



SOTC WORSHIP
MARCH 8, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus met the blind man at the city gate.

Jesus met the crowds at the edge of the sea.

Jesus met the leper in his pain.

And Jesus met the Samaritan woman in her isolation.

So with confidence we declare—

Jesus meets us here.

For we too are the blind and the broken, the hurting and the bleeding.

Jesus meets our scars, our fears, our prayers, and our dreams.

So you are welcome here.

All are welcome here.

Let us worship our Holy God.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

ELW 807

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,

when it comes to our faith, we know we could learn from the Samaritan woman who ran through the streets singing your name. So forgive us for the times when we remain silent about what our faith means to us. Forgive us for the times when we choose comfort over bravery. And forgive us for the times we shut people out, missing opportunities to run into you. Teach us to be brave like the Samaritan woman, and saturate our thirst for that which leaves us thirsty. With hope and gratitude we confess in the name of Jesus Christ, 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.

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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.

READINGS AND PSALM: EXODUS 17:1-7; PSALM 63:1-8; ROMANS 5:1-11

In response to the readings:
Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42

The Gospel is announced:
The Holy Gospel according to John the 4th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:
The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

COME TO ME, ALL PILGRIMS THIRSTY

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(vs. 1, 3, 6)

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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.

LAMB OF GOD

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

RIVER OF GLORY

Melody f (a tempo)

Riv - er of glo - ry, springs of our birth, flood of God's
rich - es poured on the earth. We are born from the dark - ness and

1-4 TO VERSES

clothed in the light! We are bathed in the glo - ry of God!

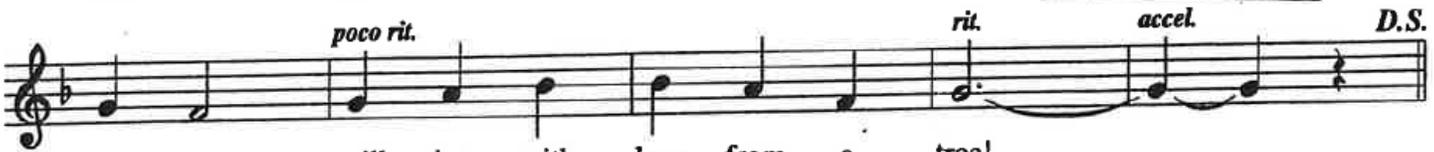
FINAL

bathed in the glo - ry of God!

VERSES



1. Foun - tain of mer - cy, grace flow - ing free, streams of sal -
 2. Here there is ha - ven, heal - ing and health, joy for the
 3. Bread for our jour - ney God will pro - vide. Hope for all
 4. Dark - ness is ban - ished, night turned a - way. Christ is our



1. va - tion, spill - ing with love from a tree! _____
 2. ask - ing, love in a - bun - dance of wealth! _____
 3. a - ges, Je - sus, com - pan - ion and guide! _____
 4. sun - light, lift - ing and lead - ing our way! _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God!

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