



March 15, 2026

The Fourth Sunday In Lent

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

God loves the field mouse.

God loves the crows

that take flight when church bells ring.

God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

God loves the child who rocks and claps.

God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.

God loves those

who walk, crawl, and roll.

God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens,

standing strong over all of us.

God loves the young,

the impressionable, and the earnest.

There is no bit of creation that God does not love.

So let us worship this good-news God!

Amen.

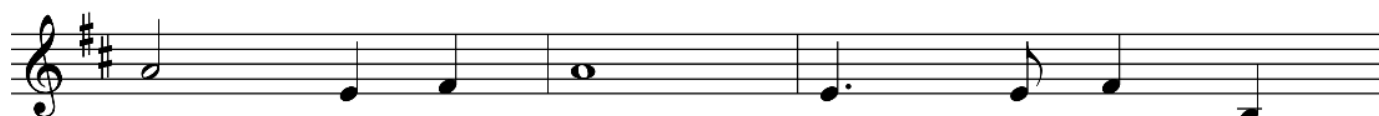
For the Fruits of This Creation



1. For the fruits of this cre - a - tion, Thanks be to
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is
 3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to



God;
 done;
 God;
 For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion,
 In the help we give our neigh - bor,
 For the good we all in - her - it,



Thanks be to God; For the plow - ing,
 God's will is done; In our world - wide
 Thanks be to God; For the won - ders



sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 that a - stound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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† PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God said, “When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them.”

Holy God, we confess,

we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.

Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.

God said, “When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.”

We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.

Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them.”

We confess,

we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways.

Fortunately for all of us, God also said,

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.”

By God’s grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.

May this good news change our lives!

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Deuteronomy 24:17-22](#) (Pg. 158) **

Look to the day when the world seems new again;
Morning so fresh you could touch the sky;
The earth smells sweet and every flower looks bright;
Shining in a dewy light as you wander by.
Taking the time to enjoy each moment;
Tasting the fruits spread along your way,
knowing there's time to spare,
dreams you can dream and share; Look to the day.

Look to the day when the earth is green again:
Promise of spring after winters sleep.
The sounds of life returning fill the air,
music that's forever there for your heart to keep.
Deep in the earth lay the seed of life renewed,
quiet and strong till the time of spring;
Life in each bud and shoot,
life in each flower and fruit,
look to that day, when earth shall sing.

Look to the light that will drive out darkness;
look to the hope, that will conquer fear.
God's strength uphold us till the fight is won
till we see our task is done when the day is here.
Look for that day, when there shall be no more pain;
sorrow and sighing shall pass away.
Pray for the day to come, trust that the day will come,
look to that day, look to the day.

Lord we give thanks for the gifts of life and health;
Plant a new seed in our hearts, we pray:
Help us to see, O Lord, How it should be O Lord,
Look to the day.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

† HYMN OF PREPARATION

See the Precious Children

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See the pre-cious chil - dren seat - ed on the lap of Christ our Lord
See the pre-cious wi-dowed wo - men glean-ing har-vests from the field
See the pre-cious for - eign stran - gers as they car - ry all they own
See the pre-cious dis - poss - essed ones ask - ing for some food to eat
See the pre-cious world im - pov - erished by our ma - lice and our greed



Called the great - est in the king - dom, held so gent - ly and a - dored They
Then re - turn - ing to their kit - chen to pre - pare their dai - ly meal They
To a land that's full of dan - gers for the pow - er - less and prone They
Sleep - ing un - der star - ry heav - ens, dai - ly liv - ing on the streets They
Hu - mans, a - ni - mals, and pla - net cry - ing out for some re - lief We're



are pre-cious in the sight of God who made each ti - ny toe In their
are pre-cious in the sight of God who holds their bro - ken hearts In their
are pre-cious in the sight of God who made their home-land, too In their
are pre-cious in the sight of God who loves them as a child In their
all pre-cious in the sight of God who made each ho - ly thing In our



weak-ness they're held by love as each day they learn and grow
sor - row they're held by love that re - deems each fra - gile part
jour - ney they're held by love as they start each day a - new
hun - ger they're held by love as they guard their hu - man pride
liv - ing we're held by love as we care for ev - ery being

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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.

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.
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SERMON: Ho-Soon Han

*“The Good News Is:
PROTECTION AND CARE FOR THE VULNERABLE”*

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

† HYMN

[This Is My Song](#)

FINLANDIA

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.**

**This is my home, the country where my heart is,
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but others hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.**

**O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

**This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.**

**O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for You.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for You."

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SILENT PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG

(See Above)

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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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LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

† HYMN OF DEDICATION

428 For the Healing of the Nations

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that
world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and
earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob -
hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of

earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion help us
go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness fear will
scure your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we
Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its

rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.
die and hope in - crease, (hope in - crease) fear will die and hope in - crease.
hal - low life's brief span, (life's brief span) may we hal - low life's brief span.
des - ti - ny may find, (may find) earth its des - ti - ny may find.

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Voluntary

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Looking Ahead

Readings for March 22, 2026

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

[Ezekiel 37:1-14 / Psalm 130](#)

[Romans 8:6-11 / John 11:1-45](#)



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