



**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE OF WORSHIP
MARCH 8, 2026**

OPENING SONG

GREETING

Pastor Mandy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lay Reader

Leader: On this third week in this season of Lent, we gather together to worship God. We are invited to bring our deepest longings and our failed attempts at satisfying them.

***People:* We come, being honest with what pains us most about the world right now. We come, being honest about what bothers us in the actions of others. And we come, being honest about what troubles us about our own thoughts and deeds.**

Leader: Before we even utter a word, we can be assured God will offer us grace and a way forward.

***People:* We yearn for that way, for the love and acceptance we know can be found in God. We seek a fresh start and look to God for our future.**

***All:* We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision to the ways of love created by God, embodied in Jesus, and already moving in us by the Spirit. We are forgiven, loved, and freed! Amen!**

SONG OF PRAISE

Our God

Praise Team

KIDS FOR CHRIST

Pastor Mandy

OPENING PRAYER

Lay Reader

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

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SONG OF PRAISE

10,000 Reasons

Praise Team

GOSPEL LESSON

John 4:13-14

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SERMON

"Look for the Thirst-quencher"

SONG OF PRAISE

Breathe

Praise Team

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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GOING FORTH

EXODUS 17:1-7 (NRSVUE)

17 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. ² 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?" ³ 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?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

JOHN 4:13-14 (NRSVUE)

¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ 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."

SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Mandy Newman

Lay Reader: Youth

Praise Team: Matthew Kapus, Rhonda Kapus, Susan Pleasants,
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