



Dear woman,
here is your son.
And here is your mother.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 23, 2025 | 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

**Bold text is read
by the congregation.**

***Asterisk indicates when to
rise in body or in spirit.**

**Please sign the friendship
pad so we may take note of
your presence and you may
greet your neighbors by
name.**



**The Call to Worship this
morning was written by Beth
Merrill Neel, inspired by
Psalm 32.**



Hymn No 409:
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GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

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LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

ARR. CHARLES CALLAHAN

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (8:30)
(11:00)

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS
THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

In times of trouble, in days of fear,

steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

When we are lost and lonely, not sure of our place,

steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

When we are hard-hearted and cynical,

steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

When we struggle to believe God's promise of redemption,

steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Together we look to God to teach us the way we should go.

Steadfast love surrounds us, as together we place our trust in the Lord.

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION No. 409**

GOD IS HERE!

ABBOT'S LEIGH


God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

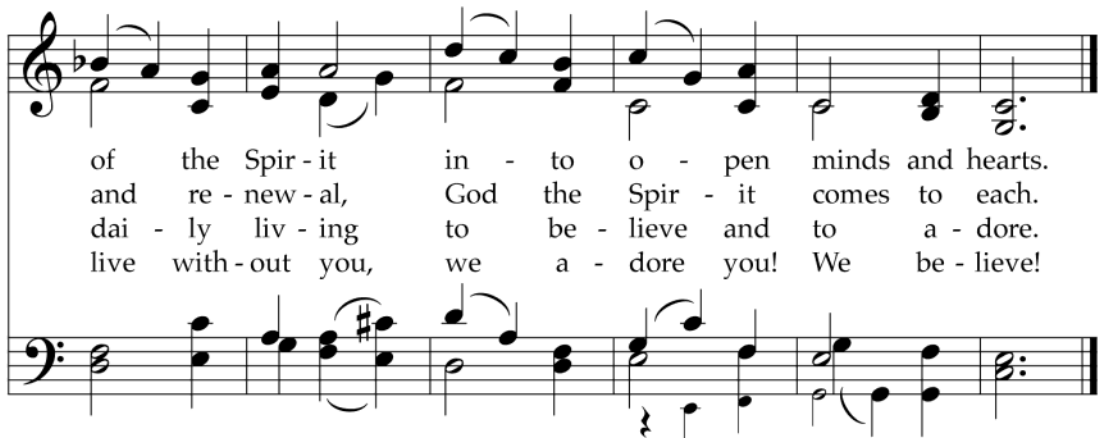
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Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!



*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND COURTNEY VEAZEY

Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows,
the distance between us feels like absence
and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed.

Forgive our doubt. Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking.

Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us
rather than how we might serve you
and work towards right relationship with you.

(Silent Confession)



*RESPONSE

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

REMEMBER ME



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON



*RESPONSE

FAIREST LORD JESUS

CRUSADERS' HYMN



Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the



na - tions, Son of God and Son of



Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -



ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.



As children come forward during the gathering hymn, you are invited to pass your quarters to the center aisle for the children to collect for their offering. Quarters are sent to the Dougbe Presbyterian River School in Liberia.



At this time, three-year-olds to kindergarteners are welcome to proceed to the hallway with an adult and sign into Worship and Wonder.



Found on page 114 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

The sermon is a reflection on the day's scriptures, suggesting implications for our faith and life.

HYMN OF GATHERING (11:00) JESUS LOVES ME

JESUS LOVES ME



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,



Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

JEANENE MUTCHLER

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, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

REV. POWERS

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

REV. POWERS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON JOHN 19:26-27

SERMON SEVEN LAST WORDS - HERE IS YOUR MOTHER

SILENT REFLECTION



*Today's Affirmation of Faith
is from The Iona Community
Creed.*



RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (8:30)
(11:00)

REV. VEAZEY
REV. GALE

We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;

**in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,**

conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.

**We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.**

We affirm a faith
that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability,
and onto the streets.

**We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully,
and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS(11:00)

REV. POWERS AND REV. VEAZEY

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (11:00)

JEANENE MUTCHLER



During this time, we invite you to continue your support of the church and her mission. Online giving is available through Realm or through the mail. Those in the sanctuary may place their offering in the plate as it is passed.



OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES (8:30)

(11:00)

REV. VEAZEY

REV. GALE

OFFERTORY (8:30)

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

TRADITIONAL



(11:00)

O JESUS, EVERY MOMENT

CHANCEL CHOIR

PHILLIP STOPFORD

O Jesus, every moment be in my heart and mind;
 O Jesus, stir my heart with sorrow for my sins;
 O Jesus, fill my heart with never-failing love;
 O Jesus, sweet Master, never part from me.
 O Jesus is my King, my friend, and my love;
 O Jesus is my shelter from sinning and from death;
 O Jesus, my gladness, my mirror all my days;
 O Jesus, my dearest Lord, never part from me.
 O Jesus, be forever in my heart and in my mouth;
 O Jesus, be forever in my thought and my prayer;
 O Jesus, be forever in my quiet mind;
 O Jesus, my sweet Lord, do not leave me alone.

***RESPONSE**

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

OLD HUNDRETH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures



here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;



praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30)**

(11:00)

REV. VEAZEY

REV. GALE

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. POWERS AND REV. VEAZEY



Hymn No. 315: *In the simultaneously-created text and tune, the author/composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.*

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 315

NEW DIMENSIONS

IN THE MIDST OF NEW DIMENSIONS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

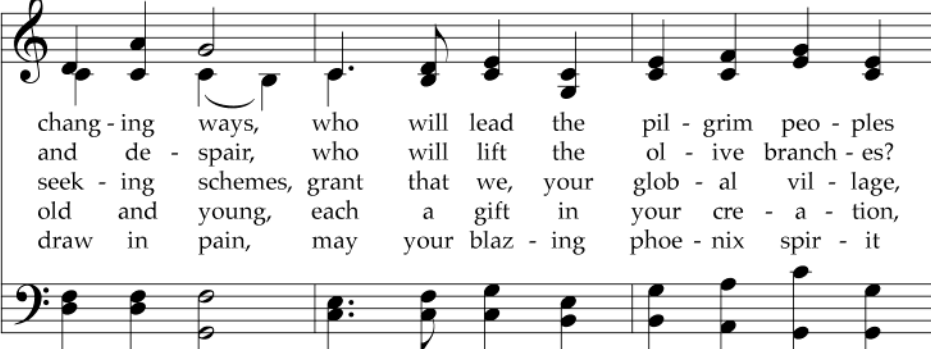
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LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

ERIC THIMAN

315 In the Midst of New Dimensions




1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain

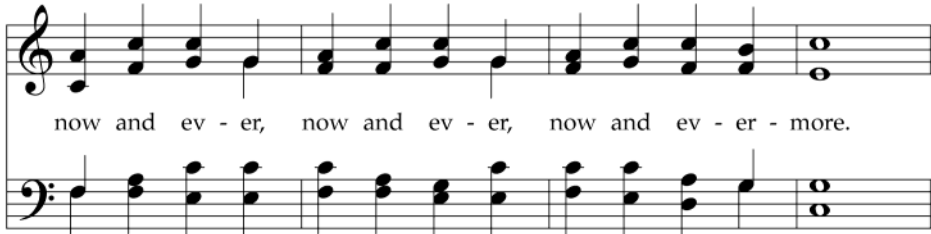


wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung.
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

THE CHURCH



now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

◆ *this week in print* ◆

Church-Wide

Lilies adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You can donate a lily in honor or memory of a loved one or someone you want to celebrate for their life and ministry at the church. This year's price per lily is \$20. You can give online at idlewildchurch.org/flower-dedication or pick up a paper form in the hallway. **Orders are due by April 9** for publication in the Easter bulletin on April 20.

Fellowship and Recreation

Community & Connection @ Memphis Showboats Football Game (Saturday, April 12, 1:30 pm): Come on over to Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium to watch the Memphis Showboats take on the Houston Roughnecks. Our whole group will go on the field after the game for a photo! Purchase your tickets (\$15 each) on Realm by **April 6**.

Open Mahjong Play is on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 10 am - 12 pm. Sign up using the link in the *This Week at Idlewild* Newsletter or at idlewildchurch.org/fellowship-and-recreation.

Yoga (March 8 - April 12): For six weeks, engage the Lenten practice of Sabbath through prayerful yoga on Saturday mornings at 9 am, led by Emily Draffen. Donations are appreciated.

Adult Ministry

Tuesday Studies - 2 pm - Room 303: We are continuing our discussion of *The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris* by David McCullough. On March 25th, we'll be covering chapters 13 & 14 Jackie Stewart will lead our discussions. We'd love to have you join us!

Men's Bible Study - Tuesdays at 9 am - Montgomery Hall & Zoom: The group is currently studying the Gospel of John. The group is small enough to allow for significant dialogue among participants but also large enough to allow for only contemplative participation. Please contact Charles Key for more info (voice or text 901-481-3321 or email).

1750 Arts Lent Discipline: This week's word is *Abandonment*. Spend time meditating, contemplating, and praying with *Abandonment*, and submit art in any form to sgross@idlewildchurch.org or at the front desk.

Children's Ministry

We are collecting pre-filled plastic eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 6. We ask that the eggs be filled with small toys and/or candy (no nuts). Please drop them in the donation box at the front desk by Friday, April 4.

Outreach Ministry

MICAH Issues Convention (Sunday, March 23, 2 - 6 pm, St. Paul Baptist Church, 2124 E. Holmes Road): Hear presentations on the top 10 community concerns lifted up by partners during the listening campaign, and vote to determine what the 3 major issues will be for MICAH's focus going forward.

Music Ministry

University Singers in Concert (March 25, 7 pm): Idlewild is proud to welcome the University Singers from the University of Memphis, directed by Dr. Francis Cathlina. This dynamic ensemble will present an inspiring program of varied music, with a special collaboration featuring the Idlewild Chancel Choir. Join us for an evening of exceptional choral artistry.

Youth Ministry

Jones Scholarship Application (due May 1): This scholarship is thanks to a generous gift from our former senior minister and his wife, Paul T. and Anna H. Jones. To apply, write a letter describing your accomplishments/honors during your high school or college career, your involvement at church, and your plans for the coming school year. The deadline is May 1. Send your letter to jones scholarship@idlewildchurch.org.



Registrations, sign-ups, and other relevant links:
www.idlewildchurch.org/calendar.

WELCOME NOTICES

Welcome to Idlewild! We are glad to have you join us for worship. If you are new to Idlewild, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here. At Idlewild, it is our hope that all who enter find a home.

Children are always welcome in worship. In addition, childcare for children newborns—3 years is available in the Jones Building in Room 153. Children of all ages are invited to pick up a worship packet in the main hallway that can be utilized to enhance their worship experience. During the 11:00 service there is a special Time with the Younger Church.



After, children ages 3 years— kindergarten may go to Worship and Wonder on the third floor of the Jones building. **If you would like your child to attend Worship and Wonder, registration is required** once each semester by scanning the QR code. Parents pick-up children from Worship and Wonder following the conclusion of worship.

New members are received by the Session. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Connect with a Pastor after worship.

Prayer requests are prayed daily by the Community Prayer Ministry Team and the Confidential Prayer Partners. If your prayers are confidential, you may call (901-487-6062) or submit them by email to confidentialprayers@idlewildchurch.org. Otherwise, you can fill out a Community Prayer Request card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or submit them by email to communityprayer@idlewildchurch.org.

If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call or text (901) 654-6872. The Pastor on Call will respond as soon as possible. You can also email pastor@idlewildchurch.org. The Pastor on Call for the week of March 23 is Mary Newberg Gale.

WORSHIP NOTICES

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Clare Stallings from her family, Dana & Ray Brandon, Jim Levernier, Ellen Webb, Paul & Lori Stallings.

Sanctuary flowers are given in honor, celebration, or in appreciation of those we love. We appreciate your generosity in providing flowers to adorn our sanctuary for Sunday services. If you are interested in donating, find the registration page at idlewildchurch.org/flower-dedication.

The 11:00 service is live at youtube.com/@idlewild.church/streams. As always, worship is available by way of the radio on AM560, 96.1FM, or 98.5FM. **Music is printed** under Onelicense.net **A-702280**.

The bulletin art is by Scott Erickson, as part of his *Seven Last Sayings of Jesus* series. Each week in Lent, the art will coincide with the words we are studying that day.



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