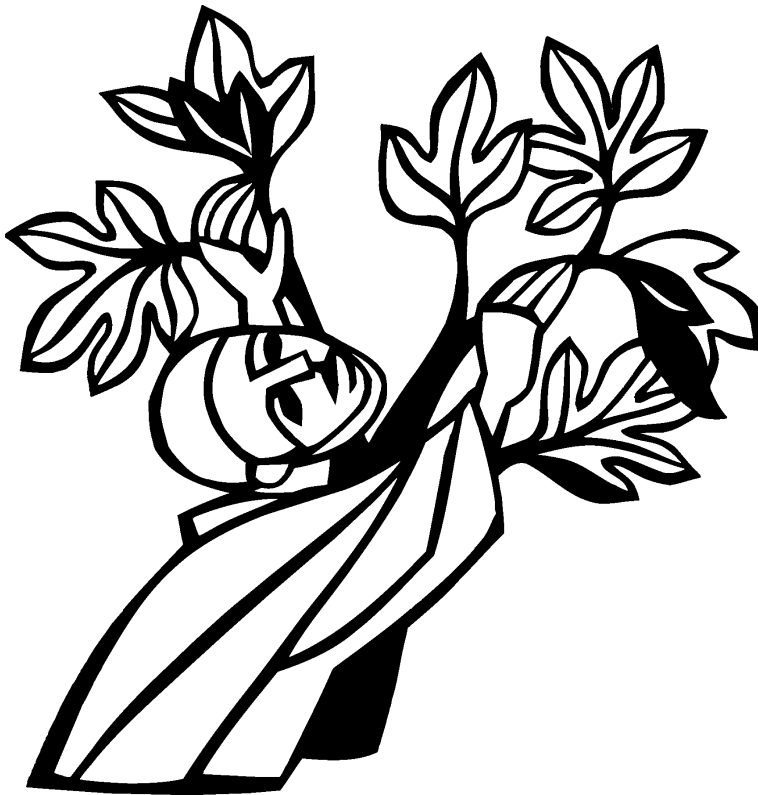


## Welcome to Worship

*Our Mission: To boldly live out our faith in Jesus  
through worship, fellowship, and service to God  
and our neighbor, here and around the world.*

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**Sunday, March 23, 2025 - 10:45 AM**



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## **Prelude and Bell Ringing**

### **Welcome and Offering of Peace**

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Welcome to Worship!

## **Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

#### **Confession & Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever..

**All: Amen.**

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate One,

**All: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

**P:** Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

**All: Amen.**

## **Gathering Song**

### ***Yes and Amen***

Father of kindness You have poured out grace  
You brought me out of darkness  
You have filled me with peace  
Giver of mercy You're my help in time of need  
Lord I can't help but sing  
Faithful You are

Faithful forever You will be  
 Faithful You are  
 All Your promises are Yes and Amen  
 All Your promises are Yes and Amen

Beautiful Savior You have brought me near  
 You pulled me from the ashes  
 You have broken ev'ry curse  
 Blessed Redeemer You have set this captive free  
 Lord I can't help but sing

Faithful You are  
 Faithful forever You will be  
 Faithful You are  
 All Your promises are Yes and Amen  
 All Your promises are Yes and Amen

I will rest in Your promises  
 My confidence is Your faithfulness (REPEAT)

Faithful You are  
 Faithful forever You will be  
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### **Greeting**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** **And also with you.**

### **Kyrie**

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

## Song of Praise

Bless-ed be God, the source of all life, the word of sal -  
va - tion, the spir - it of mer - cy.

## Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

1 Hear, everyone who thirsts;

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread

and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

3 Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

5 Now you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

6 Seek the Lord while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

7 let the wicked forsake their way

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters as some of them did, as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup> We must not engage in sexual immorality, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.

<sup>10</sup> And do not complain, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

<sup>11</sup> These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Children’s Message**

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

#### *Come and See*

What are you look - ing for? Come,

see, come and see. What are you  
look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of Luke. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup> [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”<sup>3</sup> No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.<sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem?<sup>5</sup> No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.<sup>7</sup> So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’<sup>8</sup> He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.’<sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

**Pastor Allison Cobb**

### **Song of the Day**

### ***His Mercy is More***

Verse 1      What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
                  Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
 Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 2      What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
 What Father so tender is calling us home  
 He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
 Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 3      What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
 His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
 We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
 Our sins they are many His mercy is more

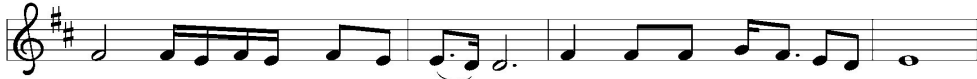
Chorus x2    Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
 Stronger than darkness new every morn  
 Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living 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.**

**Prayers of the Church*****Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

**Loaves and Fishes Offering**

*Youth are invited to walk forward and place their offering into the basket. Just like the little boy who gave his 2 fish and 5 loaves to Jesus, who multiplied them to feed thousands, the youth offering will go to The Grace Food Pantry. Adults are welcome to give a child an offering to bring up too.*

**Offering*****Graves Into Gardens***

Verse 1      I searched the world but it couldn't fill me  
                   Man's empty praise and treasures that fade  
                   Are never enough  
                   Then You came along and put me back together  
                   And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Chorus        Oh there's nothing better than You  
                   There's nothing better than You  
                   Lord there's nothing  
                   Nothing is better than You

Verse 2        I'm not afraid to show You my weakness  
                   My failures and flaws  
                   Lord You've seen them all  
                   And You still call me friend  
                   'Cause the God of the mountain  
                   Is the God of the valley  
                   There's not a place  
                   Your mercy and grace won't find me again



Chorus            Oh there's nothing better than You  
                       There's nothing better than You  
                       Lord there's nothing  
                       Nothing is better than You

Bridge            You turn mourning to dancing  
                       You give beauty for ashes  
                       You turn shame into glory  
                       You're the only one who can  
                       You turn graves into gardens  
                       You turn bones into armies  
                       You turn seas into highways  
                       You're the only one who can

Chorus            Oh there's nothing better than You  
                       There's nothing better than You  
                       Lord there's nothing  
                       Nothing is better than You

### **Offering Prayer**

**Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **Holy Communion**

*Children of all ages may receive communion or a blessing. They are also invited to take an instrument to praise God during the sending song. All are welcome at Christ's table.*

### **Lords Prayer (Sing)**

**Rachel Kurtz**

**Our Father which art in heaven,  
 hallowed be, hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 your will be done  
 on earth as it is, is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread and help us**

**remember 'til all people are fed**  
**forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us**  
**whether friend or foe**  
**lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,**  
**for thine is the kingdom and thine is the power and thine is the glory**  
**forever, forever**  
**Ah... Ah... Ah... A - men**

**Communion Song**

*Amazing Grace*

Verse 1      Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
                   That saved a wretch like me  
                   I once was lost but now I'm found  
                   Was blind but now I see

Verse 2      'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
                   And grace my fears relieved  
                   How precious did that grace appear  
                   The hour I first believed

Chorus        My chains are gone I've been set free  
                   My God my Savior has ransomed me  
                   And like a flood His mercy rains  
                   Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3      The Lord has promised good to me  
                   His word my hope secures  
                   He will my shield and portion be  
                   As long as life endures

Chorus        My chains are gone I've been set free  
                   My God my Savior has ransomed me  
                   And like a flood His mercy rains  
                   Unending love amazing grace

Verse 4      The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
                   The sun forbear to shine  
                   But God who called me here below  
                   Will be forever mine  
                   Will be forever mine  
                   You are forever mine

### **Prayer after Communion**

P: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **Blessing**

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Sending Song**

### *Battle Belongs*

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory  
 When all I see is a mountain, You see a mountain moved  
 And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me  
 There's nothing to fear now, for I am safe with you

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high  
 O God, the battle belongs to You  
 And every fear I lay at Your feet, I'll sing through the night  
 O God, the battle belongs to You

And if You are for me, who can be against me  
 For Jesus there's nothing impossible for You  
 When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty  
 When all I see is a cross God, You see the empty tomb

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high  
 O God, the battle belongs to You  
 And every fear I lay at Your feet, I'll sing through the night  
 O God, the battle belongs to You

An Almighty Fortress, You go before us  
 Nothing can stand against the power of our God  
 You shine in the shadows, You win every battle  
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**Sending**

**P:** Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

