another the good news that God has drawn  
near to us. Let us begin by greeting one another with the peace of Jesus Christ.

## **Children’s Message**

Pastor Larry

## **Ministry of Music**

*I’m Standing on the Solid Rock*

Choir

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

*All Praying*

**May we hear the word which calls us to follow Jesus Christ.  
“Come!” our hearts say, “Let us seek God.” Amen**

## **Scripture Reading**

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in  
heaven and on earth takes its name. 16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he

may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit 17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Response to the Word**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Hymn**

*As the Deer*

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### **Sermon**

*"Immeasurably More"*

Pastor Larry

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

### **\*Gloria Patri**

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**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.**

### **Morning Prayer**

Pastor Larry

### **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. Amen.**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

**Damon Moore**

God has come to us as light, shelter, and unity, reminding us that the kingdom of heaven is very near to us. Let us respond immediately, offering ourselves and our gifts as signs of our joy.

### **Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*

*Restoration*

**Birchwood**

*\*Doxology*

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God, all creatures here below:***

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!***

***Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!***

***Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

**Damon Moore**

**Generous God, you have blessed us with your call to follow Jesus.**

**In return, we rejoice as we give our offerings and gifts.**

**May they be used for the work of proclaiming the good news  
that the kingdom of heaven come near. Amen.**

### **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

#### **\*Hymn**

*Blessed Assurance*

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#### **\*Benediction**

**Pastor Larry**

#### **\*Choral Benediction**

*I Come With Joy*

*Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
And as his people in the world,  
We'll live and speak his praise,  
We'll live and speak his praise.*

***TO GOD BE THE GLORY***

*To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

***Refrain:***

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!***

*2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)*

*3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)*

## ***AS THE DEER***

*As the deer pants for the water,  
So my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship you.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
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## BLESSED ASSURANCE

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

### ***Refrain:***

***This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.***

*2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

### ***(Refrain)***

*3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.*

### ***(Refrain)***