



SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024
Morning Worship | 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Delighting in God's Glory | Demonstrating His Grace | Declaring His Gospel

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Down by the Salley Gardens"/"The Shepherd's Wife" Nettleton
Fourth Strings; Susan Fuller and Briannah Steele, directors

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT Psalm 105:7–8 St. Anne
God only is the Lord of all; his judgements fill the land.
He keeps in mind his covenant that it may always stand.

*CALL TO WORSHIP
The Triune God calls his church to worship him

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Asking God to attend and bless the worship of his people

*HYMN NO. 381 "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship" Holy Manna

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Father, forgive us, for the dominant impulse of our hearts has been disobedience. Fruitless contemplations have occupied our thinking from our youth. We have been regularly reproved, yet we have stiffened our neck and stubbornly followed the way of our own heart. O Lord, forgive us for our waywardness and willfulness. We fly repentantly to the cross of Jesus Christ, trusting again in his cleansing blood and resting in his perfect righteousness so freely offered to us in the gospel. Enable us to grasp such grace with believing hearts and to respond with grateful praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Acknowledging our sins before our Holy God and seeking his forgiveness in Christ

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the guilt of sin and punishment of God's law

HYMN OF THANKS "Jesus Paid It All" All to Christ
I hear the Savior say, "your strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

8:00 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

8:00 *Rev. David Frerichs*; 11:00 *Dr. Isaiah Nengean*

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2:22–32

page 857, pew Bible

8:00 *Leanne McPherson*; 11:00 *Doug Nyhus*

*HYMN NO. 460

“Amazing Grace!”

Amazing Grace

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

8:00 *Akin Harrison*; 11:00 *Ted Smith*

8:00 OFFERTORY

“Easter”

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Josh Bates, soloist; Wyeth Duncan, piano

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen.
Sing his praise without delays, who takes thee by the hand,
That thou likewise with him may'st rise;
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.
Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.
Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied, and multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

11:00 OFFERTORY

“Song of Simeon”

Michael Pretorious

Sanctuary Choir; Ted Bickish, director; Wyeth Duncan, piano

Lord, you set your servant free, peace in my departing,
As your word has promised me, joy, your grace imparting.
For my eyes have seen your light, the hope of nations in my sight.
From creation you prepared, hope of our salvation,
For your people, gently spared, and to every nation.
Glory to Emmanuel and to your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, Son, to the Holy Spirit,
To the Godhead, three in one, with eternal merit,
Endless ages ebb and flow, yet ever still your mercy show.

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DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children K–3rd grade may go to the front when the pastor calls them forward for prayer and then be escorted to their classrooms. If you are visiting today or your child does not have a name tag, please go to the back to be assisted by a Children's Ministry volunteer. Please pick up your children in Room 212 after the service.

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Exodus 13:1–2, 11–16	page 55, pew Bible
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SERMON	“Firstborn” <i>20th in a series on the Book of Exodus</i>	Dr. Todd M. Smedley
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*HYMN NO. 523	“My Hope Is in the Lord”	Wakefield
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11:00 OFFICER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

8:00 POSTLUDE	Prelude in G Major, BWV 550 <i>Ted Bickish, organ</i>	J.S. Bach
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**Congregation standing as able*

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of Charles Brady from Ann Brady.

Ruling Elders | Class of 2027

Bob Flores
Akin Harrison
Mike Heiser
Scott Kim
Doug Noll
John Oliver

Ruling Elders | Class of 2025

Larry Huff (one-year term)

Deacons | Class of 2027

Chris Bruce
Wayne Chen
Jim Colgain
Godelinde Degroot
Todd Elliott
Lowell Fry
Carol King
Ed Lawless
Cathy Nerantzis
John Sillin
Rick Smith
LouAnn Stewart
Wendy Vendt

TONIGHT'S EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"You Have Wearied God"

Malachi 2:17-3:5

Rev. David Frerichs

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be celebrated.*

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

"Song of Deliverance"

Psalms 118

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"You Have Robbed God"

Malachi 3:6-12

Rev. Jules Grisham

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be celebrated.*

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

2024 Annual Budget \$ 6,049,118

2024 Year-to-Date Received \$ 707,170

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