

# Traditional Worship Service

The Good News is ...  
Together, the Impossible is  
Possible

March 8, 2026

Tell Me Something Good

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in mins

5:00 **Prelude**

1:30 **Live Stream Startup**

3:00 **Introit**

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5:00 **Welcome & Announcements**

1:00 **Call To Worship**

Liturgist: Grace Cahill

Leader: If you need good news,

People: settle into this space. We have good news to share.

Leader: If you need a word of hope,

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

Leader: If you need a glimmer of joy,

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

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

People: then know that this is God's house.

Leader: This is the good news of the gospel.

Leader: God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move. Let us worship our with-us God!

3:00 ***Amazing Grace***

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1:00 **Unison Prayer**

Holy Lord, we gather today acknowledging our lives are filled with activity and movement. We rush from one thing to another. Help us to focus on you, letting go of the times and stresses so that we find our rest in you. May we remember we need the rest of spirit that you provide. AMEN.

3:30 **Special Music**

"Toccata on King's Weston," PUMC Handbells

5:00 **A Time for Children**

Noelle Allison, Director of Children and Families

Indicate special props, placement and movement if known.

1:00 **Scripture Readings**

Mark 6:32-44

5:00 **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

available for liturgist to use or modify from our resource:

Calling and equipping God,  
many years ago,  
on a hillside in Galilee,  
you looked at your disciples and said,  
"You give them something to eat."

We read these ancient words again and are struck with the realization that  
from the very beginning, you have seen good in us.

From the very beginning, you have known that we are capable of great love.

From the very beginning, you have believed that we could make a difference.

Calling God, help us to see that truth in ourselves.

Help us to see your fingerprints in our lives.

Help us to see the ways you have equipped us to serve.

Help us to see the ways that we are capable,

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instead of only seeing the ways we stumble and get in our own way.

God, we long to see ourselves as you do because we know that like that day in the Galilee, there is still work to do.

Like that day on the hillside, this world is full of people who are hungry. We are hungry for justice, hungry for companionship, hungry for reasons to hope.

Like that day on the hillside, this world is full of people who need healing. We need healing for our bodies, healing for our minds, healing for broken relationships.

And like that day on the hillside, there is surely enough to go around, but we doubt and deny that truth.

So call us again, loving God.

Say our names.

Hand us the baskets of bread and fish.

Tell us it's our turn.

Help us see ourselves the way you see us, for we know that together the impossible is possible.

Until your promised day when all are fed, all are healed, and hunger is no more, we will continue to pray. In hope, we will weave our voices together to pray the words your son taught us, saying... The Lord's Prayer....

### **1:00 Offering Our Gifts to The Lord - Breakthrough Prayer**

O God, we offer ourselves to you. We are your people and this is your church. Use our gifts and breakthrough in new ways as we seek to love our neighbors and be a beacon of Christ-centered hope to our community. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

### **4:00 Offertory**

"Celebration for a New Day," PUMC Handbells

### **1:00 *Doxology***

### **20:00 Message**

preacher: Laura Rainwater

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scripture: Ephesians 3:20-21

### **2:00 Call to and Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Friends, we are like the disciples.

The day that Jesus fed 5,000, his disciples could not imagine a solution to the crowd's hunger. They told Jesus to send the crowds away.

We often do the same.

Like the disciples, we try to follow Jesus around, but when we run into issues, we often cannot imagine how we could play a part.

That is why we need the Prayer of Confession.

For in this prayer, we remember that we can make a difference.

So friends, join me in this moment of truth telling.

Join me in prayer:

ALL: 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.

### **1:00 Words of Forgiveness**

Leader: Family of faith,

no matter how many mistakes the disciples made,

Jesus still washed their feet. Jesus still fed them. Jesus still called them beloved.

The same is true for you and me, so hear and believe this good news:

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ALL: today is a new day, and once again, we belong to God.  
We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone.  
What good, good news. Amen!

**3:30** *This Is A Day Of New Beginnings*

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**1:00** **Benediction**

As you leave this place,  
when you meet anger, speak with love.  
When you meet fear, speak with hope.  
When you meet pain, speak with gentleness.  
But no matter what, speak this good news.  
For the good news of the gospel is  
love and justice for all.  
It is joy that surprises,  
and nonviolence that transforms.  
The good news of the gospel is alive in the world,  
so go forth speaking.  
For if you won't then who will?  
Thanks be to God for this good, good news.  
Amen.

**2:00** **Postlude**

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