

Lord’s Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

EPIPHANY SEASON

February 1, 2026

*To all who are weak in body or spirit and seek strength; to all who are weary and desire rest;
to all who struggle and seek victory; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and seek love and fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst; to all who come;
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.*

GOD CALLS US

CALL TO WORSHIP
Psalms 118:19-24

†HYMN OF PRAISE
"How Firm a Foundation" Selection 94

†SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE
Pastor: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever! Amen!**

The LORD be with you!

And also with you! Ruth 2:4

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
The maker of heaven and earth! Ps. 124:8

For we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God.
When the Christ who is our life appears, Col.
we also will appear with him in glory. Alleluia! 3:3-4

Let us pray together:

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD CLEANSSES US

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,

We have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:5b-7

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION PSALM 51:1-4, 7-12
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.

+Silent Prayer of Confession +

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. All this I ask in the name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
Pastor: Now lift up your heads, and hear these words of comfort and good news from the Scriptures...

"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'. " Romans 8:15

Pastor: Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins; wherefore as Christ's minister and by his authority, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

†*"Doxology"* Selection 733
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOD CONVERSES WITH US

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 8:20-9:3

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 7:51-60

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

†GOSPEL READING Luke 23:32-43

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!
Praise be to you, O Christ!

†HYMN OF PRAISE
"Join All the Glorious Names" Selection 301

†We Respond by Confessing Our Faith *Nicene Creed*
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen!

†*"Gloria Patri"* Selection 735

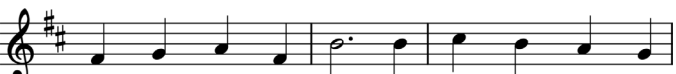
PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD
Matthew 5:43-48: Love Your Enemies Pastor Josh Anderson
IX. The Sermon on the Mount

GOD COMMUNES WITH US


†COMMUNION HYMN
"My Song is Love Unknown"




1 My song is love un - known, my
2 He came from his blest throne sal -
3 Some - times they strew his way, and
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What
5 They rise, and needs will have my
6 In life no house, no home my
7 Here might I stay and sing, no




Sa - vior's love to me, love to the love - less
va - tion to be - stow, but men made strange and
his strong prais - es sing, re - sound - ing all the
* makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to
dear Lord made a - way; a mur - der - er they
Lord on earth might have; in death no friend - ly
sto - ry so di - vine: nev - er was love, dear



shown that they might love - ly be.
none the longed - for Christ would know.
day ho - san - nas to their King,
* run, he gave the blind their sight.
save, the Prince of Life they slay.
tomb but what a strang - er gave.
King, nev - er was grief like thine.



O who am I that for my sake
But O my friend, my friend in - deed,
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,
* Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these
Yet stead-fast he to suf - fer - ing goes,
What may I say? Heav'n was his home;
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise



my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
who at my need his life did spend.
and for his death they thirst and cry.
* them-selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
that he his foes from thence might free.
but mine the tomb where - in he lay.
I all my days could glad - ly spend.

†The Great Thanksgiving
Pastor: The Lord be with you!
People: **And also with you!**
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Pastor: It is indeed right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, in union with the saints who have gone before us and the whole church on earth, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: *Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord Most High!*

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Prayer of Preparation & Faith

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your steadfast love, which endures forever. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Father, to partake of the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ, that we may grow into his likeness, and evermore abide in union with him, and he with us. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Pastor: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Wine

Pastor: Let us confess the mystery of our faith:

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

†“*Song of Simeon*” (Luke 2:29-32)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation: which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory to the Father; and to the Son; and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

GOD COMMISSIONS US

†Prayer of Dedication

All gracious God, who of your infinite love gave your only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and rise again for our justification, and have made us partakers of your divine nature through the gift of the Holy Spirit; accept the fruits of our labors which we now present to you in this offering and also our very selves as we stand before you; and hear us as we pray as your Son taught us: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen!

†Hymn of Praise

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" Selection 295

†Pastoral Benediction

Matthew 5:43-48

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”



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