



May 3, 2026
Order of Worship

GATHERING AND PRAISE
*Please stand as you are able

Welcome

Missions Moment

Heifer Project

Bob Anderson

Prelude

We Are Called

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

Over the turbulent waves in our lives, Jesus calls us.

We get so busy watching the waves, we block out Jesus' call.

Look again. Jesus is calling to you.

Lord, help us hear your voice.

Come, place your trust in Jesus.

Lord, forgive our doubts, receive our lives. AMEN.

***Opening Prayer**

Carolyn Nash

Lord, we come to you this day, seeking your healing and restoring love. Give us courage to reach out to you in the good and easy times as well as in the times of strain and stress.

Open our hearts to receive your message of peace and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

Amen.

***Hymn**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Carolyn Nash

Having received mercy and love from God, let’s share mercy and love with one another— both now, as we share Christ’s peace, and throughout the week ahead.

Children’s Message

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music

If We Truly Believe

Choir

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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Understanding

All Praying

Carolyn Nash

Heavenly Father, as the sun rises on this blessed Sunday, I come before You with a heart that longs to hear Your voice. Quiet the noise within me, still my wandering thoughts, and prepare my spirit to receive the truth of Your Word.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹ “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

***Hymn**

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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Sermon

“We Have to do Something”

Pastor Larry

Offertory Invitation

Carolyn Nash

The gifts of faith come to us in many ways, and the miracles we witness are not always so obvious. May the manifestation of God’s great abundance in our lives inspire us to generosity in as many ways as we see God’s love unfurl.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

I Have Loved You

**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

**God of steadfast faithfulness and love, bless these gifts,
that they may bring your message of faith and love
to the world.**

Bless us also,

**that we may be steadfast and true in our giving
and in our living.**

**Build our church, build us, and build your world
into a household of love and justice—
the household you’ve envisioned
since the beginning of time.**

In faith and trust, we pray. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Pastor Larry

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
(Musical Setting A. Page 17 in UMH.)

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 for ever.
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.

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn

Take Our Bread

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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 TO SERVE

***Hymn**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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***Benediction**

Pastor Larry

***Choral Benediction**

Go Forth for God

**Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.**

***Postlude**

Jesus

WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

*When morning gilds the skies
my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*2. The night becomes as day
when from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear
when this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*3. Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
In heaven's eternal bliss
the loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*4. Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th' eternal song
through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow
Strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

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TAKE OUR BREAD

Refrain:

*Take our bread, we ask you;
Take our hearts, we love you.
Take our lives, O Father,
We are yours, we are yours.*

*Yours as we stand at the table you set;
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the sign of your life with us yet,
We are yours, we are yours. **Refrain***

*Your holy people standing washed in your blood,
Spirit filled yet hungry we await your food.
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best we could;
We are yours, we are yours.*

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Refrain:

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

*Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, Shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us. **Refrain***

*Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. **Refrain***

*As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story. **Refrain***