



**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
MARCH 1, 2026**

**OPENING SONG**

**GREETING**

Pastor Mandy

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lay Reader

*Leader:* Friends, there are times when we believe that we must “deserve” the love we receive. We work and work to get approval and to feel like our life is justified. But God’s love doesn’t work that way.

*People:* **God is our “keeper” — always helping, always present.**

*Leader:* We may follow all the rules and do everything we can, and yet still be left looking for love — for a tangible connection with God. But God’s love for us doesn’t work that way.

*People:* **God is our “helper” — always available, always ready to lend us aid.**

*Leader:* We yearn for lives that matter, we want less regret. So let us lean into what the Psalmist says, “The Lord will keep your life... your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.”

*All:* **Today, right now, we open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision to the love of God. We are forgiven, loved, and freed! Amen!**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

I Will Follow

Praise Team

**KIDS FOR CHRIST**

Pastor Mandy

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Lay Reader

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Psalm 121

Lay Reader

**SONG OF PRAISE**

Who Am I?

Praise Team

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**SERMON**

John 3:1-17  
“Look for the Helper”

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

Jesus Lover of My Soul

Praise Team

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**GOING FORTH**

Pastor Mandy

## PSALM 121

**1**

I raise my eyes toward the mountains.  
Where will my help come from?

**2**

My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.

**3**

God won't let your foot slip.  
Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.

**4**

No! Israel's protector  
never sleeps or rests!

**5**

The Lord is your protector;  
the Lord is your shade right beside you.

**6**

The sun won't strike you during the day;  
neither will the moon at night.

**7**

The Lord will protect you from all evil;  
God will protect your very life.

**8**

The Lord will protect you on your journeys—  
whether going or coming—  
from now until forever from now.

## JOHN 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. **2** He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him."

**3** Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it's not possible to see God's kingdom."

**4** Nicodemus asked, "How is it possible for an adult to be born? It's impossible to enter the mother's womb for a second time and be born, isn't it?"

**5** Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom.

**6** Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Don't be surprised that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' **8** God's Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. It's the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

**9** Nicodemus said, "How are these things possible?"

**10** "Jesus answered, "You are a teacher of Israel and you don't know these things? **11** I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don't receive our testimony. **12** If I have told you about earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? **13** No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One. **14** Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up **15** so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. **16** God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. **17** God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

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