

MARCH 8 2026 ORDER OF WORSHIP

I. PRELUDE: Robin Wohlfeil

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II. WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPENING PRAYER: Nikki Blanks

A. Welcome

B. Announcements

C. Opening Prayer

God, you go before and await our coming. Only our thirst compels us beyond complaint to conversation, beyond rejection to relationship. Pour your love into our hearts, that, refreshed and renewed, we may invite others to the living water given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

III. CALL TO WORSHIP: Joyce Block

One: Please rise in body or in spirit and join in the call to worship as it appears in your bulletin: Come and see the ambassador of God's friendship for us.

All: We will find Jesus waiting to meet us in classrooms, at a shopping center, in all the common places and moments.

One: Come and hear of God's joy in us.

All: We will listen to Jesus, whose words of grace and peace raise the rafters of our hope.

One: Come and learn how much God loves you.

All: We will discover Jesus, who offers us the gift of reconciliation.

One: Now, let us continue to worship, singing hymn #301- Let Us Build a House

IV. OPENING SONG: Robin

301- Let Us Build a House

V. CONFESSION & ASSURANCE: Joyce

A. Call to Confession

Please be seated. In walking the dog, reading a bedtime story, recycling newspapers - in every moment, in every place, God is there. Let us confess how often we do not see God in our lives, especially in how we live them. Please join me in the prayer of confession as it appears in your bulletin:

B. Prayer of Confession

O God, you know how often we travel down the rocky roads of doubt and fear. We pester others with our worries; we hurl bitter words at those we love. We have chances to offer ourselves in service, but only give our contempt to those in need. We could share the living waters with the world, but want to store it in jars for safe-keeping. Fountain of Grace, you turn towards us, to meet us wherever we are. You break open our rock-hard sin, so we might be made whole. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our thirst for hope and joy is quenched.

PAUSE 30-60 SECONDS FOR SILENT CONFESSION

C. Assurance of Pardon

One: God does not disappoint us. Our sins are forgiven, our lives are made whole, we are sent forth to serve.

All: In Jesus Christ, living water breaks through the roof of our hearts, in such abundance that we don't have enough buckets to hold it all. Thanks be to God. Amen.

VI. PASSING OF THE PEACE: Joyce

One: The peace of our 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: Joyce

A. Prayer for Illumination

Please be seated. Now, as we prepare to hear God's Word spoken to us, let us pray together: O God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may understand your will and also do it. Amen.

B. Scripture Reading

Our first reading comes from Exodus chapter 17. Hear God's Word spoken to you:

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt,

to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

IX. SPECIAL MUSIC: Wally & Sandy Friedl

"Just As I Am"

X. SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Nikki

John 4:5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his

sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will

of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

XI. MESSAGE: Nikki

XII. SONG OF RESPONSE: Robin

418- Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

XIII. GIVING OUR GIFTS

A. Call to Bring Our Gifts: Nikki

B. Song of Thanks: Robin

Doxology

C. Prayer of Thanks: Joyce

Please join me in prayer over our offerings” We pray, Gracious God, that our gifts may provide nourishment to those who thirst for justice, strength to those who hunger for hope, a community to those living in loneliness. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

XV. SENDING SONG: Robin

We Lift Our Voices

XVI. CHARGE & BLESSING: Nikki

XVII. POSTLUDE: Robin

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