

Trinity UMC
Order of Worship
Third Sunday in Lent
Youth Sunday
March 8, 2026

Prelude No. 521

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Opening Prayer

Introit by Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

R — Harden not your heart; listen to God's voice.

¹ O come, let us sing to the Lord.

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

³ For the Lord is a great God, and a great Ruler above all gods, ⁴ in whose hand are the depths of the earth and also the heights of the mountains.

⁵ **The sea belongs to God Who made it, and the dry land because God formed it. — R**

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

⁷ For the Lord is God,

we are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

Hear the voice of the Lord today! ⁸ Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, ⁹ when your forebears tested Me, and put Me to the proof, though they had seen My work.

¹⁰ **For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who err in heart, and they do not regard My ways." ¹¹ Therefore I swore in My anger that they should not enter My rest. — R**

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Hymn No. 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful joyful we adore Thee

God of glory Lord of love

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee

Opening to the sun above

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness

Drive the dark of doubt away

Giver of immortal gladness

Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life

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Scripture Reading

Romans 5:1-11 (NIV)

Peace and Hope

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Anthem by Chancel Choir

Sermon

Grace that Meets Us Where We Are

Hymn No. 2113

Lamb of God

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Refrain:

O Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
O wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God [*Refrain*]

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called the Lamb of God [*Refrain*]

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Prayers of the People

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

Offering

Offertory Hymn No. 165

Hallelujah! What a Savior

Doxology

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.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; Music: Attr. To Louise Bourgeois, 1551

Affirmation of Faith No. 881

The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*universal

Hymn No. 3101

Love Lifted Me

I was sinking deep in sin
Far from the peaceful shore
Very deeply stained within
Sinking to rise no more
But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry
From the waters lifted me
Now safe am I

Refrain:

Love lifted me
Love lifted me
When nothing else could help
Love lifted me

All my heart to Him I give
Ever to Him I'll cling
In His blessed presence live
Ever His praises sing
Love so mighty and so true
Merits my soul's best songs
Faithful loving service too
To Him belongs [*Refrain*]

Souls in danger look above
Jesus completely saves
He will lift you by His love
Out of the angry waves
He's the Master of the sea
Billows His will obey
He your Savior wants to be
Be saved today [*Refrain*]

Closing Prayer

Congregation Response

Danish Amen

Postlude No. 2151

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

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