



SOTC WORSHIP
 MARCH 1, 2026
 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

All are welcome here—

The young and old, those who have visions and those who dream dreams.

All are welcome here—

The sinner and saint, those who seek forgiveness and those who long for peace.

All are welcome here—

The hurt and the doubting, those who know the wilderness and those who feel lost.

All are welcome here; for you are loved by God, and this is God's house.

Let us worship God. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

COME TO THE WATER OF LIFE



1	All who are thirst-y	for	mer - cy,	all who are thirst-y	for
2	All who are thirst-y	for	heal - ing,	all who are thirst-y	for
3	All who are thirst-y	for	beau - ty,	all who are thirst-y	for
4	All who are thirst-y	for	jus - tice,	all who are thirst-y	for



love;	all who are thirst - y	for	love,	for mer - cy,
touch;	all who are thirst - y	for	touch,	for heal - ing,
truth;	all who are thirst - y	for	truth,	for beau - ty,
peace;	all who are thirst - y	for	peace,	for jus - tice,



come:	come	to	the	Wa - ter	of	life.
come:	come	to	the	Wa - ter	of	life.
come:	come	to	the	Wa - ter	of	life.
come:	come	to	the	Wa - ter	of	life.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

we give you our hearts. They are brimming with doubt and are saturated with fear, but we give them to you anyway, for you promise to love us as we are. You promise to walk with us to the ends of the earth, so in this moment, we promise to tell the truth. God, you ask us to be brave and bold, but we cower in fear. You ask us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we hold tight to privilege and the status quo. You ask us to risk it all to follow you, but we are content with the injustices at hand. Forgive us for our sin and lift our eyes to you, as our truth, our Savior, and our Lord. Amen.

Friends in Christ, God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

————— **WORD** —————

STORYTELLING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.

In response to the readings:

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-17

The Gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to John the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

FAITH BEGINS BY LETTING GO



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

APOSTLE'S CREED

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.

Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

VERSE



1. Great is Your faith - ful - ness, O God;
2. Great is Your love and jus - tice, God of Ja - cob;



You wres - tle with the sin - ner's rest - less heart.
You use the weak to lead the strong.



You lead us by still wa - ters in - to mer - cy and noth - ing can
You lead us in the song of Your sal - va - tion, and all Your peo -

PRE-CHORUS



keep us a - part. So, re - mem - ber Your peo - ple, re -
ple sing a - long.



mem - ber Your chil - dren, re - mem - ber Your prom - ise O God.

CHORUS 1



Your grace is e - nough, Your grace is e - nough Your grace is e - nough,



for me.

REPEAT TO CHORUS 1 AT END

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!

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