

Classic Worship at 9:00 am

PRELUDE Dr. Ann Behrens
When Jesus Wept David Schelat
Herzliebster Jesu Johannes Brahms
Come, Ye Disconsolate Kenneth Kosche

WELCOME

INTROIT
As the Deer Martin Nystrom

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather together—
the seekers, the dreamers, in hopes of seeing God.

We gather together—
the curious, the hungry, in hopes of finding peace.

We gather together—
**those who are thirsty and those with water to spare,
in hopes of finding justice.**

So come to the well. Come, let us worship God. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change? How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work? Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray, Amen.

***HYMN # 469** *JESUS IS ALL THE WORLD TO ME*

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM
Amazing, Wondrous! Arr. D. Ann Wood

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 17: 1-7

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CHANCEL CHOIR
I Surrender, Lord Ovokaitys and Austin

SCRIPTURE READING John 4 : 5-30, 39-42

MESSAGE Pastor Rachel Stockle
"Will You Give Me a Drink?"

***HYMN # 2213** *HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL*

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY
My Jesus, I Love Thee Mark Hayes
Dan Fry, piano

***DOXOLOGY # 95**

OFFERING PRAYER

***HYMN # 156** *I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**
Postlude on "Hashivenu" Christina Harmon

***The white rose on the altar
is in memory of Darlene Kerber.
Who Passed away on March 4, 2026***

Connection Worship at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME SONG
WHAT AN AWESOME GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME OF PRAYER & CONFESSION

VIDEO *JESUS LOVES: WOMAN AT THE WELL* 321 Worship

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

PRAISE BAND *GLORY, GLORY*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERTORY

PRAISE BAND *AMAZING GRACE, MY CHAINS ARE GONE*

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 17: 1-7

PRAISE BAND *ALIVE, FOREVER*

A TIME OF PRAYER & THE LORDS'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING John 4 : 5-30, 39-42

MESSAGE Pastor Rachel Stockle
"Will You Give Me a Drink?"

PRAISE BAND *THE RIVER*

BENEDICTION

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The people of this church are missionaries in the city.

The staff members are:

Rev. Rachel Stockle, Directing Pastor
Rev. Annelle Ruemmler, Associate & Director of Praise Team
Dr. Ann Behrens, Music Coordinator, Organist, and Chancel Choir Director
Jean Murray, Handbell Choir Director
Sara Bange, Bright Start Preschool Director
Christina Kaufman, Communications/Admin. Assistant
Ian Mehaffy, Finance Manager
Stephanie Alvord, Nursery Attendant
Glory Messan, A/V Tech
Rob Davis, Custodian

9 am Ushers: Alan & Judy Van De Boe

11 am Ushers: Jim Weede

Gathering Place Host: Chris & Kim Larson

Don't Forget!

- **Lenten Study-** "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?"
Wednesdays at 5 pm and Mondays at 3 pm
- **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** collection
- **Gift Card Program** "Raise Right"& Hy-Vee
- **Greeter sign up** – Please contact church office at 217-222-7468 or on a blue connection card if you are interested

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SUNDAY, March 8th

Third Sunday of Lent

TIME CHANGE!

9 am – Classic Worship Service

10:15 am – Sunday School

11 am – Connection Worship Service

6:30 pm - Lenten Service at Melrose Chapel

MONDAY, March 9th

9 am – Care Team

3 pm - Lenten Study

5:30 pm – Mission & Health Team

6:30 pm – Discipleship Team

TUESDAY, March 10th

9 am – Quilters

6 pm – WOW @ Sprouts

WEDNESDAY, March 11th

4:45 pm – Praise Band

5 pm – Lenten study

6 pm – Bell choir

7pm – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, March 15th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9 am – Classic Worship Service

10:15 am – Sunday School

11 am – Connection Worship Service

6:30 pm - Lenten Service at Sunset Home

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3rd Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026