

**Order of Worship**  
March 3rd 2024 ~ The 3rd Sunday of Lent - 9am

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Peace**

**Call to Worship**

One thing we ask of the Lord,  
this is what we seek:  
**to dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of our lives;  
to behold God's beauty and ponder God's ways.**  
Let us enter God's presence together,  
offering our worship and praise,  
singing and shouting with joy.  
**Hear our cry, O God,  
and respond with your grace.  
Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**

*All Are Welcome (All Belong)*

**Refrain**

All are welcome in this place.  
Behold Love's amazing grace.  
All are welcome!  
All are welcome!  
Bring your hopes, bring your  
dreams.  
Mercy flows and Love redeems!  
All are welcome!  
All belong!

**1.** Welcome, all the broken-hearted,  
all who sorrow and despair.  
You are not alone, for you are God's  
own!  
Together, we sing and we proclaim!

**Refrain**

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Behold Love's amazing grace.  
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All are welcome!  
Bring your hopes, bring your  
dreams.  
Mercy flows and Love redeems!  
All are welcome!  
All belong!

**2.** Welcome, all who suffer violence,  
all who long for safety and for  
peace.  
You are not alone, for you are God's  
own!  
Together, we sing and we proclaim!

**Refrain**

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dreams.  
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All belong!

**3.** Welcome, all who are forgotten,  
excluded and dignity denied!  
You are not alone, for you are God's  
own!  
Together, we sing and we proclaim!

**Refrain**

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All are welcome!  
All are welcome!  
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dreams.  
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All are welcome!  
All belong!

**4.** Welcome, all who work for justice,  
bringing hope, charity and peace!  
You are not alone, for you are God's  
own!  
Together, we sing and we proclaim!

**Refrain**

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Behold Love's amazing grace.  
All are welcome!  
All are welcome!  
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dreams.  
Mercy flows and Love redeems!  
All are welcome!  
All belong!

## Music for Meditation

### Hymn

*In Christ Alone*  
WS #132

#### Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

#### Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The love of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

#### Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

#### Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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### Opening Prayer

Gracious Light-Bearer,  
Into the shadows of our isolation  
you speak words of life and community.  
Challenger of our lives,  
you call us from places we call home  
to lead us more deeply into the world you love.  
With your gentle, healing touch  
you redeem the broken places of our lives  
and you heal the wounded places of the earth.  
Inspire our worship here this day,  
so that we may receive liberation in your word,  
and be filled to overflowing  
to share your reconciling love throughout the earth.  
We pray in Jesus' name, **Amen.**

### Special Music

*Be Still (In You I Rest)*  
Music by Jean Sibelius, new words & music by Jane Laurie Borthwick

## Scripture Reading

### *Psalm 27*

#### Common English Bible

“The LORD is my light and my salvation. Should I fear anyone? The LORD is a fortress protecting my life. Should I be frightened of anything? When evildoers come at me trying to eat me up— it’s they, my foes and my enemies, who stumble and fall! If an army camps against me, my heart won’t be afraid. If war comes up against me, I will continue to trust in this: I have asked one thing from the LORD— it’s all I seek: to live in the LORD’s house all the days of my life, seeing the LORD’s beauty and constantly adoring his temple. Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling during troubling times; he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent; he will set me up high, safe on a rock. Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me, and I will offer sacrifices in God’s tent— sacrifices with shouts of joy! I will sing and praise the LORD. LORD, listen to my voice when I cry out— have mercy on me and answer me! Come, my heart says, seek God’s face. LORD, I do seek your face! Please don’t hide it from me! Don’t push your servant aside angrily— you have been my help! God who saves me, don’t neglect me! Don’t leave me all alone! Even if my father and mother left me all alone, the LORD would take me in. LORD, teach me your way; because of my opponents, lead me on a good path. Don’t give me over to the desires of my enemies, because false witnesses and violent accusers have taken their stand against me. But I have sure faith that I will experience the LORD’s goodness in the land of the living! Hope in the LORD! Be strong! Let your heart take courage! Hope in the LORD!”

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Sermon

*Finding Hope*

The Rev. Dr. Jeremy Kays

## Pastoral Prayer

## Prayers of the People

## Offertory

*Only Hope*

Jonathan Foreman

## 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**

## Communion

## 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Closing Hymn

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*I Then Shall Live*

RH #604

**Verse 1**

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven  
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid  
I know my name is clear before my Father  
I am His child and I am not afraid  
So greatly pardoned I'll forgive my brother  
The law of love I gladly will obey

compassion  
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too  
I'll know how fear builds walls instead of bridges  
I'll dare to see another's point of view  
And when relationships demand commitment  
Then I'll be there to care and follow through

**Verse 3**

Your Kingdom come around and through and in me

Your pow'r and glory let them shine through me  
Your hallowed name oh may I bear with honor  
And may Your living Kingdom come in me  
The Bread of Life oh may I share with honor  
And may You feed a hungry world through me  
Ending  
And may You feed a hungry world through me  
Amen

**Verse 2**

I then shall live as one who's learned

Gloria Gaither, Jean Sibelius

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**Closing Prayer**

May we never forget  
from where we have come,  
the distance travelled  
and the love that guided us  
to where we are today.  
Gracious and patient God,  
there with us always,  
encouraging, supporting;  
our hope and our peace.  
Accept our grateful praise.  
**Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

***Our love in action now begins***

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This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by  
Micha Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

*Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!*

Altar setting – Sue de Campo

Greeter – Meredith Hall

Scripture and Prayers of the People – Richard de Campo

Communion Assistants – Richard and Sue de Campo

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