

**Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023**

Pre-service: Come to the Table

Call to Worship:—based on Isaiah 43:19-2

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**We praise God for the grace that has saved us.**

**Alleluia! We rejoice!**

Opening song: O Praise the Name

God's Greeting

Greet Each Other

Song: Jesus Strong and Kind

Confession

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you;  
you call, but we do not follow;  
you command, but we do not obey.

**Please forgive and help us.**

Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others;  
you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us;  
you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

**Please forgive and help us.**

Lord, you continue to act so that the world will know that you are God.

**Breathe new life into us so that we can again join you in your mission, proclaiming the good news of Jesus, so that the world will know that you are God.**

**Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance

Hear the promise of God found in Ezekiel 36:

“I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you will be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.”

**The promises of God are true!**

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Live now as new people, free to love God and neighbor.**

Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone (Gerritt Eggink Feb. 26)

Communion - Come Forward

The Power of the Cross (Oh to See the Dawn)

Eat This Bread

Jesus Messiah

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 36:22-37:6

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Sermon: Then the World Will Know That I Am the Lord

Song of Response: Oh Give Thanks

Congregational Prayer

Offering (during the offering sing: You Are Mine)

God's Parting Blessing

Closing Song: 10,000 Reasons (Bill Kamps March 3)