



March 1, 2026
Holy Communion on
The Second Sunday of Lent

(†) The congregation is invited to stand or (Sit with Gusto)
(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

Tell me something good!

God loves you

more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves *all* of creation

more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God's love meets us in this service of worship.

We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

How Can We Name a Love

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1. How can we name a Love that wak-ens heart and mind,
 2. If we a - woke to life built on a rock of care
 3. When peo - ple share a task, and strength and skills u - nite
 4. So in a hun-dred names, each day we all can meet

in - dwell-ing all we know or think or do or seek or find?
 that asked no great re - ward but firm, as - sured, was sim - ply there,
 in pro-jects old or new, to make or do with shared de - light,
 a pres-ence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.

With - in our dai - ly world, in ev - ery hu - man face,
 we can, with par-ents' names, des - cribe, and thus a - dore,
 our Friend and Part-ner's will is bet - ter un - der - stood,
 Yet ev - ery name we see, shines in a bright - er sun:

Love's ech-oes sound and God is found, hid in the com-mon-place.
 Love un-confined, a fa-ther kind, a moth-er strong and sure.
 that all should share, cre - ate, and care, and know that life is good.
 In Christ a - lone is Love full grown and life and hope be - gun.

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† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?

Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?

Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?

Or did we cross the street?

Did we avert our eyes?

Did we come up with every excuse in the book?

God, we long to be people who love our neighbors

with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.

But we must admit, we have a long way to go.

Forgive us for the times when we let bias,

scarcity, or fear get in the way of love.

Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again.

With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Faith family, even when we act with judgment,

even when we are guided by fear,

even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need,

God does not turn God's back on us.

So join me in this good-news declaration:

We are seen.

We are forgiven.

We are invited to try again.

Thanks be to God for this unending love.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson:

[Luke 7:36-50](#)

*(Pg. 840) ***

SPECIAL MUSIC

† HYMN OF PREPARATION

When the Poor Ones

EL CAMINO



1 When the poor ones who have noth - ing share with strang - ers,
 2 When at last all those who suf - fer find their com - fort,
 3 When our joy fills up our cup to o - ver - flow - ing,
 4 When our homes are filled with good - ness in a - bun - dance,

1 Cuan - do el po - bre na - da tie - ne y aún re - par - te,
 2 Cuan - do un hom - bre su - fre y lo - gra su con - sue - lo,
 3 Cuan - do cre - ce la a - le - grí - a y nos i - nun - da,
 4 Cuan - do a - bun - da el bien y lle - na los ho - ga - res,



when the thirst - y wa - ter give un - to us all,
 when they hope though e - ven hope seems hope - less - ness,
 when our lips can speak no words oth - er than true,
 when we learn how to make peace in - stead of war,

cuan - do un hom - bre pa - sa sed y a - gua nos da,
 cuan - do es - pe - ra y no se can - sa de es - pe - rar,
 cuan - do di - cen nues - tros la - bios la ver - dad,
 cuan - do un hom - bre don - de hay gue - rra po - ne paz,



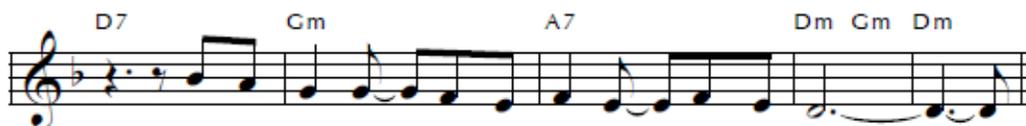
when the crip - pled in their weak - ness strength - en oth - ers,
 when we love though hate at times seems all a - round us,
 when we know that love for sim - ple things is bet - ter,
 when each strang - er that we meet is called a neigh - bor,

cuan - do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce,
 cuan - do a - ma - mos, aun - que el o - dio nos ro - dé - e,
 cuan - do a - ma - mos el sen - tir de los sen - ci - llos,
 cuan - do "her - ma - no" le lla - ma - mos al ex - tra - ño,

Refrain / Estribillo



then we know that God still goes that road with us,
 va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.



then we know that God still goes that road with us.
 Va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.

PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,

ALL: Thanks be to God!

† GLORIA PATRI

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

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SERMON:

Ho-Soon Han



The Good News Is:—
"Great Love for God and Neighbor"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

† HYMN

I Come With My Devotion

ANGELS STORY

**I come with my devotion to love and serve my God,
whose loving cosmos formed me before I ever sought
the glory of the heavens of praise on earth below,
so every gift I have now I lay before the throne.**

**I hear my Savior's calling to serve the lost and least,
the hungry and imprisoned, the broken ones like me.
For in each act of kindness, it's Christ for whom we care,
all worthy of our love since it's God's face they bear.**

**God made us in God's image each person whom we meet
extravagantly loving all of humanity.**

**So I'll return the love which has formed me from the start,
loving my creator, myself and every heart.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG

Ubi Caritas

Refrain

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; *Where charity and love are found, God is there*; Taizé Community, 1978
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SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER SONG (See Above)

[Presentation of Tithes and Offerings](#)

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:

Harmony

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

Unison

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

Refrain (Harmony)

Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

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

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Offertory Prayer:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **

The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Prayer Following Communion:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

† HYMN OF DEDICATION

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual
4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

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MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

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*Benediction

Voluntary

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Looking Ahead

Readings for March 8, 2026
 Third Sunday of Lent
Exodus 17:1-7 / Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11 / John 4: 5-42



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"Feed the Need"

Putting Our Faith into Motion
By Feeding the Body, Mind, and Soul

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