

**CREDO Year B Worship Plan  
Spring 2026**

**Tuesday Evening Worship (7:00 pm) | March 17**

Greeters: Alexandra Zareth & Adriene Thorne

Preacher: Paul Volker

Liturgist: Kim Mendels

Communion: LeAnn Hodges & Deb McKinley

Text: John 9:1-7

Needs: Cards with a prompt for one word answers to below:

I'm bringing \_\_\_\_\_ into CREDO.

I'm needing \_\_\_\_\_ from this week.

**Pour water once the full community is seated.**

**Call to Worship**

Children of God: welcome!

**Welcome to this place of love and grace,**

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,**

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

**We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.**

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

**Opening Hymn - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (GTG #182)**

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,

“Come unto Me and rest;

Lay down, O weary one, lay down

Thy head upon My breast.”

I came to Jesus as I was,

Weary, and worn, and sad;

I found in him a resting-place,

And he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,

“Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down, and drink, and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quench'd, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am the world's true Light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
And all your day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that Light of life I'll walk,  
Till trav'ling days are done.

Em C G D G Am Dsus D

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest.  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am the dawn - ing light.

Em Am Em D G Am Em

Lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 Look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

Bm Em Am G Bm Em Dsus D

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad.  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream.  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun,

C Am Em D G/B Am Em

I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 and in that light of life I'll walk till tra - v'ling days are done.

### **Invitation & Prayer of Confession**

Confessing is like walking into a dark cave, seeing nothing, hearing nothing –

**We do not know what we will find there.**

**Maybe we will find the bones of things long dead**

**Maybe we will find the living wings of a bat,  
or the thousand feet of some worm thing.**

**Maybe we will find the silence not at all quiet, but full of unknown rustles.**

**Maybe we will find ourselves,**

**And find old hurts or desires that are long dead,**

**And find the thousand feet of some urge or temptation that could carry us away in a heartbeat.**

But it is only in the deepest dark that we can see

**The tiny light that is always present, that sliver that comes from an unknown place,**

**That sliver of light that give us hope,**

**That sliver of light that looks a bit like grace.**

It is only in the stillest silence that we can hear the whisper of mercy.

Let us enter into silence.

### **SILENT PRAYER**

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Friends. Beloveds: hear this good news and see the grace of God:

You are forgiven. You are free to go and live in the light of love.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

#### **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us share with one another signs of Christ's peace.

#### **Scripture Reading | John 9:1-7 (NRSVUE)**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the

light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

God’s word for God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Conversation | Paul Volker**

- Have you experienced situations like the one born blind?
- Are there ways in which you feel like the one born blind still?
- How have your core values and Rule of Life opened your eyes?
- As you reflect on this passage is there any other way in which it resonates with last year’s CREDO experience, or the time that has passed since?

### **Invitation to the Table**

LeAnn:

We gather as witnesses at Christ’s table and together proclaim the unity of our life in Christ.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

It is right and good to give you thanks and praise, O God, because from the beginning, you invited us on a journey with you, a journey of wonders and miracles, a journey of healing and joy, a journey of mystery and faith, a journey full of life and love.

And so in thanks and praise we join our voices in the song of the angels and saints, who forever sing to you, as we say these words:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Deb:

Blessed is your son, O God, our savior Jesus Christ, who joined us on our journey, who is so full of grace and truth that we cannot help but follow him. When his path went back to you, you sent us your Spirit to continue alongside us, to empower and inspire us to continue to be your people. Now we pray that that same Spirit will be among us, and among these elements of bread and cup, that our ordinary meal will become our sacred feast, to nourish us for the next part of the journey.

As we break bread together, as we drink from the same cup, unite us as people who are grateful for the journey, for each other's company, and for your guiding presence. And hear us as we are bold to say together the prayer that Jesus taught....

**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 and ever. Amen.**

LeAnn:

On the night that he was betrayed, Jesus took the bread and after giving thanks to you, He broke the bread and gave it to the disciples saying: "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Deb:

In the same way, also after the supper, Jesus took the cup and after giving thanks to you, he gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Therefore with this bread and cup we remember the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Let us proclaim this mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

LeAnn:

God of mystery: we receive your Holy Spirit upon us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Prepare us to receive your presence and to know your grace. Here at this table, may we remember the table you shared with your disciples, the tables of abundance many of us enjoy, the empty tables of those who are hungry, and the banquet table in the life to come.

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. Receive them now with a thankful heart as signs of God's great love for us and for the entire world.

**Communion Hymn - Come to the Table of Grace (GTG 507)**

**gospel 3 energy, slower gospel feel with a bit more effort so not too easy and light**

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

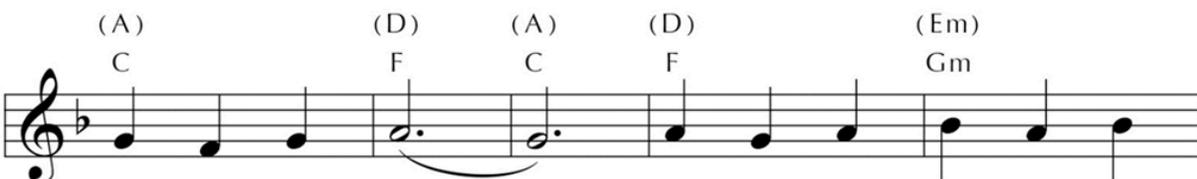
Come to the table of grace.

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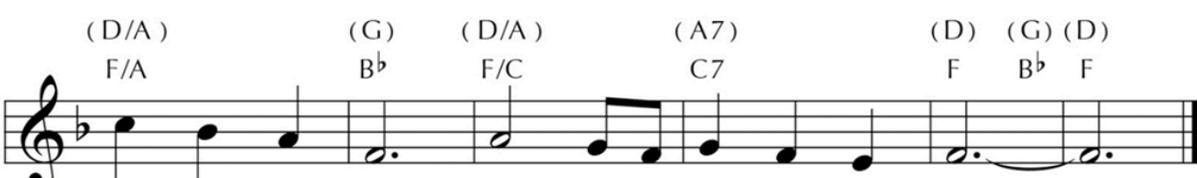
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(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)  
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ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
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not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

2 Come to the table of peace...

3 Come to the table of love...

4 Come to the table of hope...

5 Come to the table of joy...

### Prayer following Communion

God of good gifts, You have met us in the bread and cup at Your table. As we go from this place may we receive strength to walk in peace, and witness to the truth of Your reconciliation and love. Amen.

### Closing Hymn - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (GTG 377)

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 I want to follow Jesus.  
 God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson, 1970

Kathleen Thomerson

1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol - low Je -  
 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at Je -  
 3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ; I want to be with Je -

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sus. God set the stars to give light to the world; The star of my  
 sus. Clear Sun of righteous-ness, shine on my path, And show me the  
 sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, We shall know the

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Refrain

life is Je - sus.  
 way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at all; The night and the day are  
 joy of Je - sus.

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both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God; Shine in my heart, Lord

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**Benediction | Paul Volker**

Go now as children of the light.

Walk in the love of Christ who illumines your path,  
rest in the Spirit who keeps watch through the night,  
and live in the joy of God who shines in you and through you.

And may the blessing of the Triune God—

Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit—

rest upon you and remain with you,

this night and forevermore.

Amen.

**Call to Worship, Confession and Assurance, The Great Thanksgiving:** Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

## Wednesday Morning Worship (10:00 am) | March 18

Greeters: LeAnn & Paul

Preacher: Peter Park

Liturgist: Alexandra

Text: Luke 17:11-19

Focus: Reconnecting to our Shalom

### Pour water as the community gathers

#### Call to Worship

Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life –

**The life we have been given by God,**

The life we share with one another in community,

**The life that Jesus gives in abundance.**

Let us be grateful for the joy of life,

**And let us worship God.**

#### Opening Hymn - Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (AAHH #435)

1 Pass me not, O gentle Savior,

hear my humble cry;

While on others Thou art calling,

do not pass me by.

Refrain:

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;

while on others Thou art calling,

do not pass me by.

2 Let me at a throne of mercy

find a sweet relief,

kneeling there in deep contrition;

help my unbelief. [Refrain]

3 Trusting only in Thy merit,

Would I seek Thy face;

heal my wounded, broken spirit,

save me by Thy grace. [Refrain]

4 Thou, the Spring of all my comfort,  
more than life to me;  
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?  
Whom in heav'n but Thee? [Refrain]

## 435 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

1. Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, Hear my hum - ble  
 2. Let me at a throne of mer - cy Find a sweet re -  
 3. Trust - ing on - ly in Thy mer - it, Would I seek Thy  
 4. Thou the Spring of all my com - fort, More than life to

4  
 cry, While on oth - ers Thou art call - ing,  
 lief; Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion,  
 face; Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it,  
 me, Whom have I on earth be - side Thee?

Solo: I'm calling

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 Do not pass me by.  
 Help my un - be - lief. Sav - ior,  
 Save me by Thy grace.  
 Whom in heav'n but Thee?

African American Heritage Hymnal 435

Text: Fanny J. Creeley, 1820-1915

Tune (PASS ME NOT 8 5 8 5 with refrain): William H. Doane, 1832-1913

## 435 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

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Sav - ior, Hear my hum - ble cry;

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While on oth - ers Thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.

*African American Heritage Hymnal* 435  
 Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915  
 Tune (PASS ME NOT 8 5 8 5 with refrain): William H. Doane, 1832-1915

### **Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon**

Let us open our hearts and hands first in silence, trusting in God's grace and love.

### **SILENCE**

Let us pray:

**Loving God, we confess that we hurry past your mercies,  
accepting your gifts without pausing to give thanks.**

**We long for wholeness but resist your healing.**

**We speak of peace but do not rest in your shalom.**

**Turn us again toward gratitude and trust,  
that we may live as your thankful people.**

**Amen.**

Friends, hear the good news: In Christ, mercy meets us on the road.

In Christ, we are forgiven and healed.

### **Invitation to Pass the Peace**

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Please greet your neighbors with signs of Christ's peace.

### **Scripture Reading - Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

### **Reflection - Peter Park**

### **Moment of Silence**

### **Ritual of Returning and Gratitude**

Friends, when one returned to give thanks, Jesus said, “Your faith has made you well.”

We, too, return to God with our longings and our gratitude, trusting that Christ meets us with s/Shalom.

**(Pause)**

I invite you to name aloud where you long for God’s peace.

Speak a word or a phrase.

After all offerings have been made, we will respond together: **God, bring your shalom.**

Where do you long for God’s peace?

(Allow time for people to call out prayers. After a natural pause, gesture for all to respond.)

**God, bring your shalom.**

Now, I invite you to name aloud the gifts and graces for which you are thankful.

Speak a word or a phrase.

After all offerings have been made, we will respond together: **Thanks be to God.**

For what gifts and graces are you thankful?

(Allow time for prayers of gratitude to be spoken and after a natural pause, invite the response.)

**Thanks be to God.**

Leader:

Holy One, you hear our longings and you receive our thanks.

Make us whole in your peace,

root us in your love,

and send us forth in gratitude and joy,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**Closing Song - "I'm So Grateful," a song by Chanda Rule**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkmYd0SBIIY>

I'm So Grateful

I'm So Grateful

I'm So Grateful

I'm So Grateful (*repeat*)

Gratitude before us.

Gratitude behind us.

Gratitude to the left of us.

Gratitude to the right of us.

Gratitude above us.

Gratitude below us.

Gratitude within us.

Gratitude all around us.

We're so grateful.

We're so grateful.

We're so grateful.

We're so grateful. (*repeat*)

We're so grateful.

### **Benediction**

Go now as people made whole.

Go with hearts full of gratitude.

Live into the peace of Christ,

and may the blessing of God—Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit—

be with you this day and always.

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**Thursday Morning Worship (8:30 am) | March 18**

Greeters: Peter & Deb

Preacher: Alexandra Zareth

Liturgist: Paul

Text: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Focus: Re-evaluate

**Pour water as the community gathers****Rain Down GTG #48 | Jaime Cortez (2x)**

**gospel 3 vibe, will only sing refrain listen [here](#)**

Rain down

Rain down

Rain down your love on your people

Rain down

Rain down

Rain down your love, God of life

PRAYING

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Rain down

Refrain *f* F A7/E Dm Irregular F7/C Bb

Rain down, rain down, rain down your

F/A G9 C C7 F A7/E Dm

love on your peo - ple. Rain down, rain

F7/C Bb C C7 Bb/F F Fine

down, rain down your love, God of life.

*mf* F A7/E Dm F7/C

1 Faith - ful and true is the word of our God.  
 2 We who re - vere and find hope in our God  
 3 God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth;

*mp*

1-3 Ooh,

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**PAUSE FOR BREATH - 10 seconds**

**Call to Worship**

One: Hear, O beloved of God:

The Holy One is near, the Source of all life and love.

**All: We come to listen with our hearts, our souls, our strength.**

One: God's mercy rains down, steady and sure—

A love that soaks us through, reviving weary spirits.

**All: We open ourselves to be bathed in grace,  
to be washed in compassion,  
to be renewed in joy.**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

**All: For God's steadfast love endures forever!**

**Refrain (2x):**

Rain down

Rain down

Rain down your love on your people

Rain down

Rain down

Rain down your love, God of life

**PAUSE FOR BREATH - 10 seconds**

**Invitation to Confession**

Every time we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we do not always live as we are called. In this time of confession, this time of opening our hearts, let us remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love. Let us pray, first in silence.

**SILENCE - 30 seconds**

Let us pray:

**Faithful God, we confess that we have clung to words without always living them,  
we have cherished creeds without always walking in their truth,  
we have spoken of faith without always embodying your love.**

**Re-write your Word upon our hearts,  
that we may love fully and live faithfully.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

Alleluia! Amen.

As God has poured out, like rain, the grace of forgiveness and peace through Christ, let us also share that grace with one another.

Peace be with you.

### **And also with you.**

Please share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

### **Scripture Reading - Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Meditation - Alexandra Zareth**

#### **Silent Reflection**

Prompt: “As you prepare to revisit and reevaluate your credo statement, what word, phrase, or truth about God do you most need to hear?”

Write the word, phrase, or truth on the paper provided and bring it to the table as a sign of your commitment to continue listening for God's word.

### **Closing Hymn - Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken (GTG #455)**

Listen to the word that God has spoken,  
listen to the One who is close at hand,  
listen to the voice which began creation,  
listen even if you don't understand.

## 455 Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Lis-ten to the word that God has spo - ken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that be- gan cre - a-tion; lis-ten e-ven if you don't un-der-stand."

Lis-ten to the word that God has spo - ken;

listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that be-

gan cre - a-tion; lis-ten e-ven if you don't un-der-stand.

*May be sung as a round, successive voices entering ad lib.*

*Glory to God 455*

TEXT: Anon. Canadian, alt.

MUSIC (LISTEN 10.10.11.10): Anon. Canadian; adapt. *Church Hymnary, 4th Edition, 2005*

**The Priestly Blessing**

May God bless you and keep you;

May God make the holy face to shine on you  
and be gracious to you;

May God turn the holy face toward you  
and give you peace.

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## Friday Morning Worship (8:30 am) | March 20

Greeters: Paul & Kim

Preacher: LeAnn Hodges

Liturgist: Peter

Text: Isaiah 43:15-21

Focus: Reimagine

### Pour water as the community gathers

#### Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

**People: We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.**

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

**People: A time to reimagine how good life can be, a time to remember the holy promises of God.**

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this circle of joy,

**People: Let us worship God.**

#### Opening Hymn - Come and Find the Quiet Center (VU #374)

sample [here](#) I appreciate the space between verses and hope we can recreate

1. Come and find the quiet centre  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.

2. Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace;  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, face to face,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,

raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.

3. In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!

GRACE

## 2128 Come and Find the Quiet Center



1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's



lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the  
 pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our  
 pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -



frame where we are freed: Clear the cha - os and the  
 be - ing, touch - es base, mak - ing space with - in our  
 brate the space we gain: There's a place for deep - est



clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the  
 think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing  
 dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the



things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.  
 cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.  
 Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray

MUSIC: Attr. to B. F. White

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**Confession & Assurance of Pardon**

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other, first in silent prayer.

**SILENCE**

Let us pray:

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:**

**The fear that stifles us,**

**The busy-ness that blinds us,**

**The ignorance that hobbles us,**

**The doubt that plagues us.**

**Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places,**

**see the world with new and imaginative eyes,**

**move to those places within and without where grace is needed,**

**and have faith that you are with us.**

**This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Beloveds, let us proclaim together the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia, amen.**

### **Invitation to Pass the Peace**

By the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn will break upon us, shining into the darkness and guiding our feet into the way of peace. Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Please share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

### **Scripture - Isaiah 43:15-21**

I am the Lord, your Holy One,  
the Creator of Israel, your King.

Thus says the Lord,

who makes a way in the sea,

a path in the mighty waters,

who brings out chariot and horse,

army and warrior;

they lie down; they cannot rise;

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things

or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert.  
 The wild animals will honor me,  
 the jackals and the ostriches,  
 for I give water in the wilderness,  
 rivers in the desert,  
 to give drink to my chosen people,  
 the people whom I formed for myself  
 so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **Homiletical Reflection - LeAnn Hodges**

#### **Prayers of the People**

Creator of all, you spoke light into being and called it good.  
 You shaped people and communities to carry your image.  
 And still you are shaping, still you are reimagining,  
 still you are bringing forth new life from the dirt of the earth.

If Sabbath could re-shape our imagination and sustain our vocation,  
 what could that look like?  
 What would it sound like?  
 Taste like?  
 Feel like?  
 Smell like?

Receive, O God, these prayers of reimagination.

For your church, O God—  
 when we grow weary, when we cling to what was,  
 when we forget your call to love first and last—  
 breathe in us again.

**All: God, reimagine your church...**

(Pause)

For your world, O God—  
 in places broken by violence,  
 in creation groaning for care,  
 in communities aching for justice—  
 renew what seems beyond repair.

**All: God, reimagine your world...**

(Pause)

For our vocations, O God—  
 for the callings we carry with joy and with heaviness,  
 for the words we have spoken in faith  
 and the silences we have kept in fear,  
 for our ministries and our daily lives—  
 for our relationships and dreams  
 open us again to your Spirit's leading.

**All: God, reimagine my life, my vocation, my witness...**

(Pause)

You are now welcome to voice your own prayers, each beginning with “God, reimagine...”

[space for spoken prayers]

Leader:

Holy One, you are the God of what has been,  
 the God of what is,  
 and the God of what is yet to come.

Reimagine us, reshape us,  
 until we live fully into the love of Christ,  
 in whose name we pray.

**All: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn - Sing a New World Into Being (Voices Together #809)**

Sing a new world into being, sound a bold and hopeful theme.  
 Find a tune for silent yearnings, lend your voice and dare to dream.  
 Dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong.

Sing a new world into being, sing as Christ inspires your song.

Sing a new world into being, where each gender class and race.  
Brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace.  
Where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind.  
Sing a new world into being, Risk transforming heart and mind.

Sing a new world into being, where the homeless find a home.  
Where no children ever hunger, but are filled with God's shalom.  
Where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease.  
Sing a new world into being, raise the harmonies of peace.

Sing a new world into being, Join the ancient prophets' cry.  
For a time of health and plenty, when all tears have been wiped dry.  
When compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve.  
Sing a new world into being, live the promise you believe.

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## Sing a New World Into Being

Sing a new world in - to be - ing Sound a bold and hope - ful theme. Find a tune for si - lent yearnings.  
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der class and race brings its rain - bow gifts and co - lours  
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the homeless find a home; where no child - ren ev - er hun - ger  
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the anc - ient pro - phets' cry for a time of health and plen - ty

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Lend your voice and dare to dream: Dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and  
 to God's lim - it - less em - brace; Where the lines that once di - vid - ed form in - stead the  
 but are filled with God's sha - lom; Where all peo - ple work for jus - tice where all hate and  
 when all tears have been wiped dry; When com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for

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loves be - long. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!  
 ties that bind. Sing a new world in - to be - ing; Risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!  
 ven - geance cease. Sing a new world in - to be - ing; raise the harm - on - ies of peace.  
 all who grieve. Sing a new world in - to be - ing; Live the pro - mise you be - lieve!

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**Benediction**

Go now in peace.

Rest that you may reimagine.

Dream that you may delight.

And may the God who created, the Christ who invites,  
and the Spirit who breathes fresh wind  
go with you into every new moment. Amen.

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**Confession and Assurance of Pardon:** Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

## Friday CREDO Studio Liturgy

### Litany for Celebrating Creation and Creativity (For Seven Voices)

#### **Voice 1: Deb**

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth,  
the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep,  
while a wind from God swept over the waters.

#### **Voice 2: Alexandra**

Then God said, “Let there be light.”  
And there was light.  
God saw that the light was good.

#### **Voice 3: LeAnn**

Poet Mary Oliver once wrote,  
“The world offers itself to your imagination,  
calls to you like the wild geese—  
harsh and exciting—  
over and over announcing your place  
in the family of things.”  
We are part of God’s creation,  
and co-creators in God’s ongoing work of beauty and renewal.

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#### **Voice 4: Paul**

And God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind.”  
And God saw that it was good.

#### **Voice 5: Kim**

Artist Makoto Fujimura reminds us,  
“To make is to love.  
Every creative act, however small,  
is a participation in God’s great making.”  
We are made in the image of a Creator God.  
Our art, our play, our imagination—these are prayers.

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#### **Voice 6: Peter**

And God made the two great lights—

the greater light to rule the day  
and the lesser light to rule the night—  
and the stars.

And God saw that it was good.

**Voice 7: Adriene**

Theologian Dorothee Soelle said,  
“Creativity is the human participation in the joy of God.”  
We claim that joy now—  
with brush and pen,  
with torn paper and open heart,  
with color and courage and grace.

**Voice 1: Paul**

And God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness.”  
So God created them—  
in the image of God,  
in all the hues of holy dust—  
God created them.

**Voice 2: LeAnn**

Howard Thurman once said,  
“Don’t ask what the world needs.  
Ask what makes you come alive,  
and go do it.  
Because what the world needs  
is people who have come alive.”  
In this space, we come alive.  
We listen for the Spirit’s wind,  
hovering still over our waters of possibility.

**Voice 3: Alexandra**

And on the seventh day God rested from all the work of creation.  
God blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

**Voice 4: Peter**

Poet Lucille Clifton wrote,  
“Come celebrate  
with me that every day

something has tried to kill me  
and has failed.”

We celebrate resilience.

We celebrate imagination.

We celebrate the God who makes all things new.

**Voice 5: Kim**

God looked at everything that had been made,  
and indeed, it was very good.

**Voice 6: Deb**

Madeleine L’Engle reminds us,

“When we co-create,

we are not creating something out of nothing,  
but we are helping bring order to chaos,  
singing with the Creator.”

**Voice 7: Adriene**

Nobel prize writer Toni Morison said,

“This is precisely the time when artists go to work.

There is no time for despair, no place for self-pity,  
no need for silence, no room for fear.

We speak, we write, we do language.

That is how civilizations heal.”

So come, beloved creators—

pastors, poets, prophets, painters—

take up your tools, your courage, your wonder.

**Voice 1: Deb**

Let there be color.

**Voice 2: Paul**

Let there be texture.

**Voice 3: Alexandra**

Let there be story and song and silence.

**Voice 4: Peter**

Let there be light.

**Voice 5: Adriene**

And God will see—

**Voice 6: Kim**

and we will see—

**Voice 7: LeAnn**

that it is good.

Creative, creating God,

Your touch makes this world holy.

Inspire us, illumine us and bless us

with courage, wisdom and imagination

to use our hands, hearts, minds and souls

to be our best creative selves

in our living and loving,

today and always. Amen.

**Saturday Morning Worship (10:00 am - 20 minutes) | March 21**

Greeters: Adriene & Carrie

Preacher: Paul

Liturgist: LeAnn

Text: Mark 4:35-41

Focus: Recalibrate

**Gathering Music**

**Pour water as the community gathers**

**Opening Hymn - Be Still My Soul (GTG #819)**

1. Be still, my soul! the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul! your best, your heav'nly friend  
Thru' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

## Be Still, My Soul

$\text{♩} = 80$  Eb Bb Eb Bb7 Eb Bb Eb Ab Ddim Bb Eb Eb Bb Eb Bb7 Eb

1. Bestill, my soul; the Lord is on thy si - de... Bear pa - tient - ly the  
2. Be still, my soul; thy God doth un - der - take... to guide the fu - ture  
3. Be still, my soul; when dear - est friends de - part... and all is dark - ened  
4. Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on... when we shall be for -

7 Bb Eb Ab Ddim Eb Eb Eb/D Cm Eb Bb Fm

cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vi - de...  
as He has the past. Thy hope thy con - fi - dence let no - thing shake...  
in the vale of tears, then shalt thou bet - ter know His love, His Heart...  
ev - er with the Lord; when dis - ap - ppoint - ment, grief and fear are gone...

14 C/G Fm Eb Ab Ab6 Fm G Eb Eb/D Cm

in ev - ery change He faith - ful will re - main... Be still, my soul; thy  
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last... Be still, my soul; the  
whocomes to soothe thy sor - rows and thy fears... Be still, my soul; thy  
sor - row for - got, love's pur - rest joys re - stored... Be still, my soul; when

20 Cm Eb Bb Fm C/G Fm Eb Ab Bbsus Eb

best thy Heav' - nly friend... through thor - ny ways leads to a joy - ful end...  
waves and winds still know... His voice who ruled them when He was be - low...  
Je - sus can re - pay... from His own full - ness all He takes a - way...  
change and tears are past... all safe and bless - es we shall meet at last...

**Call to Worship**

We see light, hope, and joy;

**We bring heart, soul, mind, and body;**

We share blessings and fears;

**We bring faith and doubt.**

With all that we are and all that we have,

**let us worship God.**

2. Be still, my soul! your God does undertake

To guide the future as he has the past;

Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;

all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know

His voice who ruled them while he lived below.

**Confession and Assurance**

Confession can help us to remember that God is God and we are not.

Thanks be to God!

Our prayer today will invite us to take a deep breath and on our exhale, we will chant the words - Be Still and Know that I am God...until we run out of breath. We will repeat, dropping the last word each time until we are sitting in silence with the great God of the universe who is always and everywhere in charge.

Let us pray:

Take a deep inhale and chant with me:

**Be Still and Know that I am God...**

**Be Still and Know that I am...**

**Be Still and Know that I...**

**Be Still and Know that...**

**Be Still and Know...**

**Be Still and...**

**Be Still...**

**Be...**

...

**PAUSE**

Friends, this is the Good News:

In Christ, God brought us back to our true home, to hope, to love, and to life.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

**Invitation to Pass the Peace**

God is faithful and God invites us to live in peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you in abundance.

**And also with you.**

Please share signs of peace with your neighbors.

3. Be still, my soul! when dearest friends depart  
 And all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
 Then shall you better know his love, his heart,  
 Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.  
 Be still, my soul! your Jesus can repay  
 From his own fullness all he takes away.

**Scripture Reading - Mark 4:35-41**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

**Meditation - Paul Volker****Experience with Scent**

Before we send you into silent discernment, feel free to come forward and experience the scent of an essential oil. It may be that these scents of the earth will help open your hearts to the Spirit of God. Rub them on your hands, wrists or back of the neck.

### **Ritual of Sending / Discernment**

Beloved of God, you are being sent into a period of holy listening—

Listen for God. Listen for your own heart.

This is not a journey of answers alone, but a journey also of trust.

I invite you to place one hand on your heart and one hand open before you...

Know that God's Spirit already dwells with you and within you.

As you enter this time of discernment, will you trust the Spirit's guidance,  
welcome the questions,

and allow your faith to be re-tuned?

If so, say I will with God's help.

**I will with God's help.**

God of wisdom and wonder,

Send your people forth to reconnect, reevaluate, reimagine and recalibrate.

Send them to listen,

to question,

to imagine,

and to trust.

Root us all in your love,

refresh us by your Spirit,

and keep us open to the mystery of faith.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Closing Hymn - Be Still My Soul (GTG #819)**

4. Be still, my soul! the hour is hast'ning on

When we shall be forever with the Lord,

When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,

Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still my soul! when change and tears are past,

All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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**Be Still and Know Chant:** from Mary Ylvisaker Nilsen.

## Sunday Worship & Lord's Supper (1:30 pm) | March 22

Greeters: LeAnn & Kim

Preacher: Deb

Liturgist: Adriene

Communion: Peter & Alexandra

Text: Exodus 17:1-7

Focus: Renew

### Pour water as the community gathers

#### Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who thirst for the living God.

**People: We come, expectant and hopeful, longing for renewal.**

Leader: God provides streams in the wilderness, water from rocks.

**People: Refresh our hearts, restore our faith.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who gives us life.

#### Opening Hymn - Lead Me, Guide Me GTG #740

with gospel swing but not too fast

Lead me, guide me along the way;

For if You lead me, I cannot stray;

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power

To help me over my weakest hour;

Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,

Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;

Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.

I am putting all my trust in Thee,

Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

3. I am lost, if you take your hand from me;

I am blind, without Thy Light to see;

Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

## Lead Me, Guide Me

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E C#m7 F#m7 B7 F#m7

Lead me guide me a - long the way; for if you

6 B7 E A E E E7/G#

lead me I can-not stray. Lord, let me walk each

11 A Am E B7 E

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me

17 E C#m7 F#m7 B7

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness  
I am lost if you take your hand from me,

22 F#m7 B7 E A E

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour  
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press  
I am blind with - out thy light to see.

27 E E7/G# A Am

Help me through the dark-nes thy face to see  
I am put - ting all my trust in thee  
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be

32 E B7 E

lead me, O Lord, lead me

### **Confession & Assurance of Pardon**

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayers.

### **SILENCE**

Let us pray:

**Merciful God,  
in the wilderness of our lives, we grow impatient and afraid.  
We quarrel and complain,  
forgetting your faithfulness in the past.  
We long for renewal, yet cling to what has run dry.  
Strike our hearts again, O God.  
Let living water flow from rocky places,  
that we may be refreshed and made new.  
Amen.**

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. You are included in that mercy. You are included in that grace. Rejoice! In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

With that assurance let us be Christ to all we meet. The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us share with one another, signs of Christ's peace.

### **Scripture Reading - Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah

and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

### **Meditation - Deb McKinley**

#### **The Lord’s Supper**

##### **Alexandra:**

Come to the table,  
 you who are weary,  
 you who are wondering,  
 you who are ready to be refreshed.  
 The water still flows.  
 The bread still nourishes.  
 The Spirit still moves.

##### **Peter:**

On the night before he gave himself up for us,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread,  
 and after giving thanks, he broke it and said,  
 “This is my body, given for you.  
 Do this in remembrance of me.”

##### **Alexandra:**

In the same way, after supper,  
 he took the cup, saying,  
 “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
 shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
 Whenever you drink it,  
 do this in remembrance of me.”

##### **Peter:**

God of the wilderness and the wellspring,  
 pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and cup.  
 As you turned stone into flowing water,  
 turn our dry places into wells of compassion.  
 Make this meal a reminder that you are always present,

our Rock and our Redeemer.  
Amen.

**Invite the gathered community forward to receive communion by intinction.**

**Prayer After Communion**

**Faithful God,**

**you have fed us with manna and quenched our thirst with living water.**

**Send us from this table renewed and rooted in your love.**

**When we find ourselves in dry places,**

**remind us that your Spirit still flows,**

**and that your grace is never far from reach.**

**In the name of Jesus, our wellspring and our hope.**

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn - We Will Go Out with Joy (GTG #539)**

Make this a teaching moment

SENDING

## We Will Go Out with Joy 539

*Leader* C F/C C G7 C



1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.  
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.  
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

*All* C F/C C C/G G7 C *Fine*



We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.  
 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.  
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

*Refrain* Fsus2 C F G C



Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.

Fsus2 C E<sup>b</sup>sus2 Dm7 Gsus G *to Stanzas*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.

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WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY  
 10.6.10.6 with refrain

### Benediction

Go now, renewed by the Spirit,  
 to love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
 to follow Christ who is the living water,  
 and to be refreshed daily by the streams of God's grace.

And may the blessing of the Triune God—  
 Creator, Christ, and Spirit—  
 flow through you, renew you, and keep you in peace,  
 this day and always.

**Invitation to Confession:** Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'.  
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**Monday Morning Worship (8:30 am - 30 minutes) | March 23**

Greeters: Alexandra & Peter

Preacher: Adriene

Liturgist: Deb

Text: Ephesians 3:14-21

Focus: Return

**Gathering Music - Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus (AAHH #368) underscoring not sung**

**Pour water as the community gathers**

**Opening Hymn - Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus (AAHH #368)**

**1 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
and to take Love at its word;  
just to rest upon the promise,  
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."**

**Refrain:**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust you!  
How I've proved you o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust you more!**

ASSURANCE AND TRUST

## 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus 350

*Trust in God; trust also in Me. John 14:1*

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His word,
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans - ing blood,
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease,
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;



Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know "Thus saith the Lord."  
 Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!  
 Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest and joy and peace.  
 And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.

*Refrain*

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!



TEXT: Louisa M. R. Stead  
 MUSIC: William J. Kirkpatrick

TRUST IN JESUS  
 8.7.8.7. with Refrain

### **Call to Worship**

When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

**Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.**

And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

**Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.**

And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

**Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.**

Refrain:

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust you!**

**How I've proved you o'er and o'er!**

**Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!**

**O for grace to trust you more!**

### **Kinesthetic Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

For the prayer of confession today, we are going to engage in a kinesthetic prayer, allowing us to pray with our whole selves- mind, body, and heart. Let us pray-

Family of God, we are called to love and serve one another; yet too often we allow fear or prejudice to hold us back.

If you have ever ignored someone who was in need, please close your eyes.

God asks us to be patient, loving, and kind, yet too often we speak words of hostility, hurt, and shame. If you have ever dealt harshly with someone, embracing hostility instead of peace, please clench your fists.

The world is God's creation, and we are called to be guardians of it; yet too often we cling to selfish cultures of consumption.

If you have ever chosen comfort over care, please cross your arms.

And family of God, we are reflections of the divine image, created and claimed as God's beloved children; yet too often we deny that image.

Thus if you have ever been ashamed of who you are, or have denied the divine image in another, bow your head.

Friends, THIS is what sin feels like! Cut off from others, closed off from the world, left in the dark, alone and disconnected from God. However, God knows us and loves us. Like a mother with her children, God will not abandon us!

So, if you have ever seen someone in need and responded with care, open your eyes.

If you have ever seen God in another, or found differences to be beautiful, lift your head.

If you have ever chosen forgiveness and grace over hatred and hostility, unclench your fists.

And if you have ever looked beyond yourself, for the care of another, uncross your arms, and if you can reach someone, and have their permission, lay a hand on a neighbor's shoulder.

And if your eyes are still closed, open them; your head is still bowed, raise it; your fists still clenched, release them; or your arms are still crossed, uncross them. For God's grace for us never runs out.

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: this is what the kingdom of God feels like- eyes open, heads up, connected and united in grace.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Refrain:

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust you!**

**How I've proved you o'er and o'er!**

**Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!**

**O for grace to trust you more!**

### **Scripture Reading - Ephesians 3:14-21**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly **far more** than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Meditation - Adriene Thorne**

**Go My Children With My Blessing GTG #547**

1. "Go, my children, with my blessing,  
never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you,  
you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing,  
you are my own."

2. "Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you,  
what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story;  
here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
at peace and pure."

3. "Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving,  
joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you;  
here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
joyful and free."

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
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 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

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**Benediction**

Beloveds,

Go forth in the love of God.

And may the blessing of the Almighty —

Creator, Christ, and Spirit—

be upon you and remain with you forever.

Go now with the courage to go deeper,

Go now with the faith to let down your nets,

Go now with the trust that God's voice still calls your name.

**People:**

**We will go where Christ leads.**

Leader:

And remember: the deep is not danger — it is invitation.

The door is wide open.

The Spirit is waiting.

Go in peace.

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