

Liturgy for Corporate Worship		March 9, 2025
The Lord’s Day		Chris Holmberg
Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
Introit		Choir
	Praise Ye the Lord	
Call to Worship		Psalm 69:30
Opening Hymn		128*
	I Sing the Mighty Power of God	
Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession		
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment for our offense, so we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen		
Assurance of Forgiveness		1 Peter 1:18-19
The Doxology		567
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
Prayer of Dedication		Elder Chris Holmberg
The Lord’s Prayer		
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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.		
Anthem		Choir
	This Is the Day the Lord Has Made	
Unison Scripture Reading		1 Corinthians 5:16-21

Special Music	His Mercy Is More	Camp Barakel Youth
Pastoral Prayer		
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	How Deep the Father’s Love for Us	
Sermon		Rev. Pete Scribner
	Ephesians 3:14-21	
Closing Hymn		236
	To God Be the Glory	
Benediction		
Parting Hymn		
God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.		
Postlude		
*-The Celebration Hymnal		
Our Prayer of Confession was adapted from <i>The Book of Common Prayer</i> .		

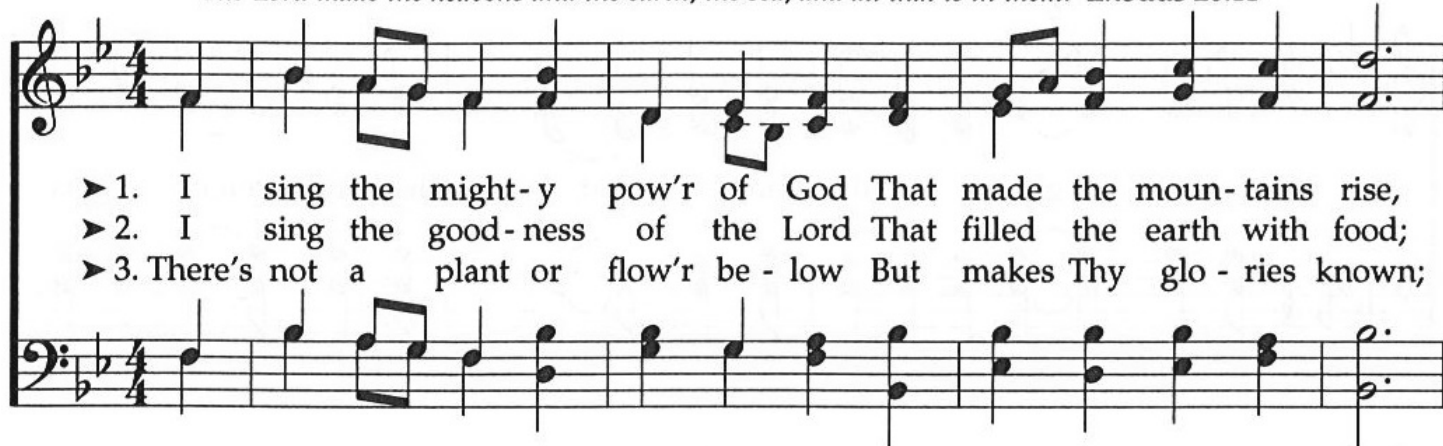
Featured Element of Worship: Purple Paraments

You may have noticed that after having been green for a season, the paraments on the pulpit, lectern and communion table are once more purple today, signifying the season of Lent. This season in the church calendar is one of introspection and repentance, as we move toward Holy Week. The 40 days of Lent (the days between Ash Wednesday and Easter, excluding all Sundays) parallel the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness, during which he withstood the temptations of Satan.

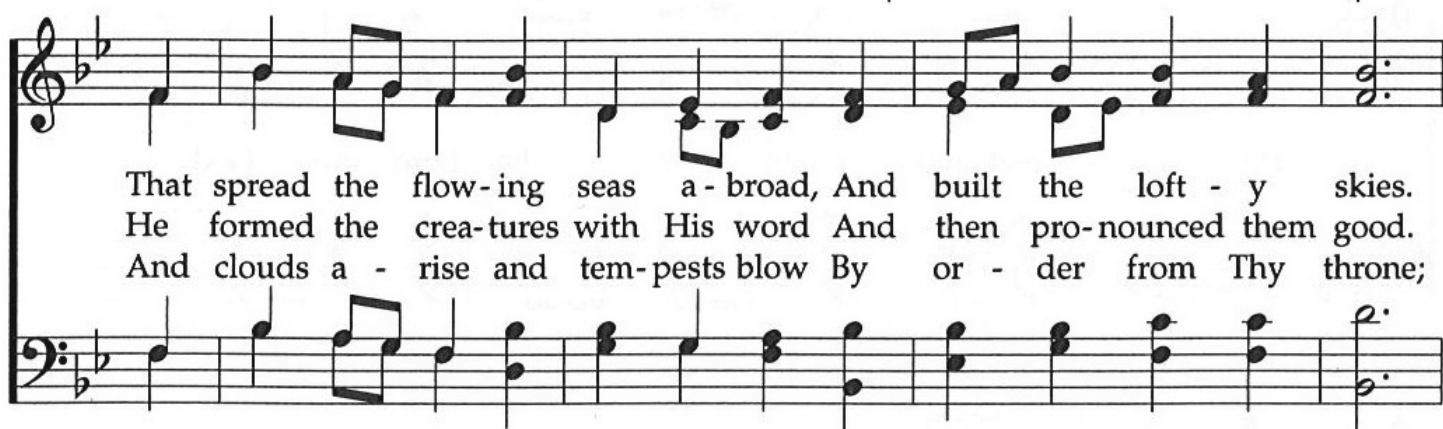
Traditionally, some Christians have partaken in various fasts during Lent to symbolize their repentance. What is more important than anything we could do though, is remembering what Jesus has already done. Not only did he die for our sins; he also lived a holy life on our behalf. By the grace of God, the holiness and perfection of his good works are credited to us to us when we trust in him! This Lenten season, let us consider Christ’s holy perfection, our sin which sent him to the cross, and the truth of 2 Corinthians 5:21 – “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

I Sing the Mighty Power of God 128

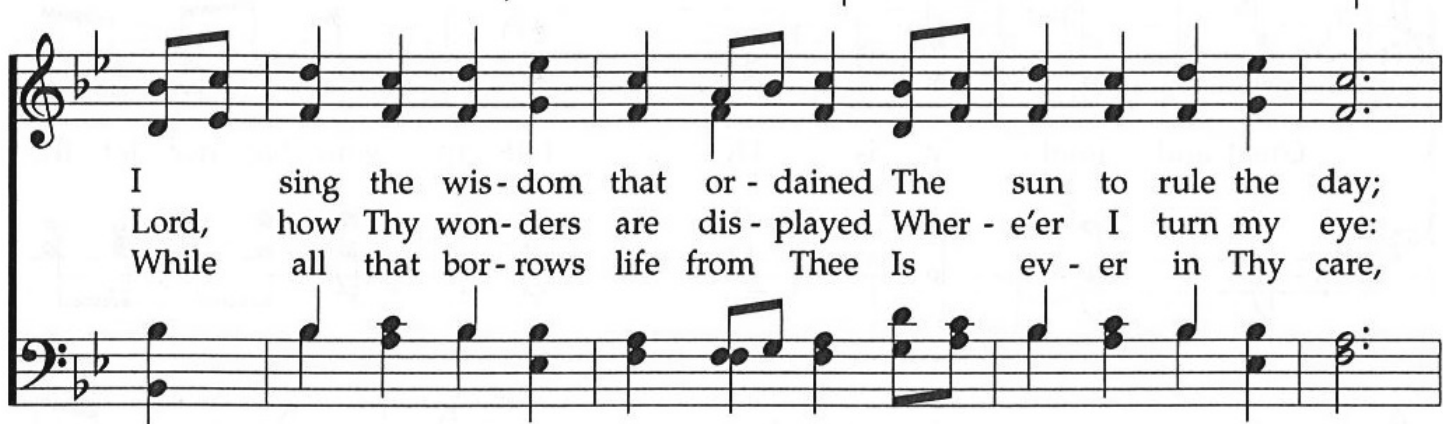
The Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them. Exodus 20:11



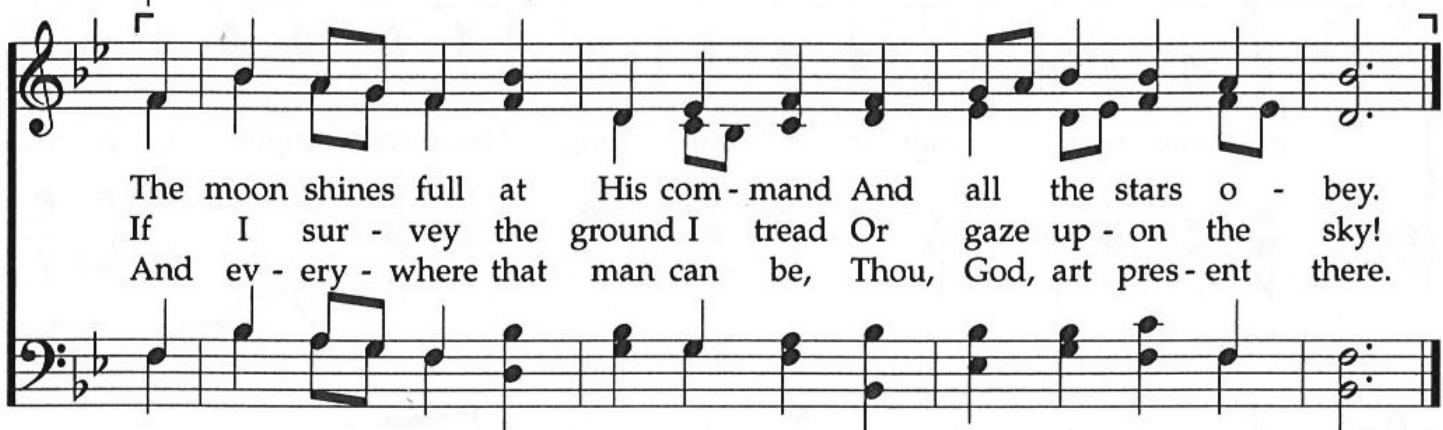
1. I sing the might-y pow'r of God That made the moun-tains rise,
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be-low But makes Thy glo-ries known;



That spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, And built the loft-y skies.
He formed the crea-tures with His word And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a-rise and tem-pests blow By or-der from Thy throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis-played Wher-e'er I turn my eye:
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev-er in Thy care,



The moon shines full at His com-mand And all the stars o-bey.
If I sur-vey the ground I tread Or gaze up-on the sky!
And ev-ery-where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, altered
MUSIC: From *Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Württemberg*, 1784
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Anthem

This is the Day the Lord Has Made

This is the day the Lord has made.

Rejoice, rejoice and sing.

Rejoice and sing. Rejoice and sing.

We triumph, we triumph in the name of the Lord our God.

We triumph, we triumph, we triumph

In the name of the Lord our God.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Rejoice, rejoice and sing.

We triumph in the name of the Lord our God.

Hallelujah.

This is the day the Lord has made,

Rejoice and sing.

We shall not die, but we shall live forevermore.

We triumph in the name of the Lord our God.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Rejoice and sing.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Rejoice and sing.

We triumph, we triumph.

Hallelujah, hallelujah.

We triumph.

We shall not die, but we shall live forevermore.

We triumph, we triumph.

Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Music: George Frideric Handel. Arr: Hal H. Hopson.

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Unison Scripture Reading...2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Special Music

His Mercy Is More

Chorus

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness new every morn,
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus (two times)

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Unison

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea -
2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his shoul -
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis -

sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to
ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
dom; but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his

make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re -

loss: the Fa - ther turns his face a - way as
there un - til it was ac - com - plished; his
ward? I can - not give an an - swer, but

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing breath has brought me life— I know that it is fin - ished.
this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

Sermon Text...Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Sermon Notes

Under God's Lordship, we are strengthened:

1. By God's Power

2. Through God's Love

3. For God's Glory

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship this morning have been provided by Chuck Stevens in memory of his niece, Diane Weycker, and by Jim and Ellen Jones in celebration of their 57th anniversary today.

"...and the Two Became One"

The Diaconate, as an expression of the church’s commitment to Christian marriage, recognizes couples who are members of the church on certain anniversaries of their wedding days (first, all divisible by five, and all over 50).

Today we are pleased to introduce Jim & Ellen Jones, who celebrate 57 years of marriage today! The Joneses, who live at 7376 W. Coldwater Rd. in Flushing, have two children, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. James is retired from the Flint Journal and enjoys working on cars and bikes. Ellen is retired from Flint Schools where she worked as a teacher. She enjoys reading and doing puzzles. They have been members since 1995.

Sunday School: A new Sunday School class began last week going through the book of Genesis. If you weren’t there last week, or even if you have never attended Sunday School in the past, please consider joining us today. Grab a donut and some coffee after worship, greet some friends, and head down to the Heritage Room in our education wing at 11:30!

Offerings are received each week in the wooden donation box in the Narthex. We have placed it there as a convenience for our members and friends. If you are visiting us this Sunday, please feel no pressure to make any donation. We are glad to have you simply be our guest today, and invite you to join us for a donut and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after worship!

The Martha Mary Circle

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the church and the surrounding community? All women of the church are invited to the Martha Mary Circle meetings held the second Wednesday of each month during the school year. Start time is 10:00 in the office conference room. Lunch is enjoyed after the meeting concludes; please bring a sandwich. Coffee and dessert are furnished. Potlucks are held in December and June.

Many projects provide needed services and donations for the church and the greater community. They include: Congregational luncheons * Holiday Baskets for those in need * The Mitten Tree * Monetary donations to the Eastside Mission, Eastern Michigan Food Bank & Carriage Town Mission * Christmas toy collections for Voices for the Children * Various other projects as needs arise

New members are always welcome! For more information, please call Wanda Knight (573-270-1798).

This Week at Calvary

Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
Thursday	10:00	Martha-Mary Circle
	6:30	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		Office Closed
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School

Church Staff

Pastor	Pete Scribner
Director of Music	Susan Lechota
Music Minister	Chris Holmberg
Custodian	Vicky Haughey

Meditation for the Week:

The threefold misery of men introduced by sin—ignorance, guilt, and tyranny and bondage by sin—required this conjunction of a threefold office. Ignorance is healed by the prophetic; guilt by the priestly; the tyranny and corruption of sin by the kingly office. Prophetic light scatters the darkness of error; the merit of the Priest takes away guilt and procures a reconciliation for us; the Power of the King removes the bondage of sin and death. The Prophet shows God to us; the Priest leads us to God; and the King joins us together and glorifies us with God. The Prophet enlightens the mind by the Spirit of illumination; the Priest by the Spirit of consolation tranquilizes the heart and conscience; the King by the Spirit of sanctification subdues rebellious affections.

Francis Turretin
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Our Mission - We exist to know, worship, serve, and enjoy the one true God.

Our Vision - We seek to love God completely, love others selflessly, and everywhere proclaim Christ: crucified, risen, and reigning forever.

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