



February 15, 2026

WELCOME Rev. Dennis Hysom to the pulpit today!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

Allison Thorp

"We Have Come Into His House"

Bruce Ballinger

We have come into his house,
Gathered in his name to worship him.
We have come into his house,
Gathered in his name to worship him.
We have come into his house,
Gathered in his name to worship Christ the Lord.
Worship him, Christ the Lord.

So forget about yourself,
And concentrate on him, and worship him.
So forget about yourself,
And concentrate on him, and worship him.
So forget about yourself,
And concentrate on him, and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship him, Christ the Lord.

"Oh, How He Loves You and Me"

Kurt Kaiser

Oh, how he loves you and me.
Oh, how he loves you and me.
He gave his life, what more could he give?
Oh, how he loves you,
Oh, how he loves me,
Oh, how he loves you and me.
(x2)

"Into My Heart"

Harry D. Clark

Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Come in today, come in to stay,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
(x3)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHIMING THE TRINITY
PRELUDE

"He Leadeth Me"
Allison Thorp

arr. Alex Zsolt

*CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive

Leader: Come, all who are weary and wandering, the Shepherd calls us home.

People: In green pastures of grace, we find rest; by quiet waters, our souls are renewed.

Leader: Though shadows stretch long across our path, we will not fear.

People: For You walk beside us, your presence our comfort, Your love our guide.

Leader: Goodness and mercy rise to meet us each day, following us with steady faithfulness.

People: We come to dwell in the house of the Lord, now and forever.

Leader: Come, let us worship our faithful Shepherd.

- We bring forward our 'Daily Change' offering -

*OPENING HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #187, vs. 1-4

**1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.**

**2. We are yours: in love befriend us;
be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear your children when we pray.**

**3. You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.**

**4. Early let us seek your favor;
early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us; love us still.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION
CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, in unison

The Lord is my Shepherd, yet we confess, Lord, how often we forget that truth. We follow our own desires instead of Your leading, chasing restless ambitions and empty comforts, while You call us to green pastures and still waters. You restore our souls, but we cling to the past, hold onto grudges, and carry burdens we were meant to lay down. Forgive us, Shepherd of our souls, for our wandering hearts and our restless spirits. Lead us back to Your paths of righteousness, restore our joy, renew our trust, and teach us to walk humbly and faithfully with You. May we live in the confidence that Your goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, and may we dwell in Your house, O Lord, forever. **Amen.**

:: A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION ::

ASSURANCE OF PARDON, responsive

Leader: "Comfort, O comfort my people," says our God. You have served your term. Your penalty is paid. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: By the Spirit's grace, we are forgiven, renewed, and never alone.

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

:: PASSING THE PEACE ::

*And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God,
we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God's command to love
and forgive one another.*

*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, in unison

I believe in the Lord, my Shepherd, who watches over me with gentle care, who knows the longings of my heart and quietly restores my weary soul. I believe that He leads me to stillness and renewal, even when the world presses hard against me, and that His guidance is steady even when I cannot see the way. I believe that in the valleys of shadow, in fear, doubt, and sorrow, I am never alone, for His presence surrounds me, and His care lifts the weight from my shoulders. I believe that His blessings come in abundance, not always as I expect, but always as I need. His mercy follows me relentlessly, and His love upholds me, even when I stumble, falter, or lose my way. I believe that I am held in His house forever, where peace and quietness dwell, and where I may rest fully in His care, now and for all eternity. **Amen.**



WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM: “Living Faith” Brad
Croushorn

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 23
SERMON: “The Path”
Rev. Dennis Hysom

:: PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ::

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us
our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the king-
dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE (seated)
“I Need Thee Every Hour” #735, vs. 1-4

1. I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.

REFRAIN:
*I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior—I come to thee!*

2. I need thee every hour; stay thou near by;
Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. *[Refrain]*

3. I need thee every hour;’ teach me thy will.
And thy rich promises in me fulfill. *[Refrain]*

4. I need thee every hour; Most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. *[Refrain]*

GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “This is My Father’s World” arr. Alex Zsolt
Allison Thorp, piano

***DOXOLOGY**
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



***CLOSING HYMN**
“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” #408, vs. 1-2

1. There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

REFRAIN:
*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, fill us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we’ll know
that we have been revived
when we leave this place.*

2. There are blessing you cannot receive
Till you know him in his fullness and believe;
You’re the one to profit when you say,
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.” *[Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
Allison Thorp arr. Alex Zsolt

**Please stand as you are able for these portions of the service.*

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“We love because he first loved us.”
— 1 John 4:19



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