



"Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." – Ephesians 5:1-2

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 15, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

PRELUDE

"Have Mercy on Me, O Lord God"

J. S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE & RINGING THE TRINITY

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)

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER *(Psalm 23)*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You try to lead us, but we resist. We prefer the darkness of ignorance to the light of a truth that is too inconvenient, too revealing, and too burdensome. Rather than confront the problems of a broken world, we rest comfortably in the shadows, demanding little from ourselves and offering even less. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Rouse us from our sleep. Help us to step into your light, that we might have the courage to act boldly in your name.

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: John 9:1-16, 24-25

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00]

“Deep, Deep, Love”

Lee Dengler

*Deeper than the nails driven into His hands,
Is the love of a Father who gives His only Son.
Deeper than the thorns pressing into His brow,
Is the love of a Son who dies for everyone.
Love, so amazing, deep, deep love. Love, so divine, deep, deep love.
Love never failing to hear my call Demands my soul, my life, my all.
Deeper than the spear piercing into His side, I
s the love of God who takes away my sin.
Deeper than the pain of the mob's bitter words
Is the love of the Savior who only says “forgive.”
Love, so amazing, deep, deep love. Love, so divine, deep, deep love.
Love never failing to hear my call Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 5:8-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Rude Awakening”

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 #41

“O Worship the King”

LYONS

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Mac Warner & Mac McCall
Greeter: Joanne Prettyman
Welcome Table: Bart Norwood
Liturgist: Leslie Claiborne
Acolyte: Seamus Smithwick

The flowers are dedicated by SPC Choir & Bells prayers for those in choir who are hurting.

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

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