

# *THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER*

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*Before we enter into worship, we invite you to greet those worshipping around you. Welcome, one and all, in the name of Jesus!*

## *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*March 22, 2026*

*11:00 AM*

### *Silent Preparation for Worship*

*Holy Spirit, wrap your wings around each person here, especially those who need a reminder of your love. Amen*

### *Welcome*

*\* Hymn of Praise #52 - "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

*\* Call to Worship: (in unison)*

**"WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH, LEANING ON THE LORD, TRUSTING IN HIS HOLY WORD, HE'S NEVER FAILED ME YET." LET US MOVE MORE LOVINGLY, PRAYERFULLY AND CONTEMPLATIVELY INTO THE EMBRACE OF GOD'S SPIRIT AS WE FOLLOW THE ONE WHO CALLS US TO AN INTIMATE WALK OF WORSHIP, SERVICE AND DISCIPLESHIP, AS WE FOLLOW THE CROSS OF CHRIST.**

*\* Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

*\* Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

## *Call to Confession*

### *Prayer of Confession (in unison)*

LET US SHARE THESE WORDS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOK OF ROMANS: "MY DEAR FRIENDS, WE MUST NOT LIVE TO SATISFY OUR DESIRES. IF YOU DO, YOU WILL DIE. BUT YOU WILL LIVE, IF, BY THE HELP OF GOD'S SPIRIT, YOU SAY 'NO' TO YOUR DESIRES. ONLY THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE LED BY GOD'S SPIRIT ARE HIS CHILDREN. GOD'S SPIRIT DOESN'T MAKE US SLAVES WHO ARE AFRAID OF HIM. INSTEAD, WE BECOME HIS CHILDREN AND CALL HIM OUR FATHER. GOD'S SPIRIT MAKES US SURE THAT WE ARE HIS CHILDREN. HIS SPIRIT LETS US KNOW THAT TOGETHER WITH CHRIST WE WILL BE GIVEN WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED. WE WILL ALSO SHARE IN THE GLORY OF CHRIST, BECAUSE WE HAVE SUFFERED WITH HIM." WITH THIS AS TRUTH, WE CONFESS TO YOU, THOSE THINGS IN OUR LIVES THAT HAVE KEPT US FROM LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GOD'S LOVE. AMEN

### *Announcements*

\* *Hymn of Preparation #519 - "Love Lifted Me"*

*Lent Theme: "Lent Calls Us to Repentance, Renewal and Reflection!"*

*Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-9,10-12,13-14)*

*John 11:1-14,17-27,28-38,41-45 (vv.1-3,4-6,11-13,14,17-19,20-22,23-25,30-32,33-35,36-38,39-41,43-45)*

*Sermon- "Lent Call Us to Repentance, Renewal and Reflection: As We Journey with Jesus to the Cross!"*

### *Lord's Prayer*

\* *Doxology (#39)*

\* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

\* *Prayer*

\* *Closing Hymn #544 - "Something Beautiful"*

*Choral Benediction- "Shalom to You" (congregation)*

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

\* *Benediction (Pastor)*

\* Please stand if able

## *Church of the Master Ministries*

<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 AM	<b>Worship Service</b> (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)
	12:00 PM	<b>"Hour of Prayer Power"</b> in Hahn Hall.
<b>Monday</b>	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
<b>Tuesday:</b>	6:45 PM	<b>Bible Study Fellowship (Men's Group)</b> - contact Ed Bungert, <a href="mailto:zajdml@optimum.net">zajdml@optimum.net</a>
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	<b>Bushiken Karate</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
<b>Saturday</b>	12:00 noon	<b>Online Bible study:</b> Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”

### The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Casey \* Diane \* Elena Caldera \* Anne Dowling \* Jerry Kemps \* Jane Maze \* Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Lynn Koester \* Jack McCarrick \* Maryann Miletto \* Premature twins \* Sofia \* Elder Ron Rivera \* Denise Reidy \* Kathy Cortese \* Carole Mahon \* Pat \* Rev. Liz Brantum \* Frank Font \* Sharon Alexander \* Rosa Stewart \* Gene Peterson \* Damon Hayden \* Janet (friend of Mahon family) \* Beverly Morrison \* Patti Zeig \* Rev. Singletary \* Connie \* Loretta Byrd & Wendy \* Diante \* Allen Ford \* Alice & Alex Rivera \* Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers \*

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Pat's family \* Heather \* Donny & Carolyn Rosemond \* Nancy & Gene Peterson \* Barbara \* Jay Escobar & family \* Sharon Alexander \* Damon & Alex and family \* Wintress \* Kiera & Avery & Martz family \* Tyler, Nicole & Jackson \* All caregivers \* everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction/Needing God's Presence in Their Lives:

Heather \* Zachariah Bungert \* Ed & Marnie Reidy and their sons \* Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa \* Diante Stinson \* Corey Streeter \* young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Stephanie

Prayers for World Concerns:

An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the war with Iran \* An end to all the violence \* Peace and healing in our community and the nation \* All first responders \* Our country's safety \* The future of our churches \* The President and his administration \* Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan \* Worldwide conflicts \* Sean Buckley & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

Michael Martin

**PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:**

**Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.**

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

### CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified,*

## Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



- ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
 praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
 • in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



- Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - las - ting King.  
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 • Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.  
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.  
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.



From Psalm 103  
 Henry F. Lyte, 1834; mod.

LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7.  
 John Goss, 1869

# The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on 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 Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# 519 — Love Lifted Me

JAMES ROWE

HOWARD E. SMITH

1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peace-ful shore, Ver-y deep-ly  
 2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev-er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed  
 3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je-sus com-plete-ly saves; He will lift you

stained with-in, Sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas-ter of the sea  
 pres-ence live, Ev-er His prais-es sing. Love so might-y and so true  
 by His love Out of the an-gry waves. He's the Mas-ter of the sea,

Heard my de-spair-ing cry, From the wa-ters lift-ed me—Now safe am I.  
 Mer-its my soul's best songs; Faith-ful, lov-ing serv-ice too To Him be-longs.  
 Bil-lows His will o-bey; He your Sav-ior wants to be—Be saved to-day.

## CHORUS

Love lift-ed me, Love lift-ed me; When noth-ing  
 e-ven me, e-ven me;

else could help, Love lift-ed me. Love lift-ed me,  
 e-ven me,

Love lift-ed me; When noth-ing else could help, Love lift-ed me.  
 e-ven me;

**Ezekiel 37:1-14 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-9,10-12,13-14)**  
**John 11:1-14,17-27,28-38,41-45(vv.1-3,4-6,11-13,14,17-19,20-22,23-25,30-32,33-35,36-38,39-41,43-45)**

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.”

<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath<sup>[a]</sup> to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath<sup>[b]</sup> in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath:<sup>[c]</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath,<sup>[d]</sup> and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”

<sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

<sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

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Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus,<sup>[a]</sup> “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus<sup>[b]</sup> was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.”

<sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus<sup>[d]</sup> had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles<sup>[e]</sup> away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.<sup>[f]</sup> Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,<sup>[g]</sup> the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. <sup>46</sup> But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what he had done.

# Something Beautiful — 544

GLORIA GAITHER

WILLIAM J. GAITHER

Some-thing beau-ti - ful, some-thing good— All my con-

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note chord (F4, A3), a quarter note chord (G4, B3), a quarter note chord (A4, C5), and a quarter note chord (B4, D5). The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: F4-A3, G4-B3, A4-C5, and B4-D5.

fu - sion He un-der - stood; All I had to of-fer Him was

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a quarter note chord (C5, E5), a quarter note chord (D5, F5), a quarter note chord (E5, G5), and a quarter note chord (F5, A5). The bass staff accompaniment includes chords: C5-E5, D5-F5, E5-G5, and F5-A5.

bro-ken-ness and strife, But He made some - thing beau-ti-ful of my life.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff melody includes a quarter note chord (G5, B5), a quarter note chord (A5, C6), a quarter note chord (B5, D6), and a quarter note chord (C6, E6). The bass staff accompaniment includes chords: G5-B5, A5-C6, B5-D6, and C6-E6.

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