



Tell me 
something
good

March 1, 2026



Traditional Worship

8:15 am Sanctuary

**Please stand or lift your heart*

WELCOME

Rev. Jonathan Jonas



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OPENING PRAYER

LEADER: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

LEADER: The risen Christ is with us.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

LEADER: Let us pray:

ALL: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

More Love to Thee
arr. William Phemister
Dr. Jenny Anderson, piano

*HYMN No. 617

I Come with Joy
DOVE OF PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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ALL: God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

LEADER: This is good news indeed!

ALL: Let us worship our compassionate God.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Glory Be to the Father
MEINEKE

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. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Good News is Great Love for God and Neighbor
Rev. Jonas

ANTHEM*How Can We Name a Love*

arr. Stan Pethel

Morning Glory Chorus; Dr. Dwight Dockery, conductor

How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind,
 indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find?
 Within our daily world, in every human face,
 Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the commonplace.

When people share a task, and strength and skills unite
 in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight,
 our Friend and Partner's will is better understood,
 that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.

So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet
 a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.

Yet every name we see shines in a brighter sun:
 In Christ alone is Love full-grown and life and hope begun.
 In Christ alone, love grows.

TIME OF PRAYER**OFFERING MOMENT****OFFERTORY***Fairest Lord Jesus*

arr. Rachel Chapin

DOXOLOGY No. 95Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise Him, all creatures here below;
 praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation UMH 7
 Confession & Pardon UMH 8
 Great Thanksgiving UMH 15
 The Lord's Prayer (see below)
 Sharing the Bread & Cup
 Prayer of Thanksgiving UMH 11

***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, and forgive us our
 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
 for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 forever. Amen.

HYMN No. 432Jesu, Jesu*

CHEREPONI

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

Create in Me
 arr. Jonathan Eifert

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10:30 am Sanctuary

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BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Maggie Harris, acolyte
Hartley Cranford, acolyte

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In Christ There is No East or West
arr. James Pethel
Dr. Jenny Anderson, organ

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Contemporary Worship

10:30 am | Asbury Hall

WELCOME MUSIC

The Band

Left It in the Water
We the Kingdom

WELCOME

Ralph Jeffers



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WORSHIP

Bigger Table
Matt Maher

How He Loves
David Crowder Band

TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Sarah Slack

OFFERING

Hold Me Now
Jennifer Knapp

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SERMON

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CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING WORSHIP

Love Like This
Lauren Daigle

Put a Little Love in Your Heart
Amy Grant

BENEDICTION

AMENDS

MARCH 4TH
6:30 PM

BE PART OF THE TEAM **SIGN UP TO SERVE AT:**
1STCHURCH.ORG/1ST-KIDS

Hallelujah Hat Parade
March 29th
AT SANDY SPRINGS PARK

Easter IN MARYVILLE

GO DO. Bless the Blessing Box

One of the things people do during the Lenten Season is step up to volunteer in service to others. One simple way to do that this year is to keep the 1st UMC Blessing Box stocked well for the next few weeks. Especially needed are items with pop top lids and ones that don't require additional items (other than water) to prepare. All items must be NON-perishable!

As we make the transition to a new church database management system, there will be a need for you to **sign up for email lists again**. Just use the link at the bottom or the QR code to sign up. We are adding a new list for "In Memoriam" emails as they will no longer come via the general email list.

If you have questions please email communications@1stchurch.org.

1stchurch.org/communications

SIGN UP FOR EMAILS

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