



# Highland Hills

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Worship of God  
The Third Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 2026

The Chiming of the Hour

The Piano Prelude

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”  
Sandra Anderson and Gerald Carper, pianists

Tedd Smith

The Call to Worship

We come to the well of fear and doubt.  
**We have drawn deeply of those waters.**

We come to the well of anger and hate.  
**These waters flourish in all the land.**

Lord, bring us to the water of peace and hope.  
**Lord, bring us to the well of salvation.**

Bobby Wells

The Invocation and Welcome to Worship

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Caitlin Childers Brown

\*The Hymn of Praise 296

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

HOLY MANNA

A Reading from the New Testament

John 4:4-15

Stephanie Hatcher

But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Children’s Message

Cameron Schroeder

The Moment of Silence

Neil Heath

“But the danger is that there are so many voices, and they all in their ways sound so promising. The danger is that you will not listen to the voice that speaks to you through the seagull mounting the gray wind, say, or the vision in the temple, that you do not listen to the voice inside you or to the voice that speaks from outside but specifically to you out of the specific events of your life, but that instead you listen to the great blaring, boring, banal voice of our mass culture, which threatens to deafen us all by blasting forth that the only thing that really matters about your work is how much it will get you in the way of salary and status, and that if it is gladness you are after, you can save that for weekends.”

-Adapted from Frederick Buechner, *The Hungering Dark*

\*The Hymn of Offering 633

“All the Way the Savior Leads Me”

ALL THE WAY

\*The Prayer of Giving

Ben Browne

The Offertory

“Aria”

Robert Lau

A Reading from the New Testament

John 4:16-26

Ethan Brown

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

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**Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal"

Mark Hayes

The Message

*Better Call: Photini*

Ethan Brown

\*The Hymn of Response 394

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

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The Opportunities for Service

Cameron Schroeder

The Organ Postlude

"Prelude in E Minor"

Johann Krebs

The Benediction

Ethan Brown

*May the wisdom of the Creator guide us,  
 The peace of Christ embrace us,  
 And the love of the Holy Spirit empower us,  
 To join the work of God dawning all around.*