



1st Sunday of Lent  
February 22, 2025 — 8:30 am Service  
Order of Worship  
FM Frequency 99.3  
Text: 419-482-8227

Passing of the Peace

L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**A. And also with you.**

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**A: Amen.**

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, thank You for breaking the chains that bind us. Let us continually pray for those who are being persecuted for believing in You. Help us to see what You are doing right in front of us. That we will know that it is You working in our lives. Amen.

Hymn: ***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***

Joyful, joyful we adore thee  
God of glory, Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee  
Praising thee, their sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the gloom of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

All thy works with joy surround thee  
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays

Stars and angels sing around thee  
Center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest, vale and mountain  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in thee

Thou art giving and forgiving  
Ever blessing, ever blest  
Well spring of the joy of living  
Ocean depth of happy rest  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother  
All who live in love are thine  
Teach us how to love each other  
Lift us to the joy divine

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#### Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the Inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

**A: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**A. Amen.**

#### Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

#### Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**A: Amen.**

#### This Is The Feast

L: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

**A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: `Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory of our god, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

#### Scripture Isaiah 55:6-11

*"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the LORD. 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.'"*

#### Acts 12:6-10

*"The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. 'Quick, get up!' he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Then the angel said to him, 'Put on your clothes and sandals'. And Peter did so. 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me,' the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him."*

#### Matthew 16:15-20

*"'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah."*

#### Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

**A. Thanks be to God!**

Apostle’s Creed

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn: ***The Church’s One Foundation***

The Church’s one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord  
She is his new creation  
By water and the Word  
From heav’n he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride  
With his own blood he bought her  
And for her life he died.

Though with a scornful wonder  
This world sees her oppressed  
By schisms rent asunder  
By heresies distressed  
Yet saints their watch are keeping  
Their cry goes up: How long?  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song

Through toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest

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Words Of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### Lamb Of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

#### Communion

#### Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

**A: Amen.**

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

**A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.**

#### Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

#### Benediction

L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**A: Amen.**

#### Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God!**

#### Closing Hymn: ***My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less***

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness

No merit of my own I claim

But wholly lean on Jesus' name

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand

All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils his lovely face  
I rest on his unchanging grace  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
Sustain me in the raging flood  
When all supports are washed away  
He then is all my hope and stay  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand

*"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" John Bacchus Dykes, Edward Mote, and Lani Smith 1973, 1985 Lorenz Publishing Company CCLI License #619995*

*"Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision." Acts 12:9*

## **Sermon Notes**

### **The Church Unrestrained**

- ⇒ Are you praying for the persecuted Church and those imprisoned for the Gospel?
- ⇒ Do we see the deadliness of pride?
- ⇒ What is God doing right before our eyes that we are having a hard time accepting?

## **Those To Pray For**

**HOSPITALIZED:**

**IN HOSPICE CARE:**

**CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:** Pam Morbeck, Tom Walker, Edna Hollar, Joy Hodak, Charles Simpson, Carolyn Schell, Elizabeth Ford, Scribner Family, Joyce Wheeler, Diane Debien, Fred Dais, Patty Komisar, Judy Clymer, Lynda Dunn, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, St. Paul's homebound

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:** Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey Olman