

Love
YOUR
enemies
DO
Good
TO
those
WHO
hate
YOU
Luke 6:27

*Worshiping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 1, 2026 // 10am

Second Sunday in Lent // Disruptive Blessings

CENTERING WORDS:

Loving enemies and giving without expectation are not naive concessions,
but bold forms of resistance that expose injustice
and participate in the work of imagination. ~ Illustrated Ministry, LLC

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: The God of life be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

GATHERING SONG #203 *Jesu, Jesu* (Refrain)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Tim Staal

One: Come into God's presence,
you who imagine and you who seek,
you who disrupt and you who repair.

All: **By the Spirit, we gather in hope.**

One: Come into God's fellowship,
you who are broken and blessed,
you who show mercy,
as God has first been merciful to you.

All: In Christ, we gather in blessing.

One: Come into God's presence,
singing for joy and for justice;
bringing prayer and worship, your most faithful acts of resistance.

All: To God be the glory! We gather to praise!

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN #766** *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God, who delivers people from their suffering,
you sent Jesus to show us that our ways are not your ways.

**All: You told us to bless the poor,
to make peace with our neighbors,
to share what we have with others,
and to live our faith through quiet actions.
Yet we often fail this calling.
Forgive us, God, where and when
we have slipped into the world's ways of hate, greed, and violence.
Guide us into faithfulness once again,
for your ways are loving, just, and compassionate. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING THE PEACE**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN #727 *The Servant Song.* (vs.1, 2)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 6:27–36

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Inhale: I am vulnerable.

Exhale: I am blessed.

SERMON

Counterintuitive

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

*HYMN

Build a Longer Table (Bulletin/Slides)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you. If you have a prayer request, you are invited to fill out a prayer card (found in the pew-backs) and put it in the offering plate. The ushers will deliver it to the pastors.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Blessed are You

William Beckstrand

*DOXOLOGY #606

All: **Praise God whose image we all bear.
Praise Christ whose mercy we all share.
Praise Spirit making justice grow.
One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: **Merciful God, who calls us to love beyond measure, we offer these gifts as a sign of our commitment to your teachings. Help us love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and bless those who curse us. May our offerings bring healing and hope, reflecting your boundless grace in our community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Gracious One,
you hold each of us and all the world.
When we rejoice, you delight.
When our hearts break, you draw nearer.
We hear your words of blessing, your cries of woe.
We know no one is forgotten.
We know you call us to bless one another, too.
So hear our prayers now.
For all who struggle to make ends meet,
all who are anxious to learn of one more expense,
all who wonder if they'll get through the month,
Gracious One,

All: We pray for all who are experiencing poverty.

One: For all whose cupboards are sparse,
all whose tummies rumble in the evening,
all who work to stretch limited resources,
Gracious One,

All: We pray for all who are experiencing hunger.

One: For all whose tears keep coming,
all whose grief seems only to multiply,
all who feel the pain of the world in their bones,
Gracious One,

All: We pray for all who mourn.

One: For all who are shut out or turned away,
all who bear the brunt of others' ignorance,
all who are treated with contempt or cruelty,
Gracious One,

All: We pray for all who are excluded.

One: God, where we have been the cause of poverty,
hunger, grief, and exclusion,
we repent and turn anew toward you.

All: Forgive us.

One: Where our compassion, generosity, comfort, and care
might be a source of blessing,
we offer them up and turn anew toward one another.

All: Compel us.

One: We know all of this lives within all of us,
and so we pray for friends and neighbors,
for strangers and for ourselves,
for this church, and for your kin-dom here. Amen.

Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator," "Our Mother," or "Our Parent."

**All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN #527 *Eat This Bread (2x)*

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your fears, your hopes, your dreams.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to our generous, imaginative God.

All: We joyfully give our thanks and praise.

One: ...And so, with your people on earth and all the saints before us,
we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

SANCTUS #565

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: ...Because of these simple and remarkable acts, we offer ourselves to be your
hands and feet, and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION #566

One: ...Transform these gifts of bread and cup into courage and strength
for the work that lies ahead. Amen

AMEN #568

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

***HYMN** #753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** #203 *Jesu, Jesu* (Refrain)

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis,
FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Tim Staal

Thanks to: Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers,
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Book Study Adult Education // Continues today at 11:15am in the Michigan Room as we study the book, *Turning Over Tables*, by Kathy Escobar. Still need a copy? We have one paperback copy, and it is also available via Kindle.

Freedom Village Fellowship Gathering // For FPC Freedom Village Members and their neighbors. Wednesday, March 4 from 2-3:30pm in the Michigan Room (at Freedom Village). Do you live at Freedom Village and would like to introduce someone to our faith community? Questions? Please see Cathy Colten or Doug Johnson. (Also, if you live at another of our retirement communities and would like to help the deacons coordinate a fellowship opportunity, please contact Pastor Cathy.)

Dinners For Seven // If you would like to join a small group of people for a meal and conversation, sign up for the next gathering on Saturday, March 14th at 6:00pm. You are invited to also indicate if you would like to host one of the meals (host provides the main dish and others bring supporting dishes). Young families will be reimbursed for childcare. If you have any questions, call Chris Urbaniak.



THE WORK OF

IMAGINATION

Lenten Devotional

ADVOCACY FOR ALL

Second Sunday in Lent



Walter Brueggemann sees lament as essential to faith and justice. He argues lament is the language of people who refuse to accept the world as it is and dare to voice their pain, grief, and protest before God. Lament interrupts denial and makes space for truth-telling about suffering and injustice. By lamenting, communities resist silence and passivity, opening themselves to God's new possibilities.

Advocacy is the holy work of imagination. Once we lament, we must take loving action to help make things right. Advocating for ourselves and others is central to our faith because God imagines a world of wholeness, healing, and equity for all people. Scripture calls us not only to love God but also to love our neighbor in tangible, restorative ways. When we seek justice, we participate in God's work of making all things new.

LAMENT: POLITICAL DIVISION

God of unity and truth, we cry out in a time of deep division. We mourn families split by anger, communities fractured by fear, friendships lost to blame and bitterness. We grieve how power is used to wound, how truth is twisted for gain, how the common good is cast aside. The gap feels wide. The trust feels broken. The path forward feels unclear. How long, O God? How long until justice and compassion lead us? Lord, have mercy.

Silence: Take a moment to reflect and lament as you prepare your heart for action.

ACT: BUILDING BRIDGES

When was the last time you had a meaningful conversation with someone whose political views differ from yours? How much of your energy goes toward naming differences rather than finding common ground?

A lot of division comes from assuming we know what others think without ever hearing their stories. Jesus regularly crossed social boundaries to sit with people others avoided—not to argue, but to listen and connect.

This week, invite someone who thinks differently from you to coffee, lunch, or a walk in the park. Avoid politics altogether unless it can be done respectfully. Instead, focus on stories: Where did they grow up? What was their childhood like? What's a favorite book or movie, and why? Who is their role model? What are they proud of? What dreams or goals do they hold? You may be surprised by the common ground you discover.

BUILD A LONGER TABLE

David Bjorlin, b.1984

NOËL NOUVELET
French carol



1. Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2. Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3. Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4. When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, stran - ger turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

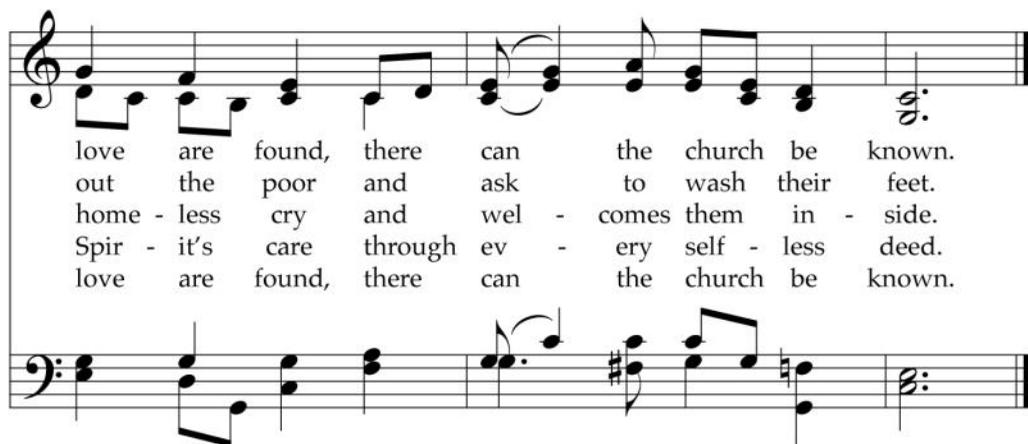
The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by



walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and



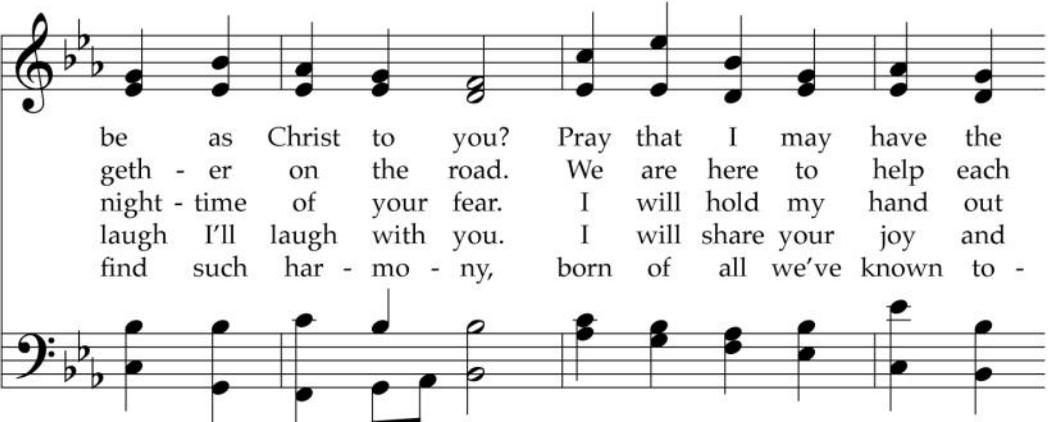
love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

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Eat This Bread

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G C Am D Bm

Opt. A "Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and
Opt. B Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and

The first system of music is in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on G4, moves to A4, then B4, and then has a dotted quarter note G4. The bass staff starts on G2, moves to F#2, then E2, and then has a dotted quarter note G2. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Em Dsus D G D

nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;
nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;

The second system of music continues in G major, 4/4 time. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on A4, moves to B4, then C5, and then has a dotted quarter note A4. The bass staff starts on G2, moves to F#2, then E2, and then has a dotted quarter note G2. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Em Bm C Dsus D G

drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst."
drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

The third system of music concludes in G major, 4/4 time. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on A4, moves to B4, then C5, and then has a dotted quarter note A4. The bass staff starts on G2, moves to F#2, then E2, and then has a dotted quarter note G2. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (C) (D) (Em) (Am)
 Gm F E^b F Gm Cm

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

(Em) (Am6) (B7) (Em) (D)
 Gm Cm6 D7 Gm F

pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are

(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)
 E^b F Gm Cm F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (D) (Em) (D) (C)
 Gm F Gm F E^b

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(D) (A) (Am) (D)
 F C Cm F

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm Cm F Dm7 G

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It is written in G minor (one flat) and 3/4 time. The score consists of seven staves of music. Above each staff are guitar chords in parentheses. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2,4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

G Em F#m Bm

un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be

E E7 A E A7

loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4

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Amen

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
 Gm F B \flat Cm Gm D E \flat F C

A - men, a - men, a - men!

Detailed description: This is the first line of musical notation for the song 'Amen'. It is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes, with slurs over the first two measures and the last two measures. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men!' are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllable placement.

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm F B \flat Cm Gm D E \flat Dm7 G

A - men, a - men, a - men!

Detailed description: This is the second line of musical notation for the song 'Amen'. It continues the melody from the first line, ending with a double bar line. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody features quarter notes, half notes, and a final whole note. Slurs are used to group notes across measures. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men!' are written below the staff.

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Children's Programming During Worship:

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship. If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age. Available for the whole service.
- Celebration Time - 4 years of age through 1st grade. Available after Children's Time.

Education Offerings After Worship:

Education hour is from 11:15a -12:00p. *All are welcome to participate!*

- Adult Class - Michigan Room
- Youth - Youth Room
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years

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