



# The Protestant Community Church

*"Cathedral of the Woods"*

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An inclusive, ecumenical faith community purposefully seeking to be caring, faithful disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, study, prayer, and Christian service.

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10:00 - March 8, 2026 - Third Sunday in Lent †

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## Welcome & Announcements

*Members, friends, and guests are invited to sign the pew pad found at the end of the pew. We also invite you to share any joys or concerns, noting them on the prayer cards which will be collected during the offering.*

**Prelude**

"In the Garden"

Peterson

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

*(Liturgist/Congregation)*

If you need good news,

**settle into this space. We have good news to share.**

If you need a word of hope,

**then trust us when we say, there is hope enough to go around.**

If you need a glimmer of joy,

**then you're in luck! We have resilient joy abounding.**

If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,

**then know that this is God's house. This is the good news of the gospel.**

God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move.

**Let us worship our with-us God!**

**Meditation**

**\*Hymn**

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

#63

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, with you the impossible is possible. 5,000 can be fed. The blind can see. The hopeless can find hope. With you the impossible is possible, but we are quick to forget that. We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done. We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd. We forget that you are always with us. Forgive our small-minded ways. Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come. But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance**

### **\*Gloria Patri #705**

*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.*

## **Children's Message**

### *Sunday School Dismissal*

*Parents are to pick up their children following the worship service, upstairs in the Todd Building, and are welcome to join the children in the closing time of meditation.*

## **Passing of the Peace**

### **First Reading**

Ephesians 3:14–21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

## **Anthem**

### **Second Reading**

Mark 6:32–44

And they (the disciples and Jesus) went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the

five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

**\*Hymn** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #184

**Sermon** "The Good News: Together the Impossible Is Possible"  
Rev Keith Reed

**Offertory** "Alleluia" Mozart

**\*Presentation of Gifts and Doxology #706**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**\*Hymn** "In the Bulb" #543

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response**

**Postlude** "With Trumpets and Horns" Handel

\*The congregation may stand

*[Music by: Organist - Sandy Ritter; Cathedral Choir Director - Katie Teall]*

**\*NOTICE: Please refrain from bringing food or drinks into the sanctuary\***

## † PRAYERS OF CONCERN †

*Those placed on the prayer list will remain on the list for one month unless specified otherwise. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please secure permission prior to calling the church office or emailing in to [kayla@protestantcommunitychurch.org](mailto:kayla@protestantcommunitychurch.org)*

Adam	Evelyn Herzog	Robey family
Ann	Tricia Irwin	Ruch family
Steven Barnes	Kara	Evan Schwoeri
Barnett family	Klausner family	Smalfus family
Lorrie Breslin	Koontz family	Bill Steffan
Chamberlain family	Douglas Mathis	Barbara Stuart
Chris	Floss Mikle	Susan
Carole Cutry	Nelson family	JoAnn Tate
Dario	Patrick	Ed Tucker
Lydia Gibson	Angie Pettis	Paul Vahlstrom
Andria Gross & family	Rese Ritter	Vinnie

Please remember in your prayers those serving in our military services and their families. Please pray for the families separated, recovering from disasters, or faced with life altering decisions, and pray for peace, hope, and healing in the world. ♥

### VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

**Ushers:** Lynda Miller & Lee Bealuk

**Reader:** Tara Shubert

**Fellowship Hour Host:** Sue & George Rosenkranz

### ✿ ALTAR FLOWERS ✿

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, given by Lynne and Jon Poag.

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE - 3/1/26

8:00 Worship Service - 26

10:00 Worship Service - 130

Online - 18

### ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION

Please use the link below or the QR code if you would like to send an offering electronically:



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