

Sunday, March 8, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *“Magnificat, Sing Out My Soul” by Taizé Community*

Contributors: Jacques Berthier and Taizé Community © 1979, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc. Streamed with permission under One License #739919-A. All rights reserved.

Call to Worship

Heather Detrick

If you need good news,
settle into this space.

We have good news to share.

If you need a word of hope,
then trust us when we say,
there is hope enough to go around.

If you need a glimmer of joy,
then you're in luck!

We have resilient joy abounding.

If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,
then know that this is God's house.

This is the good news of the gospel.

God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move.

Let us worship our with-us God!

***Hymn**

“Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

New Century Hymnal #73

Contributors: Words and Music © 1992 Louise Ruspini; Harmonization © 1993 The Pilgrim Press. Reprinted/Streamed with permission under One License #739919-A. All rights reserved.

Prayer for Illumination

Heather Detrick

Holy God, we could press our ear to the page, hoping to hear you more clearly. We could silence all the alarms and notifications, hoping to catch a murmur of your voice. We could still our beating hearts, and *still* we might miss your voice. So today we pray, open up space in our hearts, in our spirits, in our minds, to feel your presence among us. With you, anything is possible. We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.

Anthem

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” by Theron Kirk

Contributors: Thero Kirk © 1978, Carl Fischer, LLC. Streamed with permission under One License #739919-A. All rights reserved.

Scripture

Mark 6:32-44; Ephesians 3:20-21

Heather Detrick

***Hymn**

“Human Minds Just Can't Imagine”

please see insert

Contributors: Anna Strickland © 2025, commissioned by A Sanctified Art. Used with permission per purchase of Tell Me Something Good resource.

Sermon *The Good News is... together, the impossible is possible* **Rev. Abby Gackenheimer**

Music of Reflection

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response *“The Lord is My Song” by Taizé Community*

Contributors: Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community ©1979, 1991 Taizé, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc. Streamed with permission under One License #739919-A. All rights reserved.

Call to Offering

Offertory

**Doxology Pilgrim Hymnal #515 *[alternative words] © public domain*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him [God], all creatures here below
Praise Him [God] above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father [Creator], Son [Christ], and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

God, we offer you these gifts, and pray that you would take this offering and turn it into ministry. Use these gifts to transform the world we live in to better reflect the home you have envisioned for us—a home of peace, a home built on the foundation of love. Gratefully we pray, amen.

***Hymn** *“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”* *New Century Hymnal #495*

Contributors: Jane Parker Huber © 1981 Jane Parker Huber. From A SINGING FAITH. Used by permission of Westminster/John Knox Press. Reprinted/Streamed with permission under One License #739919-A. All rights reserved.

Benediction

Benediction Response *“Raise a Song of Gladness” by Taizé Community*

Contributors: Jacques Berthier and Taizé Community © 1979, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc. Streamed with permission under One License #739919-A. All rights reserved.

Postlude

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

73

Louise Ruspini; alt.

Ps. 100

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.
 2 O - pen your - self to the song. O - pen your - self to the song.
 3 O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.
 4 Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.
 5 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C F Em7 A7 Dm7sus4 Dm7 G7 C

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en - ter, re - joice, and come in.

This song, based on Psalm 100, became popular in the 1970s in the United States. It works equally well with organ, piano, or guitar accompaniment.

Tune: ENTER, REJOICE 7.7.8.7.
 Louise Ruspini
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

Human Minds Just Can't Imagine

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D ("God Whose Giving Knows No Ending")

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Joseph Haydn (1797)



Hu - man minds just can't i - ma - gine all that God can bring
God, ex - pand our dreams and vi - sion when we think our gifts
Like the grains of wheat are ga - thered from the vast and roll -



to bear Through our small and sep - arate be - ings, e - ven
too small Help us trust your great pro - vis - ion and to
-ing fields Like the grapes from vi - ny bran - ches whose small



when we join to share Still we fol - low where Christ leads us,
an - swer when you call You who gave us time and ta - lents
fruit the wine will yield We re - mem - ber as one bo - dy,



ma - ny pie - ces of one whole That we might al - low
will up - hold and see us through As we join to - geth -
each of us a cru - cial part In the glo - bal church



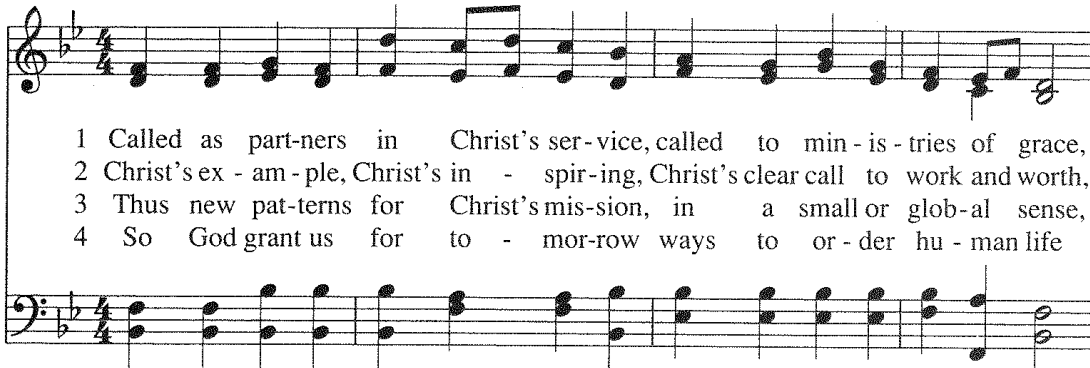
our dream - ing to trans - form our bro - ken world
-er in the work you've gi - ven us to do
pro - fess - ing: we be - long to God's own heart

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

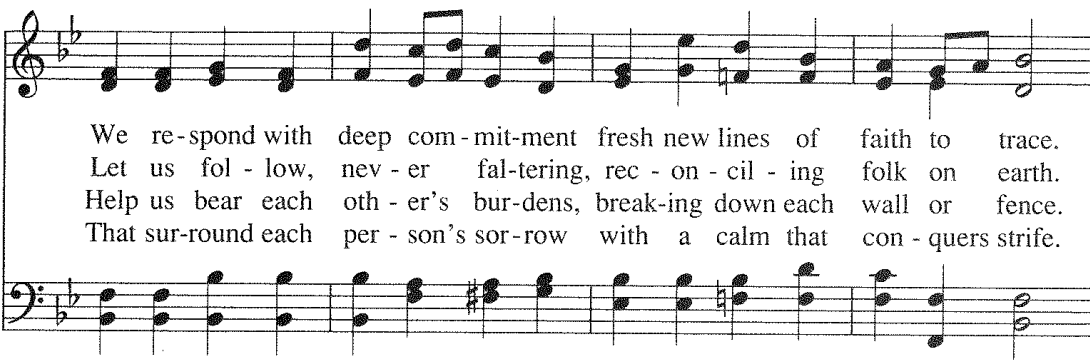
495

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

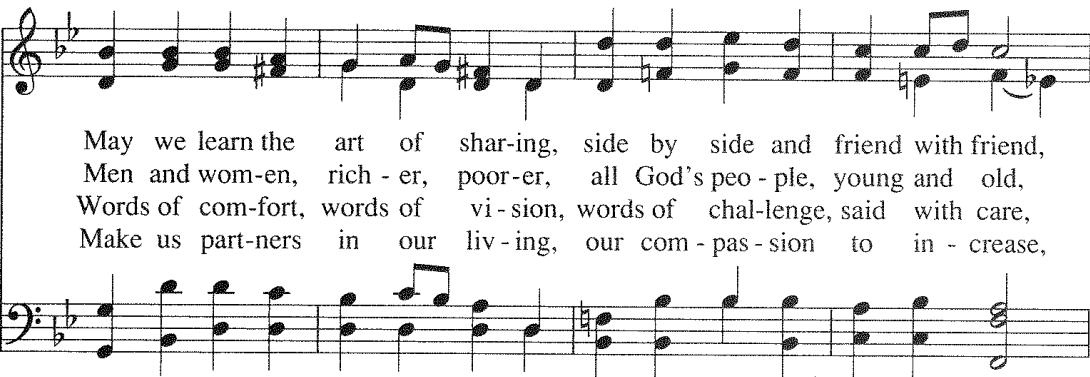
John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



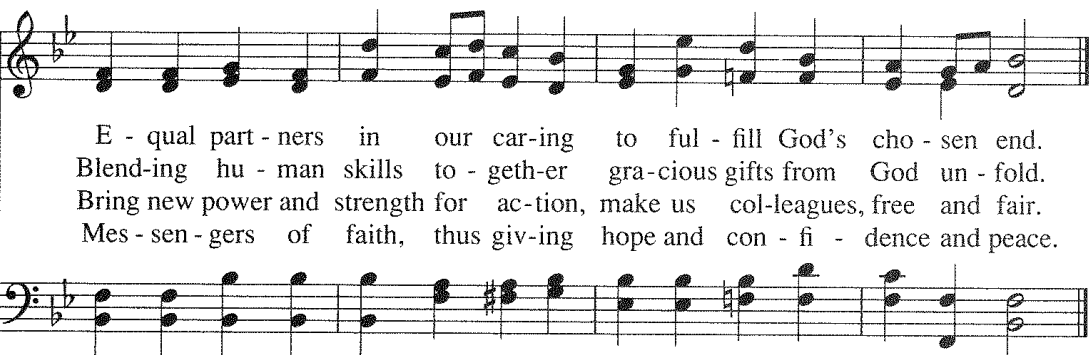
1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E-equal part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Zundel, 1855
 For another key, see 43, 368

