

MARCH 15 2026 ORDER OF WORSHIP

- I. PRELUDE: KMUPC & DPC Joint Handbell Choir
- II. WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Nikki Blanks
- III. CALL TO WORSHIP: Ed Marek

One: Please rise in body or in spirit and join in the call to worship and opening prayer as they appear in your bulletin: Early each morning, God waits to greet us with joy and wonder.

All: We awake to find ourselves enveloped in grace.

One: During the day, Jesus comes to invite us to serve.

All: We rise from our work and leisure to bring healing and hope to others.

One: In the shadowed evenings of our fears and worries, the Spirit is with us.

All: The Light of life shines on us in every moment of every day.

One: Let us pray together:

All: O God, you look beneath our outward appearance and see your image in each of us. Banish in us the blindness that prevents us from recognizing truth, so we may see the world through your eyes and with the compassion of Jesus Christ who redeems us. Amen.

One: Now, let us continue to worship, singing hymn #307- God of Grace and God of Glory.

- IV. OPENING SONG: Robin Wohlfeil
307- God of Grace and God of Glory

V. CONFESSION & ASSURANCE: Ed

A. Call to Confession

Please be seated. Friends, God longs for us to sit by the still waters of love, but we are too busy stirring up trouble with our actions, with our words, with our inability to be God's children. Let us bring our prayers to the One who will restore us with goodness and mercy. Please join me in the prayer of confession as it appears in your bulletin:

B. Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we sit in the ashes of our hopes, but you see us as your beloved children. We pay strict attention to all who break the rules, but ignore the grace which has been given to us. We try to box you in with boundaries we can manage, but you continue break through each and every one, to. Have mercy on us and open our eyes to your presence among us. May we learn to see others in a different way, not as enemies or strangers, but sisters and brothers of the same family, kin to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. And hear us now as we silently pray before you. Amen.

PAUSE 30- 60 SECONDS FOR SILENT CONFESSION

C. Assurance of Pardon

One: The Spirit of the Lord has come upon us, bringing hope, life, and forgiveness for each person. Now we will go forth as God's children, sent to bring the good news to everyone we meet. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

VI. PASSING THE PEACE: Ed

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Now, let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

VII. SONG OF PRAISE: Robin

Jesus Remember Me

VIII. FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ed

A. Prayer for Illumination

Please be seated. Now, as we prepare to hear God's Word spoken to us, let us pray together: Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

B. Scripture Reading

Our first scripture reading is from John 9: 1-41. Hear God's Word spoken to you

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not

the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they

reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

IX. SPECIAL MUSIC: DPC & KMUPC Joint Handbell Choir

X. SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Nikki

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I

go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

XI. MESSAGE: Nikki

XII. SONG OF RESPONSE: Robin

288- Spirit of the Living God

XIII. GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

A. Call to Bring Our Gifts: Nikki

B. Song of Thanks: Robin

Doxology

C. Prayer of Thanks: Ed

Please join me in prayer over our offerings: With you as our shepherd and by sharing our gifts, we can indeed anoint others with grace, prepare feasts for the hungry, welcome the stranger, and love those we consider to be our enemies. Bless these gifts, and use our lives for others, we pray. Amen.

XIV. PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER: Nikki

XV. SENDING SONG: Robin

710- We Lift Our Voices

XVI. CHARGE & BLESSING: Nikki

XVII. POSTLUDE: Robin

Robin's Choice