



Tell me 
something
good

March 15, 2026



Traditional Worship

8:15 am Sanctuary

**Please stand or lift your heart*

WELCOME

Rev. Jonathan Jonas



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OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Kate Wogoman, piano

*HYMN No. 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service
BEACH SPRING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God loves the field mouse.

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ALL: God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.

LEADER: God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

ALL: God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.

LEADER: God loves the young, impressionable, and the earnest.

ALL: There is no bit of creation that God does not love.

LEADER: So let us worship this good-news God.

ALL: Amen

*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

**Holy One,
When you speak, we don't want to miss it.
When you bend down and write in the dirt,
when you move through the trees,
when you wake with the dawn,**

when you tug on our heart,
or whisper into our dreams, we don't want to miss it.
So today we pray, clear out the cobwebs in our ears.
Quiet the steady stream of thoughts marching through our
minds.
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word for us today.
With hope we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

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LEADER: All scripture is inspired by God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Good News is Protection and Care for the Vulnerable
Rev. Don Jones

ANTHEM

Gather 'Round Jesus Christ
Jack Schrader, arr. Dockery
Morning Glory Chorus; Dr. Dwight Dockery, conductor

Who is my mother, who is my brother?
All those who gather 'round Jesus Christ:
Spirit-blown people, born from the Gospel
sit at the table, 'round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled, differently labeled
widen the circle 'round Jesus Christ:
crutches and stigmas, cultures' enigmas
all come together 'round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us--color or status
can't segregate us, 'round Jesus Christ:
family failings, human derailings—
all are accepted, 'round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission
we claim each other, 'round Jesus Christ:
here is my mother, here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 887** from Romans 8:35, 37-39

LEADER: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?

**ALL: No! In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.
We are sure that neither death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

TIME OF PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY No. 95** *Praise 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.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***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** (insert)

O for a World
AZMON

***BENEDICTION**

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John L. Bell

Chancel Choir; Dr. Dwight Dockery, conductor

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the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:
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ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me
Ralph Manuel

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide!
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
if I love him, when I die, he will take me home on high.

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***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes,
the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least:
Jesus is Lord; he has shone the master's privilege:
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.

***POSTLUDE**

Contemporary Worship

10:30 am | Asbury Hall

WELCOME MUSIC

The Band

Don't Let the Darkness
We the Kingdom

WELCOME

Ralph Jeffers



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WORSHIP

That's What We Need
Ann Wilson

King of My Heart
John Mark McMillan

All the Poor and Powerless
All Sons and Daughters

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Send Me
Bethel Music

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CLOSING WORSHIP

Do Something
Matthew West

BENEDICTION

HELP US SPREAD THE MESSAGE TO

LOVE
GOD ♥ OTHERS ♥ SELF
FIRST
MATTHEW 22:37-39

Pick up some notecards today!
Hand them (or mail them) to people you know inviting them to experience Easter in Maryville or to just send a message.
Shareable greetings available at: EasterinMaryville.com

MARCH 29th

The **good** news is ...
inspiring us to act.

PALM SUNDAY

All children are invited to be a part of the palm procession during worship!

Hallelujah Hat Parade
March 29th
AT SANDY SPRINGS PARK
2:30 TO 5:00 PM



MAKE HATS AND JOIN THE PARADE!

[EasterinMARYVILLE.COM](http://EasterinMaryville.com)

A CHRIST-CENTERED RECOVERY PROGRAM

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING!

5:30 DINNER
6:30 WORSHIP
7:40 SHARE GROUPS



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The artwork on the bulletin cover this week is called "Let the Little Children Come." This acrylic, gold leaf, pen on paper piece was created by Carmelle Beaugelin Caldwell and was inspired by Matthew 19:13-15.