



WELCOME TO WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

Fifth Sunday of Lent • March 22, 2026

10:30 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

Adagio (from Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue) BWV 564

J. S. Bach

WELCOME/*CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, we gather in a wilderness season —
not alone, but as a people learning to trust God together.

Some come today with strong faith. Some come with fragile faith.

Some come simply hoping faith might still be possible.

In Bethany, Mary and Martha stood before Jesus with grief and questions.

And in the presence of their sorrow, God's life broke open a sealed tomb.

So we bring our honest hearts before God. Our gratitude and our grief.

Our hope and our uncertainty.

Living God, meet us here. Strengthen our trust.

And shape us into a people who wait, weep, and hope together,

until Your resurrection life appears among us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #840

When Peace, Like a River (It Is Well With My Soul)

VILLE DU HAVRE

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, we confess that trusting You is not always easy.

When hope feels delayed, when grief lingers longer than we expected,
when prayers seem to echo back unanswered, we sometimes close our hearts.

We rush past sorrow instead of allowing You to meet us there.

We cling to control rather than entrusting our lives to Your care.

We forget that faith is not certainty, but the courage to remain in relationship with You and with one another.

Forgive us, O God. Open the places in us that have grown closed or weary.

Teach us again how to trust Your love. And form us into a community that can hold one another

in grief, in waiting, and in hope.

KYRIE (*Glory to God #437*)

WAYFARING STRANGER

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI (*Glory to God #581*)

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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.

WEST SIDE IS A WELCOMING CHURCH, ROOTED DEEPLY IN CHRIST, INVITING ALL TO CONNECT, GROW AND SERVE.

**Please stand*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1–7, 17–27, 32–36, 38–44

ANTHEM

O Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht, BWV 118

J. S. Bach

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-3

SERMON

Faith: Trusting Beyond the Tomb

Rev. Marc Oehler

***HYMN #194**

When Jesus Wept

WHEN JESUS WEPT

LENTEN MISSION CAMPAIGN

Dr. Tom Ahlborn

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Cantique
Lisa Bremer, soprano solo

Nadia Boulanger

***DOXOLOGY (Glory to God #607)**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

INVITATION TO ANOINTING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN #656**

We've Come This Far By Faith

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

CHORAL RESPONSE

Ach großer König (from St. John Passion)

J. S. Bach

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor (Little), BWV 578

J. S. Bach

*The worship has ended; the service has begun.
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