



*Jesus prays, "Righteous Father, I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them." – John 17:26*

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 8, 2026 – Third Sunday of Lent

*(\*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Guardian and My Guide"

C. C. Palmer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)*

RINGING THE TRINITY

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 95)*

O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence

with thanksgiving and songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God

and a King above all gods.

Come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of All, you call us into true relationship with your Son, but we refuse to respond to this invitation. We find the company he keeps to be unacceptable; we find the things that he does to be scandalous; we believe his words of hope to be foolish and naïve. We easily dismiss his guidance instead of engaging in the hard work of reconciliation. Forgive us, Lord. Nourish us by the living waters of your Spirit. Give us ears to hear Christ’s message of grace and truth, so that we may know that he is truly the Savior of the world.**

SILENT PRAYER

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #575 “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

*Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ, have mercy upon us,  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5:1-11

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00]

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Molly James

*O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee.  
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.*

*O Light that follows all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine’s blaze it’s day  
May brighter, fairer be.*

*O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall ever tearless be.*

*O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to hide from Thee.*

*I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red,  
Life that shall endless be. O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee.  
Let us never leave the side of the One who is our guide.  
Let us live in the shadow of the cross.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 4:5-42

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Boy Meets Girl”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

What do we believe?

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

*\*\*Response: #645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (v. 1)*

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.*

*With healing balm, my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled,  
to God all praise and glory!*

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

\*HYMN #441

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

NETTLETON

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Leslie Claiborne & Lynne Young  
Welcome Table: Eric Lehmann  
Greeter: Sarah Cook  
Liturgist: Wayne Tillman  
Acolyte: Steven Vattimo

*The flowers are dedicated by Margaret Causey & Pam Almond in loving memory of  
Doris Hockett, our mama and Charlie McClintock, our brother.*

**As a courtesy to others, please take a moment to silence your cell phone  
before our worship service begins.**

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