



1st Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026 — 10:30 am Service
Order of Worship
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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.

Song: ***Glorious Day***

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb, 'til I met You

I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb, 'til I met You

You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day

You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new, Jesus when I met you

You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day
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And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight
Of Your glory
I needed shelter, I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of heaven
When I was broken, You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future, my eyes are open
'Cause when You called my name
I ran out of that grave

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Into Your glorious day
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And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day

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Song: ***Graves Into Gardens***

I searched the world
But it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise
And treasures that fade
Are never enough

Then You came along
And put me back together
And every desire

Is now satisfied

Oh there's nothing
Better than You
There's nothing
Better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid
To show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen
Them all and
You still call me friend

'Cause the God
Of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
There's not a place
Your mercy and grace
Won't find me again

Oh there's nothing
Better than You
There's nothing
Better than You
Lod there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

Oh there's nothing
Better than You
There's nothing
Better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

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You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens

You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
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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!

Sermon — *"The Church Unrestrained"*

Pastor Ben Murray

Song: ***Jesus Messiah***

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing
Love so amazing

Jesus Messiah
Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah
Lord of all

Jesus Messiah
Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah
Lord of all

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Jesus Messiah
Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah
Lord of all

Jesus Messiah
Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled
And the veil was torn
Love so amazing
Love so amazing

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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.

Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:
Adoration
Confession
Thanksgiving
Supplication

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. 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: The Holy Scriptures proclaim that God is “...*gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.*” Be assured that on account of Christ Jesus and His sacrifice on the Cross, God forgives you all your sins.

A: Amen.

L: With the Saints of every generation, we proclaim the church’s ancient song:

A: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again, Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

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.

How Deep The Father’s Love

ALL: How deep the Father’s love for us. How vast beyond all measure. That He should give His only Son , to make a wretch His Treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away. As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

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.

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 Song: ***Battle Belongs***

When all I see is the battle
You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain
You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow
Your love surround me
There's nothing to fear now
For I am safe with you

So when I fight
I'll fight on my knees
With hands lifted high
Oh God
The battle belongs to you
Every fear I leave at your feet
I'll sing through the night
Oh God
The battle belongs to you

And if you are for me
Who can be against me
For Jesus, there's nothing
Impossible for you
When all I see are the ashes
You see the beauty
When all I see is the cross
God you see the empty tomb

So when I fight
I'll fight on my knees
With hands lifted high
Oh God
The battle belongs to you
Every fear I leave at your feet
I'll sing through the night
Oh God
The battle belongs to you

Almighty fortress
You go before us
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God
You shine in the shadows
You win every battle
Nothing can stand against

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"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