



*February 1, 2026
Order of Worship*

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

God Will Take Care of You

Martin

Call to Worship

What does the Lord require of us?

**To do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with our God.**

With what shall we come before the Lord?

**With speech that is gentle,
and words that build up.**

How shall we live our faith?

**With actions that bring peace,
and works that lift up the lowly.**

Come and worship God in spirit and in truth.

Opening Prayer

The hills hear your voice, O Lord.

The mountains quake before you.

As we call on your name,

help us walk in the ways of righteousness
and speak in tones of peace.

As we seek to be blameless and do what is right,
may our hearts be free from guile and deceit,
that we be known as peace makers,
the blessed children of God. Amen.

Hymn*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Liturgist

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. As God's beloved children, let us share the peace that Christ brings with those around us.

Children's Message

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**Prayer of Preparation**

All Praying

May God's word fall upon us,
refreshing us with hope for the new year.
May God's word fall upon us,
nourishing us with grace and love for God's world.
May God's word fall upon us,
challenging us to acts of justice and compassion. Amen

Liturgist Reads I Peter 3:13-22

³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Response to the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

***Hymn**

Something Beautiful

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Sermon

"Be Prepared to Give an Answer"

Pastor Larry

Offertory Invitation

Liturgist

God is unfailing in blessing and love. With thankful hearts, let us offer up to God a portion of what God has given us.

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

Liturgist

Source of justice and mercy,

work through this offering

to bring your gifts to the world:

righteousness and peace,

love and kindness, hope and joy.

May our gifts truly express our gratitude

for your many blessings for our church

and for your children everywhere. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor Larry

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
with Music Response**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn

Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus

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Prayer of Thanksgiving (All Praying)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GOING FORTH WITH JOY

Closing Hymn

My Hope is Built

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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.

***Postlude**

Praise to God

Hughes

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

*Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*4. Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*5. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.*

SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

*Something beautiful, something good;
All my confusion he understood;
All I had to offer him was brokenness and strife,
But he made something beautiful of my life.*

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MY HOPE IS BUILT

*My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain:

***On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.***

*2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.*

(Refrain)

*3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.*

(Refrain)

*4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!*

(Refrain)