



**March 15, 2026
Order of Worship**

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Mission Moment

United Methodist Committee on Relief

Prelude

Christ, Be Our Light

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

Carolyn Nash

Come into the light of God.

Christ's brightness will guide our way.

Come into the wisdom of God.

The Spirit's insight will reveal new truths.

Come into the praise of God,

Worship opens new doors in our hearts.

Opening Prayer

Carolyn Nash

Shepherd of love, guide our steps,

open the eyes of our hearts,

and fling wide the doors of our minds

to perceive as you perceive.

Open our lives to love as you love.

Open our world to become the world you envision

for your creation.

In the light of your love, we pray. Amen.

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Passing the Peace of Christ

As Christ's light has guided us here, may Christ's light shine in and through us that we may love and guide one another. Let's share signs of light with one another as we pass the peace of Christ.

Pre-School Presentation**Children's Message**

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music

Lessons from Colossians

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**Prayer of Preparation**

All Praying

By your Word, O God, everything was made. Your Word is powerful and can transform hearts of men and women. Speak to us today, O God. Open our hearts and minds to your renovation Word and give us guidance and strength. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

Scripture Reading

Luke 19: 25-37

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”
Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Response to the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

O How I Love Jesus

UMH 170

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Sermon

“Jesus Spoke to Them in Parables”

Pastor Larry

The Apostles’ Creed

UMH 881

**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**

UMH 70

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

Carolyn Nash

God, who knows our needs and wants, gives all we have and invites us to give in gratitude and joy so that we can bless others as we have been blessed. Let us worship God through our offerings, in thankfulness and love.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Whatsoever You Do

**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*

Carolyn Nash

All-seeing God, you see the gifts we have given

and the offering we are giving:

our treasure and our time,

our service and our lives.

Help us perceive the value of your gifts,

and the ways our generous sharing

brings your realm more closely to this earth.

Bless our lives and our gifts,

that they might become points of light

to bring all of creation closer to you

and to your love. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn**

Jesu, Jesu

UMH 432

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***Benediction**

Pastor Larry

***Choral Benediction** *Lead Me, Lord*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;

Make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only,

That makest me dwell in safety.

Postlude

Love the Lord

ASK YE WHAT GREAT THING I KNOW

*Ask ye what great thing I know,
that delights and stirs me so?
What the high reward I win?
Whose the name I glory in?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.*

*2. Who defeats my fiercest foes?
Who consoles my saddest woes?
Who revives my fainting heart,
healing all its hidden smart?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.*

*3. Who is life in life to me?
Who the death of death will be?
Who will place me on his right,
with the countless hosts of light?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.*

*4. This is that great thing I know;
this delights and stirs me so:
faith in him who died to save,
him who triumphed o'er the grave:
Jesus Christ, the crucified.*

O HOW I LOVE JESUS

*There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear,
the sweetest name on earth.*

Refrain:

***O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!***

*2. It tells me of a Savior's love,
who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood,
the sinner's perfect plea. [Refrain]*

*3. It tells of one whose loving heart
can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part
that none can bear below. [Refrain]*

JESU, JESU

[Refrain:]

Jesu, Jesu,

***fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.***

*1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.*

(Refrain)

*2 Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away.*

(Refrain)

*3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.*

(Refrain)

*4 Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you.*

(Refrain)

*5 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.*

(Refrain)