



**All-Church Worship Service
May 3, 2026
A Service of Psalms**

PSALMS OF PRAISE

Psalm 33:1-5

Leader: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;

People: it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

Leader: Praise the Lord with the harp;

People: make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

Leader: Sing to him a new song;

People: play skillfully, and shout for joy.

Leader: For the word of the Lord is right and true;

People: he is faithful in all he does.

Leader: The Lord loves righteousness and justice;

People: the earth is full of his unfailing love.

***Song of Praise 1** – “Better Is One Day” (Psalm 84:10)

Congregation & Band

***Song of Praise 2** – “From Everlasting” (Psalm 90)

***Song of Praise 3** – “Goodness, Love and Mercy” (Psalm 23)

PSALMS OF PENITENCE

Psalm 51:1-12

Group 1: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Group 2: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Group 1: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your
sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Group 2: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother
conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you
taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Group 1: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Group 2: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

All: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Assurance of Pardon – “How Blest Are Those” (Psalm 32; Vs 1 & 2) Choir
Ruth Pfister, Organ

¹ How blest are those whose great sin
Has freely been forgiven.
Whose guilt is wholly covered
Before the sight of heaven.
Blest those to whom our Lord God
Will not impute their sin,
Whose guilt has been forgiven,
Whose heart is true again.

² While I kept guilty silence,
My strength was spent with grief.
Your hand was heavy on me;
My life found no relief.
But when I made confession
And hid no sin from You,
When I revealed my own guilt,
You gave me life anew.

PSALM OF WISDOM

Psalm 111:10

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

People: To him belongs eternal praise.

Children’s Message

Nathan Wannemacher

PSALM OF LAMENT

***Song – “As the Deer” (Psalm 42)**

Congregation & Band

PSALMS OF TRUST

Reading – Psalm 114

Stephen Chintapalli

- ¹ When Israel came out of Egypt,
 Jacob from a people of foreign tongue,
² Judah became God's sanctuary,
 Israel his dominion.
³ The sea looked and fled,
 the Jordan turned back;
⁴ the mountains leaped like rams,
 the hills like lambs.
⁵ Why was it, sea, that you fled?
 Why, Jordan, did you turn back?
⁶ Why, mountains, did you leap like rams,
 you hills, like lambs?
⁷ Tremble, earth, at the presence of the Lord,
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,
⁸ who turned the rock into a pool,
 the hard rock into springs of water.

Sermon – “Awesome Power, Advantageous Power”

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

***Song** – “My Soul Finds Rest” (Psalm 62)

Congregation & Band

PROFESSING WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Communion

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Maio Chen, Council Chairperson

Offertory – “The Lord Is My Light”

Text: Psalm 27; Music: Frances Allitsen

Cheyne Davidson, Baritone

Ruth Pfister, Piano

APPOINTING SHEPHERDS FOR CHRIST'S FLOCK

Installation of New Elders

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts,

People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Pastor: There are different ways of serving God,

People: but it is the same Lord who is served.

Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way,

People: but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Prayers of the People

Nathan Wannemacher

EXTENDING HOSPITALITY

Welcoming of Guests

Maio Chen

Announcements

ROYAL (MESSIANIC) PSALM

***Song – “Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun” (Psalm 72)**

Congregation

Organ (Vs 1&2) / Band (Vs 3&4)

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

***Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

**Please stand if you are able.*

Today’s bulletin cover features artist Marc Chagall’s “David with His Harp” (1956). Chagall was a Russian and French artist of Jewish ancestry whose works often included subjects of biblical origin.

Band Members:

A Guitar	Charlies Thomsen
E Guitar	Jan Kurmann
Piano	Patrik Jehle
Bass	Josh Lian
Cajon	Fabián Rivera
Flute	Ruth Tuura
Vocals	Claire & Heather Altermatt, Charlie Thomsen