



**March 15, 2026**

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as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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# A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day

## March 15, 2026 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

**Gathering Song:**                    *O, Lord Hear My Prayer*  
*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.*  
*When I call, answer me.*  
*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.*  
*Come and listen to me.*

### \*Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, people of God, and wait upon the Lord.

**People: We come trusting in God's faithful timing.**

Leader: The Lord is patient and merciful, slow to anger and rich in love.

**People: God's steadfast care never runs out.**

Leader: When we are rushed and restless, God calls us to stillness.

**People: When we are weary and discouraged, God calls us to endure.**

Leader: The Spirit is growing patience within us; steady, hopeful, and strong.

**People: We open our hearts to learn God's patient ways.**

Leader: Let us worship the God who walks with us through every season.

**People: Here in this place, we gather to worship with patient hearts.**

**\*Opening Hymn:**                    *Here in This Place, verses 1,2,4*

*Please be seated.*

### A Call to Confession (Liturgist)

Friends in Christ, we are called to trust in the Lord's timing, to wait for the Lord's guidance, and to have the spirit of patience. Yet we come today aware that our lives do not always bear this fruit. Trusting in God's mercy and grace, let us come before the One who cultivates our hearts, confessing our sins and opening ourselves once more to the renewing work of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and merciful God, You call us to lives shaped by Your Spirit, yet we confess that we often follow our own desires instead. You call us to patience, but**



## **Prayer for Illumination**

*Holy God, as we turn our hearts toward your Word, quiet what is restless within us and awaken what is weary. Settle us in your patience, so that the hurriedness we often feel can fall away. Open our minds, soften our hearts, and bear fruit in us. Amen.*

## **Scripture Lesson**

Psalm 40:1-4, 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

## **The Message:**

*Fruit of the Spirit - Patience*

## **Hymn of Affirmation:**

*As the Deer*

## **Sharing Our Life Together**

## **Offertory**

### **Thanksgiving in Song:**

*Father, whose bounty all creation shows  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows  
To you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.*

## **\*Sending Hymn:**

*My Hope is Built*

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

## **\*Postlude**

# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

# 548 As the Deer

As the deer pants for water, so my soul pants for You. Psalm 42:1

Harmony optional

1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, So my soul long-eth af - ter Thee.  
2. You're my friend and You are my broth-er, E-ven though You are a King.  
3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver, On-ly You can sat - is - fy.

You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.  
I love You more than an - y oth-er, So much more than an - y - thing.  
You a - lone are the real joy giv-er, And the ap - ple of my eye.

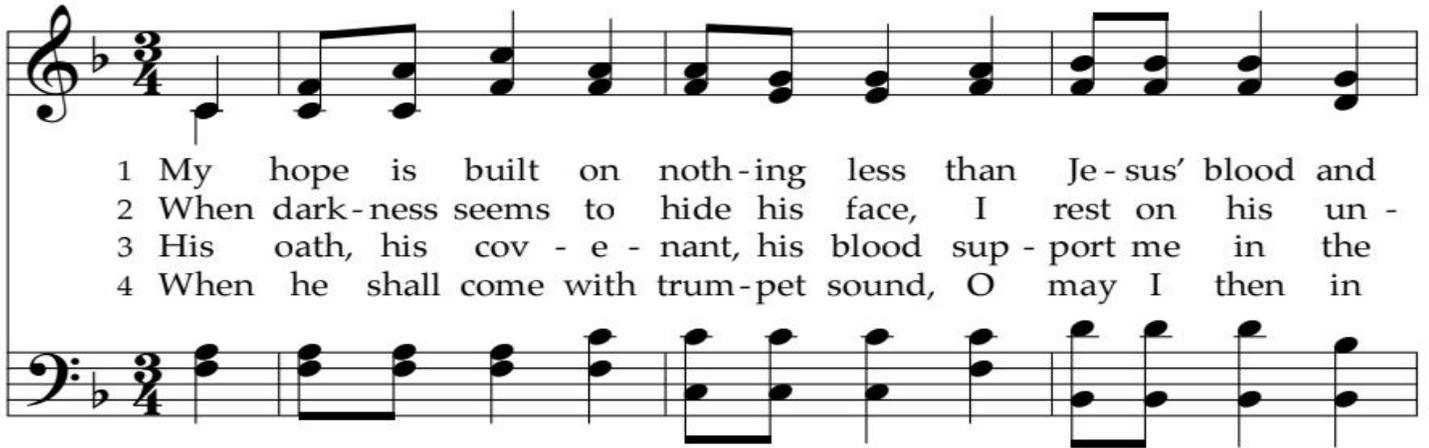
Refrain

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my

spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

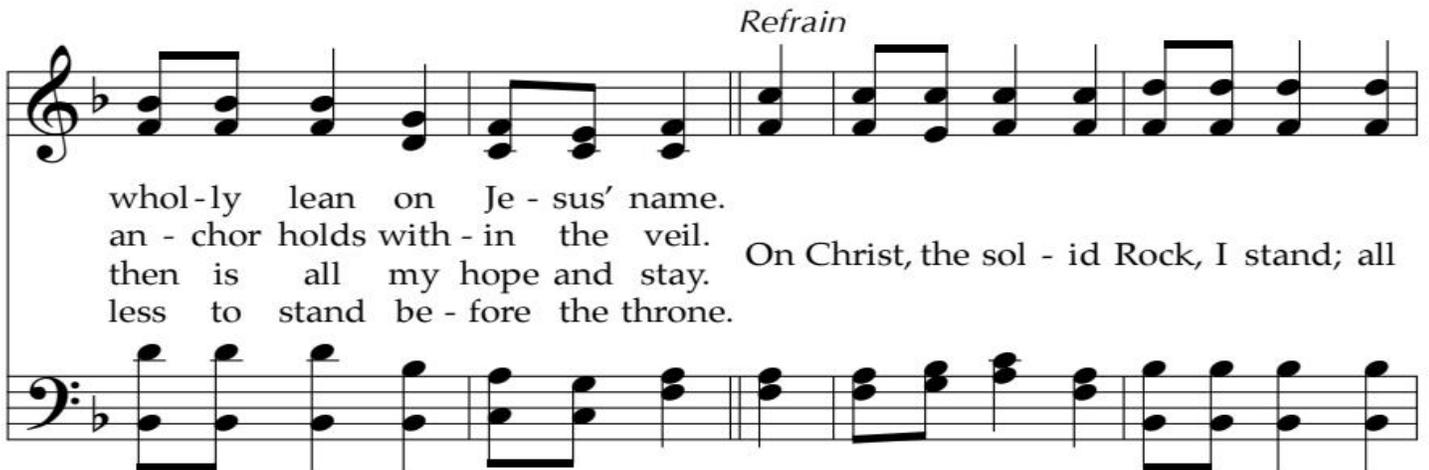


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.