



# Lent Midweek Service 2026

**MIDWEEK LENT SERVICE LITURGY**  
**(The Stories Behind the Songs We Love to Sing)**

**Prelude**

**Dialogue**

*Stand*

L Almighty God grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C Amen.

L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

L to herald your love in the morning,

C your truth at the close of the day.

L By day, O God,

C you grant your steadfast love,

L and at night your song is with me,

C a prayer to the God of my life. Amen.

*Sit*

**Hymn Story #1**

**Sing**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*The assembly kneels or sits and keeps silence for self-examination.*)

- L Holy and gracious God,
- C I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know— the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed— but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.
- L By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven. We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise in the morning to serve.
- C Amen

## Reading

### Hymn Story #2

## Sing

## Prayers

### *Stand*

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For name/s and all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of name/s and all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.

**C** **To you, O Lord**

**P** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let

your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

Offering

Offertory Prayer

*Stand*

Lord's Prayer

**L** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **Blessing**

P Let us bless the Lord

**C Thanks be to God.**

P Almighty and merciful God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Hymn Story #3**

**Sing**

*Stand*

## **Dismissal**

L Walking with Christ, go in peace to love and serve our church and neighbors.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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February 25:

*Assurance*

Prelude: <i>Savior When in Dust to Thee</i>	Bunjes
<i>What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine</i>	#774
<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	#638
<i>Borning Cry</i>	#732

March 4:

*Our Soul Soars!*

Prelude: <i>Alas, My God, My Sins Are Great</i>	Johnson
<i>I'll Fly Away</i>	See insert
<i>On Eagle's Wings</i>	#787
<i>My Life Flows on in Endless Song</i>	#763

March 11

*Savior of the Sea*

Prelude: <i>Amazing Grace</i>	Spong
<i>Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me</i>	#755
<i>Eternal Father, Strong to Save</i>	#756
<i>Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound</i>	#779

March 18

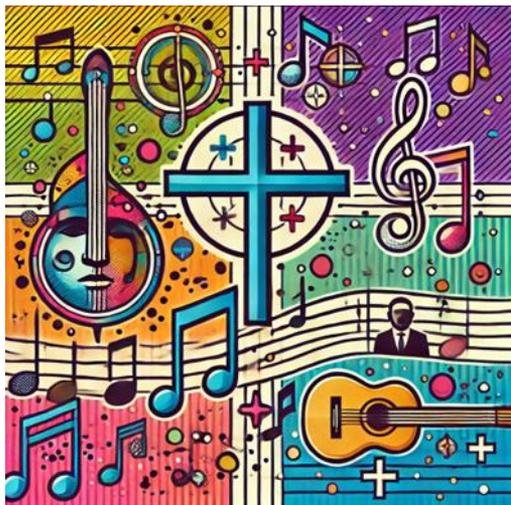
*Altar Call*

Prelude: <i>Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow</i>	Reger
<i>Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling</i>	#608
<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	#661
<i>Just As I Am, without One Plea</i>	#592

March 25

*At the Close of Day*

Prelude: <i>Were You There</i>	Young
<i>Jesus Loves Me!</i>	#595
<i>When Peace Like a River</i>	#785
<i>In the Garden</i>	See insert



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