University Presbyterian Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 22, 2026 | 8:30 am

<<WE GATHER>>

Instrumental Prelude: Variations on "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"
Jonathan Reuss, J. S. Bach
Wade Dingman, Principal Organist

Call to Worship: Isaiah 43:18-19
David Gardner, Director of Worship & Arts
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert**.**

Opening Hymn #60: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
David Gardner, Wade Dingman
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changes not, Thy compassion's, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

CHORUS:
Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter, springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love
(chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(chorus)

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon
Reneé Stearns, Session Elder

Hymn of Assurance #445: "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" (st. 1,2, 5)
David Gardner, Wade Dingman
Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Welcome
Aaron Williams, Pastor of Care & KIndred

Greeting One Another
Aaron Williams

Hymn #809: "Doxology"
David Gardner, Wade Dingman
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

<<WE HEAR>>

Invitation to Children's Worship
Reneé Stearns

Offering Moment & Prayer of Dedication
Reneé Stearns

Offertory: "Only Jesus" by Amy Tate Williams
Cathedral Choir; David Gardner, director; Wade Dingman, piano
Who can still my anxious heart?
Who can ease my strain?
What dear friend would ne'er depart in my hour of pain?
Only Jesus, only Jesus, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace;
He alone can calm the storm, make all war to cease.

Who can fill the voice within?
Who can meet my need?
Who can cleanse me from all sin, and my footsteps lead?
Only Jesus, only Jesus, Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace.
He alone can calm the storm, make all war to cease.

Who can change this troubled world bound by doubt and fear?

Into peaceful union to last a thousand years?
Only Jesus, only Jesus, Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace.
He alone can calm the storm, make all war to cease.

Sermon: "When God Does a New Thing" Aaron Williams
Luke 5:33-39 (p. 837 of NRSV Pew Bible)

33 Then they said to Him, "John's disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink." 34 Jesus said to them, "You cannot make wedding attendants fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? 35 The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days."

36 He also told them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise, the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. 37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. 38 But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. 39 And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine but says, 'The old is good.'"

<< WE RESPOND >>

Hymn of Response #452: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
David Gardner, Wade Dingman
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer
Reneé Stearns

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn #328: "God's Ways are Just and True"
David Gardner, Wade Dingman

God's holy ways are just and true, his promises are ever new,
O praise him, alleluia!
Let every heart with praises sing and make this house with voices ring:
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Bring back to mind his grace and love, our needs provided from above;
O praise him, alleluia!
He kept his word and Jesus came to make a people for his name;
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Tell once again his deeds of old,
The story of our mighty God,
O praise him, alleluia!
For all his glorious works and ways we shall rejoice through endless days;
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Announcements & Benediction
Aaron Williams

Instrumental Postlude: "Toccata on LASST UNS ERFREUEN" Charles Callahan
Wade Dingman, organ

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
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Reneé Stearns, Session Elder
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NEXT SUNDAY: March 29, 2026
Preacher: Gareth Icenogle, Transitional Senior Pastor

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