

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday In Lent
First Presbyterian Church
Tallahassee, Florida
March 8, 2026, 11:00 AM



GATHERING

Ringling of the Zimbelstern

Voluntary

Mensch, Wiltu leben seliglich, BuxWV 206

Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Glenn Hodges

Call to Worship

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock
of our salvation! **We have come to give
thanks and to sing songs of praise!**

We are the people of God's pasture;
we trust that God will bring us through the wilderness.
**We seek God's living water
and praise God's holy name!**

Opening Prayer

*Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Jesus, friend of all, once again, we come to you knowing our words have stung, our actions have harmed, and our indifference has let evil have its day. Our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for you, yet we do not imitate you in our lives. We scorn those who are different from us, and relish our own comfort. Once again, forgive us, O God. Give us your living water, that we might tell the world all you have done for us.

*Sung Response Hymn 575

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

KYRIE ELEISON (PARDINI)

*Assurance of Pardon

We know that God is with us even in our sufferings,
for suffering produces endurance, endurance produces
character, character produces hope,
**and hope does not disappoint us,
because God's love has been poured
into our hearts. Thanks be to God!**

Asterisks indicate to please rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold print.*

*The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Sue Hightower

Hebrew Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 386

Come, Worship God (Psalm 95)

O QUANTA QUALIA

Epistle

Romans 5:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

Gospel

John 4:5-42

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Glenn Hodges

*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

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. 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

...Lord, in you mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

EUCCHARIST

Call To Offering

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Living Water

Emily Crocker

*I will give to living water from the well of endless life.
As the deer longs for cooling streams,
So do I bring you peace. Peace I bring to you.*

*Whosoever shall drink of the water I give
Shall thirst no more, I say.
For I say unto you that the water I give
Shall be in you a well of endless life!*

*Presentation Hymn 607

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

NOEL

*Blessing and Charge

May the steadfast love of God,
the abundant grace of Jesus Christ,
and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit
be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:
If any wish to be my disciples
let them take up the cross
and follow me. **Amen.**

Voluntary

Canzonetta in A Minor, BuxWV 225

Dietrich Buxtehude

IN WORSHIP TODAY

“**Kingdom**” or “**Kindom**” in the Lord’s Prayer? Kingdoms were the dominant community structure when our Scriptures were written. Some find it meaningful to think about other Biblical metaphors to convey the ethos of care and genuine kin-ships about which Jesus taught and preached. Please pray as you choose.

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations — We offer prayers for healing for Juana Maria Diaz Perez (mother of Ruben Diaz), Bob Rackleff, Rich Peyton, Brant Copeland, Martha Kutter, Joyce Crawford, Bev Breedlove, Tara Reynolds, Sandra Sherrard, Martha Snowden and Wayne Friedemann. **We offer prayers for strength and mercy** for Evanna (sister of Wayne Friedemann), Patricia McCoy Delancey, and Thaddeus Gillon. **We pray for the staff and volunteers** of Second Harvest of the Big Bend as well as those of all our mission partners. **We pray for victims of gun violence** in our community and our country. **We pray for the Presbyterian Reformed Church** in Cuba, Pastor Izett Samá Hernández, and Pastor Alison Infante. **We pray for peace** in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, and around the world. **We also pray for those in military service**, including Brian Guisao, Ross Yeilding, David DelRossi, and Owen Elzie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children are welcome in this service as full members of God's family. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in the basket by the door to the Narthex. Childcare for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building. Please note that during worship the Education Building is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

Restrooms are located in this building through the door at the end of each ground floor aisle of the sanctuary.

An induction loop system is available in the sanctuary. To use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T-telephone mode or request a wireless headset from an usher.

Large Print Versions of the *Glory to God* hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

Visitors: We are glad you are here this morning! If you have questions about our congregation or membership, please let us know by using the friendship registers or speaking to one of the greeters so we can connect you with the right people. We welcome new members after worship on the second Sunday of each month. Please join us for lemonade and fellowship in the courtyard following worship!

CHECK-IN



Let us know you came
to Worship today!



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32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us 575

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm7)(Em) (C)

Fm Cm7 Fm D \flat

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -

(C) (B) (Cmaj7) (Em) (Bm7) (Em)
D \flat C D \flat maj7 Fm Cm7 Fm

on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord, Have Mercy upon Us'. It consists of two staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: 'Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'on us; Lord, have mercy upon us'. Above the first staff, guitar chords are indicated: Fm, Cm7, Fm, and D-flat. Above the second staff, guitar chords are indicated: D-flat, C, D-flat major 7, Fm, Cm7, and Fm. Additionally, there are chords in parentheses above the second staff: (C), (B), (Cmaj7), (Em), (Bm7), and (Em). The lyrics are written below the notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: J. Christopher Pardini, 2005

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KYRIE ELEISON (Pardini)

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Come, Worship God

(Psalm 95)

1 Come, wor - ship God, who is wor - thy of hon - or;

2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun - tains;

3 We are your peo - ple, the sheep of your pas - ture;

4 Now let us lis - ten, for you speak a - mong us;

en - ter God's pres - ence with thanks and a song!

held in your hands are the depths of the earth.

you are our Mak - er, and to you we pray.

o - pen our hearts to re - ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo - ple's sal - va - tion

Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,

Glad - ly we kneel in o - be - dience be - fore you;

Peace be to all who re - mem - ber your good - ness,

to whom our ju - bi - lant prais - es be - long.

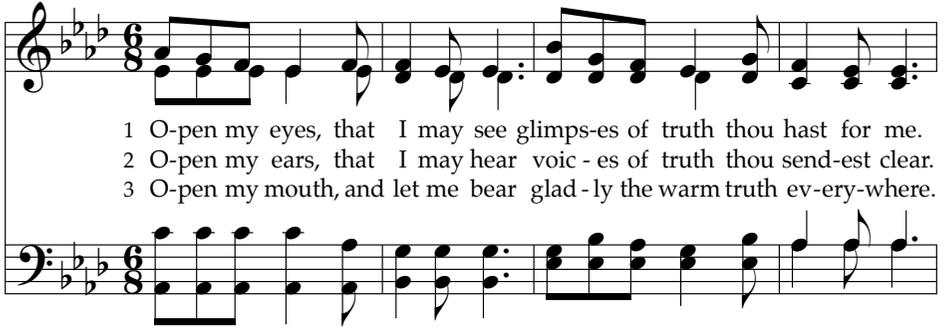
God a - bove all gods, who gave us our birth.

great is the one whom we wor - ship this day!

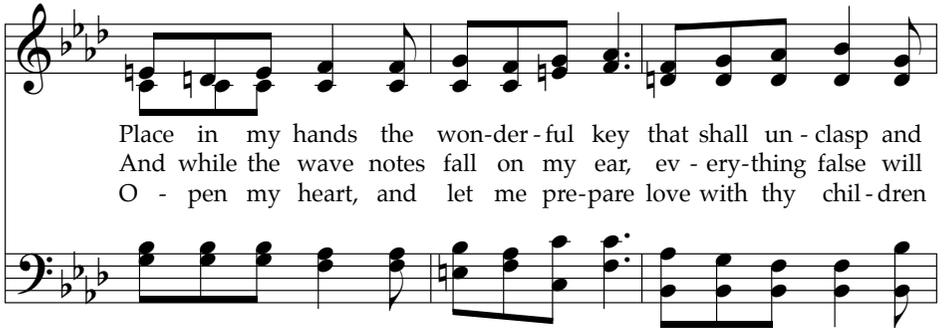
trust in your word, and re - joice in your way!

Psalm 95, often called *Venite* from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.

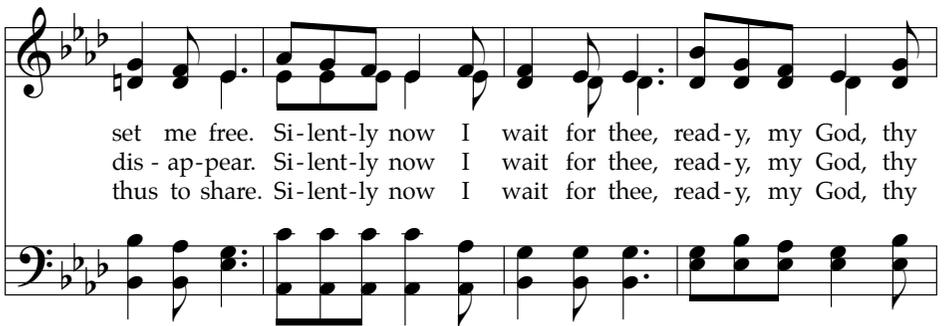
Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil - dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

The image shows a musical score for a doxology. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major, indicated by a sharp sign on the F line. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style, primarily using chords and moving lines. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

OLD HUNDREDTH
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SERVICE MUSIC

here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The upper staff continues the melody, ending with a final cadence. The lower staff provides the corresponding harmonic accompaniment, also concluding with a final cadence.

53 O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,
 3 O God of covenant and law, re-vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there:
 your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de-liver us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we despair in wandering through wastes of empty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your people prove,

Help us to know your Spirit still is making all things new.
 re-fresh us with the living spring of hope that never dies.
 as on our hearts you write a new the covenant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).