

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Let All Things Now Living"

arr. Marilyn Thompson

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For he didn't consider equality with God something to be grasped, but he emptied himself, even unto death on a cross. As we wait for the day of resurrection let us look to Jesus.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Liturgist: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

Liturgist: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 95:1-7

* **All Singing: 2 "O Worship the King"**
Singing verses 1, 2, 4, and 5

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 142 “We Are People on a Journey”**

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed, 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,

All: Give us water to drink.

Liturgist: 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,

All: Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?

Liturgist: So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

Minister: 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.

Liturgist: He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying,

All: Is the Lord among us or not? *Exodus 17:1-7*

Liturgist: The Psalmist writes: Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. *Psalm 95:8-9*

Silent Confession and Lament

Liturgist: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

All: But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Liturgist: Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

All: For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

Liturgist: But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. *Romans 5:6-11*

* **All Singing: 675 “By Grace We Have Been Saved”**
Singing verses 1, 2, 3, and 5

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **God of covenant, God of the Lenten journey, help us to discern your calling voice. Open us to change and growth, that we may walk with Christ. Amen.**

Scripture: Luke 9:1-6

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Walking Unencumbered

Choir: "Go Ye Into All the World" Eugene Butler

Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature. Jesus said, "This is the great commandment: that ye love one another as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this; that he lay down his life for his friends." Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature. "Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, If you believe in God you believe in me." Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature.

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. PASS

Choir: "Christ Has No Hands But Ours" Tom Porter
See last page. All joining to sing verse 5

* **All Singing: 959 "Glory Be to the Father"**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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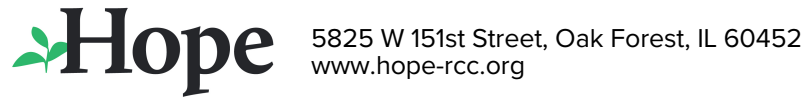
* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: 931 "Sizohamba naye/ We Will Walk with God"**
Choir singing in Zulu. All singing in English

Postlude: "He Leadeth Me" arr. Karen Ball

Worship Leaders

Organist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Gwen Quist
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg-Sims	Liturgist:	Arthur Drenth
Violinist:	Bethany Keeley-Yonker	Prayer:	Kara Van Marion
Guitar:	Jenson Varghese		
Percussion:	Clay Carlson, Henry Evenhouse		
Choir Director:	David Baar		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		



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Christ Has No Hands But Ours



All 1. Christ has no hands but ours to reach, to touch, to
All 2. As ser-vants of our God we car-ry out the
Women 3. We see with eyes of faith that still would fol-low
Men 4. God wa-ters from a-bove the good seed that we
All 5. Marked with the cross of Christ, we, as a wit-ness,



heal, to wel-come in com-mun-i-ty, to
call to walk the road where saints have trod and
stars. As points of light, we point the way and
sow, and brings to har-vest all our work so
are sent forth to be the Gos-pel for Christ



fash-ion fam-i-ly. Christ has no hands but ours.
bring good news to all. Christ has no hands but ours.
chase a-way the dark. Christ has no hands but ours.
that the Church will grow. Christ has no hands but ours.
has no hands but ours. Christ has no hands but ours.

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