



Tell me 
something
good

March 22, 2026



Traditional Worship

8:15 am Sanctuary

**Please stand or lift your heart*

WELCOME

Rev. Jonathan Jonas



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OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Rise Up, O Church of God
arr. Sherri Hansen
Dr. Jenny Anderson, piano

*HYMN No. 428

For the Healing of the Nations
CWM RHONDDA

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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ALL: This is God's house.

LEADER: You can make yourself at home here.

ALL: Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

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SERMON

The Good News is Rooted in Justice, Mercy, and Faithfulness
Rev. Sarah Slack

ANTHEM

The Kingdom of God
Michael Haydn, arr. Dockery
Morning Glory Chorus; Dr. Dwight Dockery, conductor

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to the cross:
our crisis of judgment for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
and all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

We are delighted to welcome Molly Bundy who joins our congregation today by transfer of her professing membership from First United Methodist Church in Punta Gorda, Florida.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 883**

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified
and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

TIME OF PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

OFFERTORY

Hear My Cry

Robert Bonner; arr. Greg Brakebill

Eva Noelle Weekley-Hatley, violin; Greg Brakebill, tenor

Hear me, hear my cry, attend unto my prayer.
From the ends of the earth will I cry unto Thee.
Hear me when my heart is overwhelmed.
For Thou has been a shelter and a strong tower.
I will abide with Thee.
Lead me, O God! Thou has heard my cry.
I will trust in the cover of Thy wings.
I will praise Thy name forever.

***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 No. 427**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Tell Me the Old, Old Story

arr. William Phemister

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OPENING PRAYER

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Maggie Harris, acolyte
Caia Sanford, acolyte

PRELUDE

Rise Up, O Church of God!
arr. James Pethel
Dr. Jenny Anderson, organ

INTROIT

What Does the Lord Require
Erik Routley
Chancel Choir; Dr. Dwight Dockery, conductor

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

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ANTHEM

Mercy, Goodness, Love, Compassion
Dwight Dockery

Mercy, goodness, love, compassion, patience, kindness, joy, hope and peace,
gently care for your creation, helping out the lost, last, and least:
Lord, you call us into service not for glory, honor, or fame,
but to be the living Body, showing faith lived in Jesus' name.

We are called to love our neighbors, immigrants, and enemies, too.
You washed feet of your betrayer, telling us to love as you do.
Though this calling is so daunting, Spirit-led and gifted with grace,
we can gain and grow in goodness, seeing God in the other's face.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, and those who make peace,
being meek and righteous living, making mercy, justice increase;
to inherit earth and kingdom, focus can't be just "us" alone,
but we must include all people: caring love shown for everyone.

God, your call can challenge, test us. Grant us strength to live out this faith.
In a world that grows divisions, make us light that drives out the hate.
Give us hearts that share compassion, your will done here just as above,
till this truth is seen through our lives: we're your children, and you are Love.

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Contemporary Worship

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WELCOME MUSIC

The Band

Your Grace is Enough
Son of Suffering

WELCOME

Ralph Jeffers



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WORSHIP

Justice Will Roll Down
Sandra McCracken

The Father's House
Cory Asbury

His Mercy is More
Shane and Shane

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Rev. Don Jones

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Jesus Friend of Sinners
Casting Crowns

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SERMON

Rev. Jones
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CLOSING WORSHIP

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly
Pat Barrett

BENEDICTION

Hallelujah Hat Parade  **NEXT SUNDAY!**

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



MAKE HATS AND JOIN THE PARADE! [EasterinMARYVILLE.COM](http://EasterinMaryville.com)

**HOLSTON CONFERENCE
HANDS ON MISSION**



Please donate the following items which will be part of health kits sent to Liberia.

- **2 TOOTHBRUSHES**
- **2 TUBES TOOTHPASTE (6.4 OZ OR LESS)**
- **1 BOTTLE OF LOTION (18 OZ. OR LESS)**




Drop items in the bin at the Porte Cochere (covered drop off area) on Tuesdays, **March 24th & 31st.**

1stchurch.org/Go-Do

PLEASE SIGN UP BY APRIL 12TH!

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 also 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.





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