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Companion for the Journey

Renewed in Mercy Worship Series, Week 3



Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Come, let us worship God! Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Come, let us worship our Shepherd! We are the sheep of God's pasture, and we follow where God leads us. Come, let us open our hearts! We receive God's love poured into our hearts through the Spirit. Come, let us worship God, the rock of our salvation! Let us worship God, whose mercy guides and sustains us on the path of new life!

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed

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**** All to recite in unison ****

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Gloria Patri

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*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, Amen!*

Opening Hymn – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee p. 89 UMH

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology

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*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!*

Psalm Lesson – Psalm 95 (NIV)

****L – Leader Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

L: ¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

C: ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

L: ³ For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

C: ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

L: ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**C: ⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before
the Lord our Maker;**

L: ⁷ for he is our God

C: and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Hymn – Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing p. 400 UMH

Epistle Lesson – Romans 5:1-11 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Sermon – Companion for the Journey

Closing Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross p. 298 UMH

Benediction & Commission

Go now in the blessing of God's mercy that companions us all on the journey, opening our hearts to receive and share God's steadfast love until all creation resonates with the joy of new life. Amen!

Readings for the week beginning March 9, 2026

- 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- Psalm 23
- Ephesians 5:8-14
- John 9:1-41

Announcements

- If you would like to have an Easter Lily placed in the church on Easter Sunday, let Faye Seats know by March 15th. The cost of an Easter Lily will be \$13.75. This includes wrapping and a bow.
- Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 28th at 2:00 PM. Spread the word and bring your little ones with their baskets. There will also be games and refreshments. See you there!
- The Administrative Board and NOW Committee will meet on March 9th at 5:30 PM at the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer List

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner
Frank Dalton
Sherry Doub
Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman
Frances Sisk
Peggy Willard

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost	Mark Megela
Tammy Seats Boyd	Ronnie Mudd
Jimmy & Deborah Branch	Jay D. Prevette
Jane Bullin	Vivian Royal
Leisha Carpenter	Hal Seats
Mack Edwards	Phillip Seats
Mary File	Mary Ellen Smith
Garry Harbin	Kim Triplette
Kathy Harbin	Mark Wall
Lynda Harper	Ann Wallace
Ronald Howell	Robert and Susan Warren
David Joyner	Tracy Webb
Charles Kurfees	Jeremy Wilson
Kevin McBride	Savannah Wooten
Kevin McDaniel	

March Birthdays

Mary Jane Disher	2	Elizabeth Mark	11
Nyk Travis	7	Niki Pardue	11
David Luck	9	Hank Disher	23
Peter Hogg	10	Joshua Doub	23
Silas Hogg	10	James (Jimmy) McBride	30
Savannah Owens	10		

Wesley Covenant Prayer (Adapted from Rev. Jeremy Smith on HackingChristianity.net.)

I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being. In truth, O God, I am Yours. Make me into what You will. Make me a neighbor with those whom You will. Guide me on the easy path for You. Guide me on the rocky road for You. Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You; Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You; Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothing; I give all that I have and all that I am for You. So be it. And may I always remember that you, O God, and I belong to each other. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

- Where did you hear God speaking to you in today's message?
- What main thought(s) can you use this coming week?
- Did you hear anything new and/or different from the scripture or the message today?
- What reaffirmed or challenged you?
- Additional thoughts and/or ideas?