

MARCH 8, 2026 | 11:00AM WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

LARGE PRINT

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Darren Brandon

Ministry Moment

Faith Quilting

Marg Suffill

Prelude

There Is a Balm in Gilead arr. J. William

Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

*Call to Worship

Rev. Jim Murphy

Grace to you and peace, from the Alpha and

Omega, the beginning and the end,

Who was, and who is, and who is to come;

from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born
of the dead,

**To Christ who loves us and liberates us by his blood,
and makes us priests of his God and Father,**

Be glory, and dominion, forever and ever! Amen!

***Opening Hymn 400** *Come Thou Fount*

1. **Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.**
2. **Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**
3. **O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.**

***Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God, Father, Creator; who gives us
steadfast love, and shares with us our joy,
Our God sustains us in our weakness, and
empowers us with His strength. We trust Him.**

We follow Jesus Christ, God's Son.

**His death is our victory, His resurrection is our hope;
in Him the Word became flesh;
in Him we find forgiveness, renewal from failure,
reconciliation from brokenness, and release from
despair. We are saved through Him.**

**We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in
the world. That same Spirit calls us to be the
Church, to celebrate love, to seek justice and resist
evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen.**

We are empowered through Him.

We are disciples, pilgrim people.

We joyfully covenant to walk together in love.

**To live in fellowship, in life, in death,
in life beyond death. God is with us!**

We are not alone! Thanks be to God!

Anthem *Song of Forgiveness* A. Pote
Wesleyan Choir; Soloists: Arthur Pieroni, Melody Krause

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jim Murphy

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING

Children's Moment & Quilt Blessings

Tracy Martin & Faith Quilters

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

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when you come into your kingdom.**

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All children are invited to participate in worship by choosing materials from the Children's Worship Center located in the Narthex. Childcare is available for infants through pre-k in room 200.

Prayer for Illumination

Wes Edwards

Epistle Lesson Romans 5:1-11

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson John 4:5-42

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon *When Living Water Finds Us*

Rev. Darren Brandon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 375** *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

**Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.**

- 1. Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain.
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. (Refrain)**
- 2. Don't ever feel discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend,
and if you look for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)**

**3. If you can't preach like Peter,
if you can't pray like Paul,
just tell the love of Jesus,
and say, "He died for all." (Refrain)**

BALM IN GILEAD | CCLI Song # 234002
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Offering *Christ My Beloved* B. Chilcott
Chancel Choir; Gabriella Galletti, soloist

***Doxology (Hymn 94)**

**Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise
Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in
Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

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***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Jim Murphy

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn 382** *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

**1. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.**

2. **Have thine own way, Lord!**
Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.
3. **Have thine own way, Lord!**
Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!
4. **Have thine own way, Lord!**
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

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***Benediction**

Rev. Darren Brandon

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude

Invention No. 4

Bach/McFarland

Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

*Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

March 15 | Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: Seeing What We've Been Missing – Rev. Darren Brandon

Gospel: John 9:1-41

March 22 | Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: From Despair to Hope - Rev. Gary Gibson

Gospel: John 11:1-16

March 29 | Palm Sunday

Sermon Title: Hosannas and Hard Truths - Rev. Darren Brandon

Gospel: John 12:12-16

April 5 | Easter

Sermon Title: Courage to Live Again - Rev. Darren Brandon

Gospel: John 20:1-18

April 12 | Second Sunday of Easter

Sermon Title: Blessed Are Those - Rev. Tom Grieb

Gospel: John 20:24-29

Next Week in Worship

Koinonia 9:00am – Gym | Traditional 11:00am – Sanctuary

Livestream at 11:00am on Youtube

Sermon: *Seeing What We've Been Missing*

Rev. Darren Brandon

Scriptures for the Week: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23;

John 9:1-41

Lay Reader: Mary Hartman – Ephesians 5:8-14

Acolytes: Evelyn Aten & Josephine Dock

Liturgist: Lori Brandon