



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026

10:00 am

**indicates that all who are able are invited to stand.*

Bold indicates congregational response.

Liturgist for today is Joe Hunnings.

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PERSONAL MEDITATION TIME

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 95)*

Come, let's sing out loud to the Lord!

Let's raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation!

Let's come before God with thanks!

Let's shout songs of joy to God!

**The Lord is a great God,
the great king over all other gods!**

HYMN - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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THE TENEBRAE

*The true worshipers will worship in spirit and in truth.
Worship is meant to shape us, not entertain us.*

**To tell the truth about God—and about ourselves.
We confess how often we rush past lament,
avoid silence, and resist being changed.**

*When worship becomes habit without heart—
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.*

(Silence)

Let us pray together.

**Loving God, as we journey through this holy
season of Lent, give us strength and courage to
make the changes that are needed in our lives.
Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast
presence, and help us to put our trust in you.
Amen.**

Song: (Chimes play through several times first)

**Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.**

A WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

OLD TESTAMENT – Exodus 17:1-7

GOSPEL - John 4:5-14, 25-26, 28-29, 39-42

SERMON

Linda Dickerson

"For the Sake of the World: The Great Ends of the Church"
The Maintenance of Divine Worship

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

"All Who Hunger"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*... Therefore, we join our voices with those of every time
and place, and with all creation we sing your praise, saying,*

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

... we declare the mystery of faith,

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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 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.**

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer: **Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on, help us to share your grace with others, and draw us ever closer to you. Amen.**

HYMN - *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* 377

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 434

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
Renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME – All are invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Great Ends of the Church (Lenten sermon series)
(Book of Order, F-1.0304)

- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind (2/22)
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God (3/1)
- The maintenance of divine worship (3/8)
- The preservation of the truth (3/15)
- The promotion of social righteousness (3/22)
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world (3/29)