



*"Jesus cures the man born blind"  
by Jesus MAFA (Cameroon)*



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 8, 2026  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
11:00 A.M.

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*To take up Jesus' actions of courageous compassion is to embody spiritual sight and insight. What this meant in John 9 is still true today: to be prophetically compassionate is to seek out those who have been excluded and with them to work toward a future when all of God's children recognize each other and worship together in a spirit of justice, love, and grace.*

—Jill Crainshaw

Gathering Music

“How Deep the Father's Love For Us”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

“Jesus, With Us Abide”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Laura McCorkill

Psalm 95

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People: We shall come into your presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto you with our songs of praise!**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

**People: For we are your people, the flock that you shepherd. We will know of your power as we listen for your voice.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 13)

“All Glory Be to God on High”

MIT FREUDEN ZART

\* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

\* Responding in Peace (CONGR 635 v 3)

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

SOJOURNER

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 409)

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

*\* In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

**Do not harden our hearts, O God, to the sound of your voice. We confess we don't listen to the word that you send. You give us Jesus, the Word of Life in our midst. We confess our delay in obeying the direction he brings. You promise the Holy Spirit, a source of counsel and power. We confess ignoring such guidance, since we do not respond. Forgive us our sin, and help us through Christ to enter the rest you have promised.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand...But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation." Siblings in Christ, in Jesus we are forgiven!*

Morning Prayer and 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response

"His Love for Me"

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

America for Christ Offering

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Lenten Medley"

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

\* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

John 9.1-12

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

"A Man and His Community See"

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\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 587)

“Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound”  
NEW BRITAIN

\* Life of the Church

\* Benediction

Postlude

“Postlude in E minor”

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

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Assoc. Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families: Rev. Cristina Adams

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Handbell Soloist: Becky Harris

Director of Worship Music & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Brenda Schenkel, Scott Lamb • Sound: Jim Lord

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Jenny Purvis

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Lawrence Heights Christian Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Interim Executive Minister Rev. Joan Friesen,  
serving the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island

International Ministries Global Servants: Becky & Mike Mann, serving in Thailand

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