

Order of Worship for Sunday, March 8, 2026

Welcome/Announcements		Pastor Tom
Lighting of the Christ Candle		Pastor Tom
* Opening Hymn	"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"	UMH #127
Opening Prayer		Pastor Tom
Children's Message		Sue Davis
Hymn of Praise	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	UMH #89
The Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts		
Offering Music	"As The Deer"	Chancel Choir
* Doxology		UMH #94
	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow.</i>	
	<i>Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia</i>	
	<i>Praise God the source of all our gifts. Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts</i>	
	<i>Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia</i>	
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Tom
	<i>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.</i>	
Hymn of Preparation	"You Who Are Thirsty"	FWS #2132
Scripture Reading	John 4:5-42	Chandler Levinson
Special Music	"Women in the Night" vs 3	UMH #274
Message	Quenched Thirst	Pastor Tom
* Closing Hymn	"People Need the Lord"	FWS #2244
* Benediction		Pastor Tom

QUESTION OF THE WEEK – March 8, 2026

What are some of your biggest fears when sharing your faith with others, and how might you overcome them?

John 4:5-42 - Chandler Levinson

When Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard he was attracting and baptizing more disciples than John - though it was really not Jesus baptizing, but his disciples - he left Judea and returned to Galilee. This meant that he had to pass through Samaria. He stopped at Sychar, a town in Samaria, near the tract of land Jacob had given to his son Joseph, and Jacob's Well was there. Jesus, weary from the journey, came and sat by the well. It was around noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." The disciples had gone off to the town to buy provisions. The Samaritan woman replied, "You're a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?" since Jews had nothing to do with Samaritans. Jesus answered, "If only you recognized God's gift, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him for a drink instead, and he would have given you living water."

"If you please," she challenged Jesus, "you don't have a bucket and this well is deep. Where do you expect to get this living water'? Surely you don't pretend to be greater than our ancestors Leah and Rachel and Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it with their descendants and flocks?" Jesus replied, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give them will never be thirsty; no, the water I give will become fountains within them, springing up to provide eternal life." The woman said to Jesus, "Give me this water, so that I won't grow thirsty and have to keep coming all the way here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband and then come back here." "I don't have a husband," replied the woman. "You're right—you don't have a husband!" Jesus exclaimed. "The fact is, you've had five, and the man you're living with now is not your husband. So what you've said is quite true."

"I can see you're a prophet," answered the woman. "Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you people claim that Jerusalem is the place where God ought to be worshiped." Jesus told her, "Believe me, the hour is coming when you'll worship Abba God neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you don't understand; we worship what we do understand after all, salvation is from the Jewish people. Yet the hour is coming and is already here when real worshipers will worship Abba God in Spirit and truth. Indeed, it is just such worshipers whom Abba God seeks. God is Spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said to Jesus, "I know that the Messiah - the Anointed One - is coming and will tell us everything." Jesus replied, "I who speak to you am the Messiah." The disciples, returning at this point, were shocked to find Jesus having a private conversation with a woman. But no one dared to ask, "What do you want of him?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman then left her water jar and went off into the town. She said to the people, "Come and see someone who told me everything I have ever done! Could this be the Messiah?" At that, everyone set out from town to meet Jesus.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging Jesus, "Rabbi, eat something." But Jesus told them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." At this, the disciples said to one another, "Do you think someone has brought him something to eat?" Jesus explained to them, "Doing the will of the One who sent me and bringing this work to completion is my food. Don't you have a saying, 'Four months more and it will be harvest time'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields - they're ripe and ready for harvest! Reapers are already collecting their wages; they're gathering fruit for eternal life, and sower and reaper will rejoice together. So the saying is true: 'One person sows; another reaps.' I have sent you to reap what you haven't worked for. Others have done the work, and you've come upon the fruits of their labor."

Many Samaritans from that town believed in Jesus on the strength of the woman's testimony - that "he told me everything I ever did." The result was that, when these Samaritans came to Jesus, they begged him to stay with them awhile. So Jesus stayed there two days, and through his own spoken word many more came to faith. They told the woman, "No longer does our faith depend on your story. We've heard for ourselves, and we know that this really is the savior of the world."

Woman in the Night

Unison

1. Wom - an in the night, spent from giv - ing birth,
 2. Wom - an in the crowd, creep - ing up be - hind,
 3. Wom - an at the well, ques - tion the Mes - siah;
 4. Wom - an at the feast, let the righ - teous stare;
 5. Wom - an in the house, nur - tured to be meek,
 6. Wom - en on the road, wel - comed and re - stored,

guard our pre - cious light; peace is on the earth!
 touch - ing is al - lowed; seek and you will find!
 find your friends and tell; drink your heart's de - sire!
 come and go in peace; love him with your hair!
 leave your sec - ond place; lis - ten, think, and speak!
 trav - el far and wide; wit - ness to the Lord!

Refrain

Come and join the song, wom - en, chil - dren, men;

Je - sus makes us free to live a - gain!

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1982
 MUSIC: Charles H. Webb, 1987

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 55.55 with Refrain

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 127

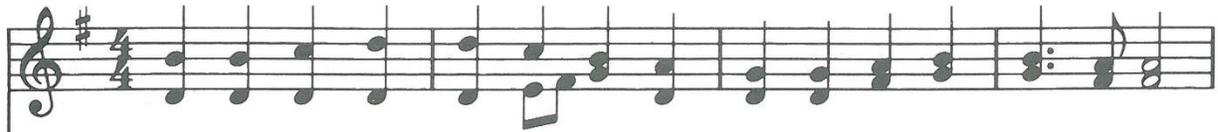
1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on

power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will

till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
 still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.
 ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

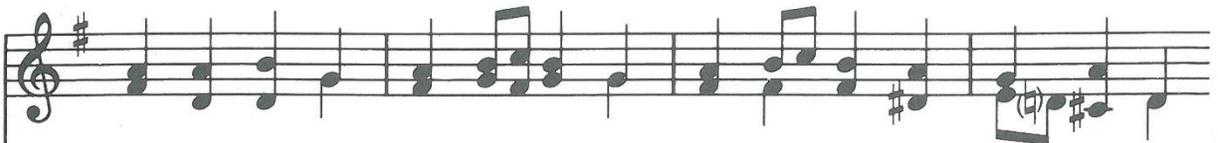
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



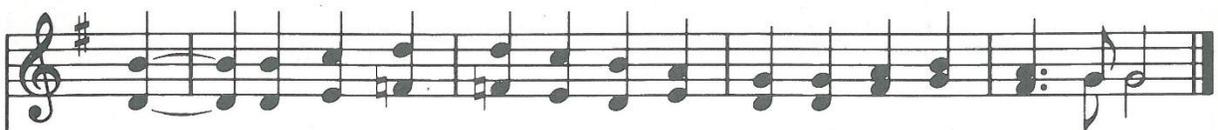
1. Joy-ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv-ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, bind - ing all with - in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward, in the tri - umph song of life.



You Who Are Thirsty

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You who are thirst - y, come to the well and drink from wa-ters



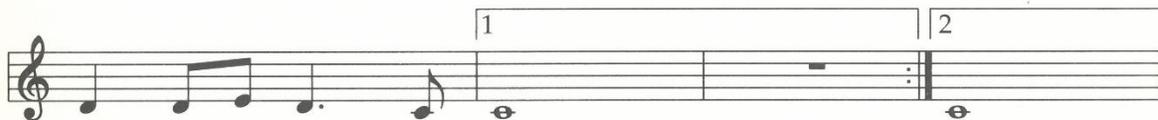
flow - ing. You who are hun - gry, come to the bread and



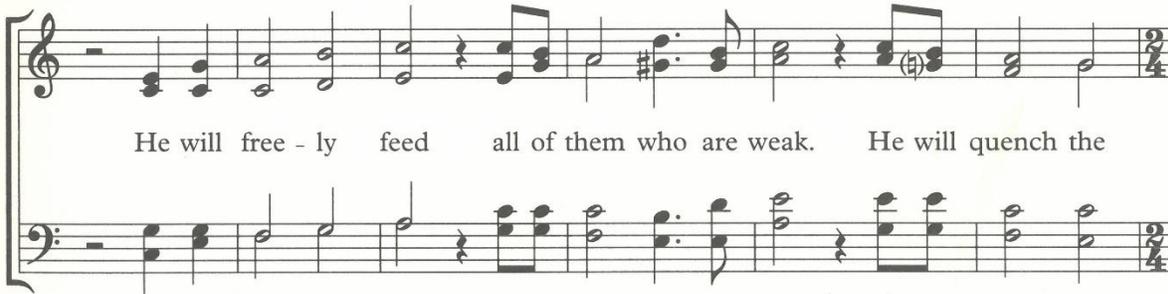
eat of his ho - li - ness. You who are tired, find



rest. You who are weak, find strength. You who are thirst - y,



come to the well and drink. drink.



He will free - ly feed all of them who are weak. He will quench the



righ-teous thirst of all who hum - bly seek.

seek. ____

WORDS: Barbara Ross (Isa. 55:1; Matt. 5:6; 11:28)

MUSIC: Barbara Ross

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People Need the Lord

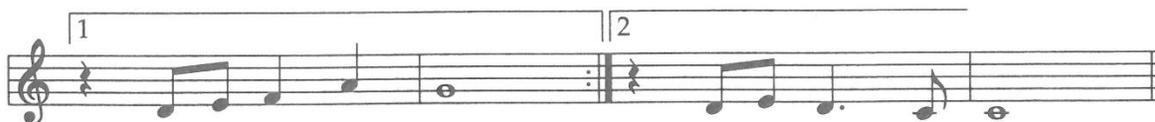
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1. Peo-ple need the Lord, peo-ple need the
2. Peo-ple need the Lord, peo-ple need the



Lord; at the end of bro - ken dreams,
Lord; when will we re - al - ize



he's the o - pen door. peo-ple need the Lord.

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