



# Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

*March 1, 2026*



*Psalm 39:7, Triple the Scraps*

# The Service of the Lord's Day

## Order of Worship

*\*Please stand if you are able.  
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenn DiFrancesco

### PRELUDE

“A Song in Lent” by Paul Taylor

Valerie Adelung

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenn DiFrancesco

We wonder what God will say to us today.

**Speak, Lord, Your servants are listening.**

We wonder what parts of our lives need re-ordering.

**Shape us by Your Word, not by our habits.**

We wonder what to do when certainty does not come.

**Teach us to live awake, and to lean on You.**

We wonder what hope is for in a world like this.

**Root us in Christ, and keep us steady.**

Let us worship God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*HYMN # 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Grace McDowell

Friends, Lent invites us to return. Not to perform, not to prove, not to clean ourselves up first. We come as we are, trusting that God's mercy meets us before we have the right words. So let us confess our sin and tell the truth in God's presence.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Grace McDowell

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have relied on our own understanding and turned from Your ways.**

**This week we confess: we chase certainty and overlook Your presence. We ask for signs while ignoring the truth already in front of us. We waste our days on what does not give life, and we struggle to trust You in the waiting. Forgive us, re-order us, and teach us to live awake.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

**Hear the good news: God does not turn away from those who return. In Jesus Christ, mercy comes first, and grace holds. This week we remember: our hope is not in having all the answers, but in the One who holds our days. In Christ, God meets us in the waiting, steadies us in the uncertainty, and calls us back to life. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and we are being made new. Thanks be to God.**

## \*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

*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, amen.*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.  
**and also with you.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Grace McDowell

**God of Light and Truth, as we open Your Word, open us. Quiet the noise that keeps us from hearing. Re-order what is tangled in us. Give us courage to receive what challenges us, and grace to trust You with what is still unfolding. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 39:4–8a

Grace McDowell

Lord, let me know my end  
and what is the measure of my days;  
let me know how fleeting my life is.  
You have made my days a few handbreadths,  
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight.  
Surely everyone stands as a mere breath. *Selah*  
Surely everyone goes about like a shadow.  
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;  
they heap up and do not know who will gather.

And now, O Lord, what do I wait for?  
My hope is in you.  
Deliver me from all my transgressions.  
Do not make me the scorn of the fool.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Praise the Mighty Lord Forever”  
by W. Mozart, arr. by P. Liebergen

Chancel Choir

*Praise the mighty Lord forever, sing a joyful song together,  
Come and sing a joyful song to God.  
Glory be to God in heaven, joyful praise we give to God.  
Come before the Lord, joyful thanks we bring.  
Praise and sing forevermore, praise the Lord!*

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 12:38–42

Jenn DiFrancesco

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.” But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth. The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and indeed something greater than Jonah is here! The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and indeed something greater than Solomon is here!

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

I Wonder What I Am Waiting For

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## \*HYMN # 507

“Come to the Table of Grace”

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Jenn DiFrancesco

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, holy and merciful God. You are the Maker of heaven and earth, the One who gives us breath, the One who counts our days, the One who holds us even when life feels uncertain. When we chase signs, You call us back to trust. When we fill our lives with noise, You speak a steady word. When we are tired of waiting, You do not abandon us. You stay with us, forming us, feeding us, and leading us toward life. And so we praise You, joining our voices with the saints in every time and place, and with all creation that sings of Your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are You, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. He came not to perform for the powerful, but to proclaim good news to the poor. He came not to offer shallow answers, but to embody Your love in a hurting world. He taught us to live awake, to turn toward You, to trust Your mercy, and to love our neighbors. In the wilderness, He was faithful. In the crowds, He was compassionate. At the table, He welcomed, fed, and forgave.

On the night before He gave Himself for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way, He took the cup after supper, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in My blood, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of Me.

And so, remembering Your goodness in creation, Your covenant faithfulness, Christ's life, death, and resurrection, and trusting His promise to come again, we offer ourselves to You with gratitude.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. And so we bring before You the prayers of Your people, trusting that You hear us:

For those who are waiting for healing in bodies worn thin, in minds that will not rest, in relationships that feel broken beyond repair. God, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are waiting for work, for housing, for relief who carry burdens that others do not see. God, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are waiting with grief, and for those who are too tired to pray, who have no words left but still come to this table. God, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Your church, that we may live awake, love boldly, and serve with joy, not someday, but now. God, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Use this meal to steady us. Use this bread to strengthen us. Use this cup to remind us that our hope is not in certainty, but in Jesus Christ, who is with us in the waiting. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, now and forever.

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, we pray:

**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.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jenn DiFrancesco

**Thank You, gracious God, for meeting us here for bread that strengthens, for a cup that holds our hope. We came carrying more than we could manage. We leave having been fed. Send us into this week with open eyes, softened hearts, and enough courage to trust You in whatever we are waiting for. In the name of Christ, who meets us at every table. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Jenn DiFrancesco

Freed by Christ and held by mercy, we give, not out of fear, but out of love.  
Let our offering become one small way God's freedom reaches our neighbors.

*During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates at the end of worship or giving online.*

OFFERTORY

“A Lenten Meditation”  
by Louise Lefebure-Wely

Valerie Adelung

\*DOXOLOGY # 606

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jenn DiFrancesco

**Generous God, receive these gifts, small signs of trust in a world that teaches us to hold tight. Use them for Your mercy, justice, and healing work among our neighbors. Teach us to live awake and to lean on You rather than on our own certainty. Bless what we offer, and bless who we are, that our lives may serve Your purpose with courage and hope. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

\*HYMN # 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

\*BENEDICTION

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

“Toccatà in C Minor” by Lani Smith

Valerie Adelung

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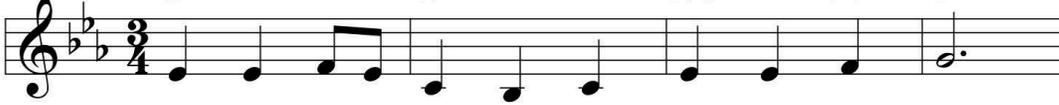
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## 450

## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup>



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup>



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

# Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)  
 F C Dm F7/C B $\flat$

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)  
 C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
 F/A B $\flat$  F/C C7 F B $\flat$  F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.