



March 15, 2026



And if it is evil in your eyes
to serve the LORD, choose this day
whom you will serve, whether the gods
your fathers served in the region
beyond the River, or the gods of the
Amorites in whose land you dwell.

But as for me and my house,
we will serve the LORD.

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Joshua 24:15



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The Lord's Day

March 15, 2026

God's Call to Us to Worship Him

"Be still and know that I Am God"

Psalm 31:14-17

***His Call to Us to Worship Him**

Psalm 34:1-4

Elder: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Elder: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

People: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Elder: The Lord dwells among his people.

People: Let us worship our God.

***Hymn of Our Procession Into the Presence of God**

Ps.100: Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne

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***Prayer of Invocation**

The Father Reaffirms His Covenant with Us

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Isaiah 1:18

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Christ is Made Known to Us

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His Word is Opened to Us

Dr. David G. Barker

Scripture: Exodus 1:8-14

"The grass withers, the flower fades ...

But the Word of our God will stand forever."

Message: Choosing Slavery

Prayer for Response and Obedience

**We Depart with His Blessing
And Sending of His Spirit**

Presenting His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

***Hymn of Our Procession Into the World**

Be Still, My Soul

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***Charge and Benediction**

(Trinity Hymn Book #699, refrain)

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

The Life and Times of Moses, the Servant of YHWH

Choosing Slavery

Exodus 1:8-14

(see also: Gen. 50:7; Ex. 20:16; Josh. 24:15; Mt. 6:24; 10:16; 11:29; Mk. 12:26; Lk. 24:27; Rom. 13:1; Phil. :7-8)

Scripture tells us that Exodus was written by:

- a) J. R. R. Tolkien
- b) Moses
- c) four unknown historians during the time of Solomon.

I. The amazing growth of Israelites population.

II. The typically sinful, selfish heart in the Pharaoh.

He determines the Israelites to be his _____.

He decides to deal with them _____.

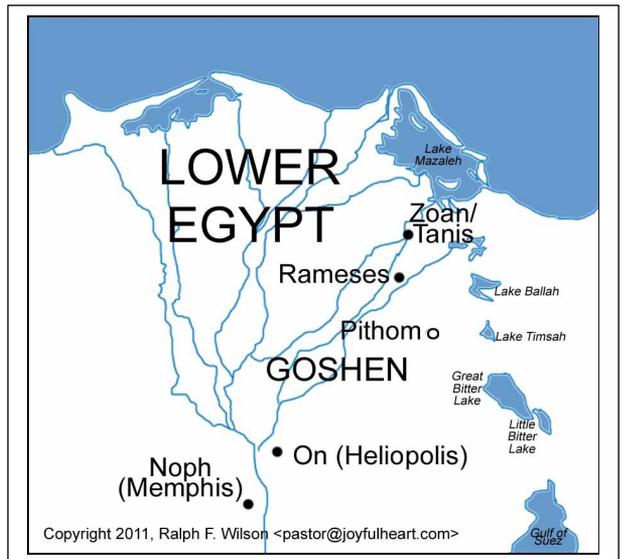
He commences to _____ the Israelites.

Could this ever happen to you?

Must you serve someone?

Who is it you will serve?

My Own Thoughts



New Covenant Presbyterian Church

Lord's Day Evening Service

March 15, 2026

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Re-Gather at the close of the Lord's Day

Psalm 63:2-4

Prayer of Adoration

Hymns to the glory and praise of our Covenant God

Scriptural Warning

of the Human Condition
and the Way of Salvation

Psalm 63:1

Psalm 63:5-8

Unison Prayer

O God of my delight, thy throne of grace is the pleasure ground of my soul. Here I obtain mercy in time of need, here see the smile of thy reconciled face, here joy pleads the name of Jesus, here sharpen the sword of the Spirit, anoint the shield of faith, put on the helmet of salvation, gather manna from thy Word, am strengthened for each conflict, nerved for the upward race, empowered to conquer every foe; Help me to come to Christ as the fountainhead of descending blessings, as a wide open floodgate of mercy. I marvel at my insensate folly that with such enriching favors within my reach I am slow to extend the hand to take them. Have mercy upon my deadness for thy name's sake. Quicken me, stir, fill me with holy zeal. Strengthen me that I may cling to thee and not let thee go. May thy Spirit within me draw all blessings from thy hand. Let me walk humbly never forgetting that thy eye always sees, thy ear always hears, thy recording hand always writes. May I never give thee rest until Christ is the pulse of my heart; the spokesman of my lips, the lamp of my feet.

Assurance of Pardon and Encouragement

to Hope and Obedience

Psalm 63:11

Psalm 63

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Prayers of Supplication and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:15-43

Message: Two Approaches

Closing Hymn: Come, Ye Sinners

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Prayer of Benediction

Jesus – From Christmas to Easter

Pastor Nick Hathaway

Two Approaches

Luke 18:15-43

Approach Jesus humbly because He is knowledgeable and you are naive.

Come _____:

- put Jesus to the _____, see if He understands what is _____.

- boast of your _____ to the _____.

- walk away _____ because Jesus _____.

Come _____:

- come with all the _____ of an _____.

- insist on your _____ to the _____.

- leave _____ Him knowing that He _____.

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Behold, my servant shall act wisely;

He shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.

As many were astonished at you — his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,

And his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

So shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,

For that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;

He had no form or majesty that we should look at him,

And no beauty that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;

And as one from whom men hide their faces.

He was despised,

And we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

And with his wounds we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;

And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

And like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;

He has put him to grief;

When his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;

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The will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;

By his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,

Because he poured out his soul to death

And was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many,

And makes intercession for the transgressors.



Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, most high, most glorious, The thought of your infinite serenity cheers me, for I am toiling, troubled and distressed, but you are forever at perfect peace.

Revive deep spirituality in my heart; let me live near to the great shepherd, hear his voice, know its tones, follow its calls. Keep me from deception by causing me to abide in the truth, from harm by helping to walk in the power of the Spirit.

Let me never be ashamed of the truth of the gospel, that I may bear its reproach, vindicate it, see Jesus as its essence, know in it the power of the Spirit. Grant me to know that I truly live only when I live to you, that all else is trifling.

Thy presence alone can make me holy, devout, strong and happy.

Abide in me, gracious God. In Christ's name, Amen.

Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Ps. 100:1, 2

♯ F Gm F C F 7

1. Be - fore Je - ho - vah's awe - some throne, all na - tions, bow with
 2. His sov - ereign pow'r, with - out our aid, made us of dust and
 3. We are his peo - ple, we his care, our souls and all our
 4. We'll crowd your gates with thank - ful songs, high as the heav'ns our
 5. Wide as the world is your com - mand, vast as e - ter - ni -

C G7 C F C7 F 7 D7

sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is God a - lone, he can cre -
 formed us men; and when like wan - d'ring sheep we strayed, he brought us
 • mor - tal frame; what last - ing hon - ors shall we rear, al - might - y
 voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten thou - sand tongues, shall fill your
 ty your love; firm as a rock your truth must stand, when roll - ing

Gm C7 F Csus4 C F Gm F C F 7

ate, and he de - stroy— he can cre - ate, and he de - stroy.
 to his fold a - gain— he brought us to his fold a - gain.
 • Mak - er, to your name?— al - might - y Mak - er, to your name?
 courts with sound - ing praise— shall fill your courts with sound - ing praise.
 years shall cease to move— when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

God Is Known among His People

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In Judah God is known; his name is great in Israel. Ps. 76:1

1. God is known a - mong his peo - ple, ev - ery mouth his praise - es fill;
2. Ex - cel - lent and glo - rious are you, with your tro - phies from the fray;
3. When from heav'n your sen - tence sound - ed, all the earth in fear was still,
4. Vow and pay un - to Je - ho - vah, him your God for - ev - er own;

from of old he has es - tab - lished his a - bode on Zi - on's hill;
you have slain the might - y war - riors, wrapped in sleep of death are they;
while to save the meek and low - ly God in judg - ment wrought his will;
all men, bring your gifts be - fore him, wor - ship him, and him a - lone;

there he broke the sword and ar - row, bade the noise of war be still.
when your an - ger once is ris - en, who can stand in that dread day?
e'en the wrath of man shall praise you, your de - signs it shall ful - fil.
might - y kings o - bey and fear him, princ - es bow be - fore his throne.

From Psalm 76
The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1990, mod.

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John Goss, 1869

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be.
John 12:26

1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
2. O let me feel thee near me, the world is ev - er near;
3. O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend:
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear:
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er, and shield my soul from sin.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven

Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Ps. 115:1

1. Not un - to us, O Lord of heav'n, but un - to
2. Let Is - rael trust in God a - lone, the Lord whose
3. All you that fear him and a - dore, the Lord in -

you be glo - ry giv'n; in love and truth you do ful -
grace and pow'r are know; to him your full al - le - giance
crease you more and more; both great and small who him con -

fil the coun - sels of your sov - ereign will; though na - tions
yield, and he will be your help and shield. All those who
fess, you and your chil - dren he will bless. Yes, we will

fail your pow'r to own, yet you do reign, and you a - lone.
fear him God will bless; his saints have proved his faith - ful - ness.
ev - er bless his name; praise you the Lord, his praise pro - claim.

Be Still, My Soul

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Jas. 5:7

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part,
 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your
 to guide the fu - ture as he has the past. Your hope, your
 and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears, then shall you
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -

God to or - der and pro - vide; in ev - 'ry change he
 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious
 bet - ter know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your
 point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's

faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
 sor - row and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re -
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

Friend through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
 know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be-low.
 pay from his own full-ness all he takes a-way.
 past, all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752
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 Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr.

Psalm 63

Verse 1

God, Thee, my God, I'll ear - ly seek;

My soul's a - thirst for Thee. On dry land, wea - ry,

wa - ter - less, My flesh has longed for Thee.

TUNE: ST. COLUMBA CM
(NTH, p. 469)
("How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place")

Verses 2 - 8

Thus have I looked for Thee before
 Within Thy holy place
That there I might behold Thy strength
 And glory of Thy face.

Because Thy grace is more than life
 My lip Thee praise shall give;
I in Thy name will lift my hands
 And bless Thee while I live.

My soul with rich, abundant food
 Shall be well satisfied;
With shouts of joy upon my lips
 My mouth shall praise provide.

And when I turn my thought to Thee
 Upon my bed at night,
As watches pass I meditate
 On Thee with great delight.

Thou art my help; I sing for joy
 In shadow of Thy wings.
For Thy right hand has held me fast;
 To Thee my spirit clings.

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Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched

I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners. Matt. 9:13

1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and wretch - ed, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;
 2. Come, ye need - y, come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
 3. Come, ye wear - y, heav - y lad - en, bruised and bro - ken by the fall;
 4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y joined with pow'r:
 true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh,
 if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all:
 all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel your need of him;

he is a - ble, he is a - ble, he is a - ble,
 with - out mon - ey, with - out mon - ey, with - out mon - ey,
 not the righ - teous, not the righ - teous, not the righ - teous—
 this he gives you, this he gives you, this he gives you;

he is will - ing; doubt no more; he is will - ing; doubt no more.
 come to Je - sus Christ and buy; come to Je - sus Christ and buy.
 sin - ners Je - sus came to call; sin - ners Je - sus came to call.
 'tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam; 'tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam.

5. Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of his blood;
venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude:
none but Jesus, none but Jesus, none but Jesus
can do helpless sinners good, can do helpless sinners good.

Joseph Hart, 1759; alt.

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William Owen, 1852