

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, March 1, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY in LENT

GATHERING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 121*

All: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?

One: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

***OPENING HYMN** “*Great Are You, Lord*” (*Great is the Lord*) GtG 614

**1. Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just
by your power we trust in your love.**

**Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true;
by your mercy you prove you are love.**

**Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.**

**Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voices;
we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord!**

Great are you, Lord

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PRELUDE TO PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**One: O God, we want to trust you to care for us, to watch over us, and to
stay close to us. Help us look up, and know you are there.**

Let us pray:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever faithful God, we live in uncertainty and fear. We seek you, but not with our whole heart.

We follow you, but we have so many competing interests.

We are weighed down by burdens of our own making and oppressive forces of darkness.

Keep us from all evil. Guard our lives.

Watch over our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: May we be united in mind and purpose as we proclaim the Good News of the Gospel, which is the power of God for salvation.

Friends, believe the Good News,

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***HYMN:** *“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”* *“The Hymnbook”* #302

1. Have Thine own way, Lord!

Have Thine own way!

Thou art the potter,

I am the clay!

Mold me and make me

After Thy will,

While I am waiting,

Yielded and still.

2. Have Thine own way, Lord!

Have Thine own way!

Search me and try me,

Master, today!

Brighter than snow, Lord,

Wash me just now,

As in Thy presence

Humbly I bow.

(continued...)

3. **Have Thine own way, Lord!**
Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary,
Help me, I pray!
Power all power
Surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!

4. **Have Thine own way, Lord!**
Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
Absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit
'Til all shall see
Christ only, always,
Living in me!

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THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:	Old Testament	Genesis 12: 1-4a	<i>[NRSV]</i>
	Epistle	I Corinthians 10: 1-18	<i>[NRSV]</i>
GOSPEL:		Matthew 4: 12-23	<i>[NRSV]</i>

SERMON “The Power of God” *by Reverend Emily Rosencrans*

***HYMN** “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” (*Here I Am Lord*) GtG 69 *Verses 1 and 2*

1. **I, the Lord of sea and sky,**
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

(continued...)

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

- 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostles Creed”** *(Traditional)*

**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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

(continued...)

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
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 PEOPLE

One: We lift all these concerns to you, for you alone have the power to give life in all its fullness and abundance.

All: Lord, hear our prayers. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Prayer of Dedication*

One: Giver of every good and perfect gift, we thank you for all you have given us, especially the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. You have given us power to become children of God, and so we are. Receive our offerings and use everything to your glory. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

(continued...)

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(And let us pray...)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

**Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
Hallowed by 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.
Amen**

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(With the passing of the bread, please wait until all have been served so that all may partake together, reflecting our unity in Christ.)

(With the passing of the cup, please partake as soon as received as an expression of our personal relationship with Christ.)

Prayer

***CLOSING HYMM** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" (*Here I Am Lord*) GtG 69 Verses 3

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

One: We are not ashamed of the Gospel. It is the power of God for salvation. It is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to those of us who believe, it is the power of God. All praise and honor and glory to the One who was, who is, and who always shall be, world without end. Amen.

POSTLUDE

***Standing if able.**