

God of love,  
through Jesus, we see the depth  
of Your affection for us and  
all the world.

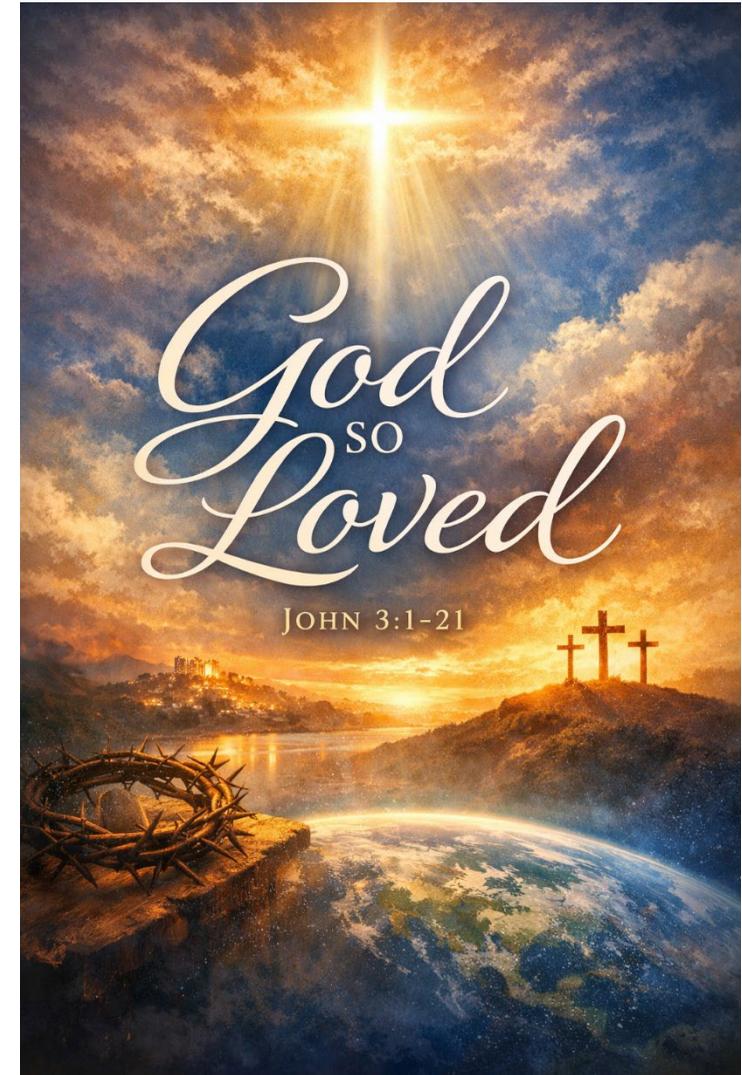
Thank You for loving us  
beyond what we can ever  
comprehend, so much that You  
gave Your Son to accomplish  
our salvation.

May we be deeply shaped  
by the knowledge, gratitude,  
and humility of Your  
great love.

Amen.



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Our Christian Worship of God  
March 1, 2026  
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple

The Prelude  
The Chiming of the Hour  
The Call to Worship

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Hopson

\*The Hymn No. 699  
The Invocation

“Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join”

The Anthem

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus ”

arr. Carter

\*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

No 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into  
heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence  
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the  
holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. \*universal**

\*The Gloria Patri “**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.**

The Scripture Lesson

John 3:1-21

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you**  
Minister: Let us pray.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Welcome and Announcements  
The Children’s Church

*(Children 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade dismiss to Children’s Church with Mrs. Jessica.)*

The Offering

Offertory

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

arr. Hayes

\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**“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”**

No 95

The Sermon

“God So Loved”

Rev. Tresco Shannon

The Prayer of Christian Discipleship

A Service of Word and Table II

No 12

Invitation

Confession and Pardon (in unison)

The Great Thanksgiving

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 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. Amen.**

Breaking the Bread Receive Communion by intinction and go to the chancel rail for private prayer  
with formal dismissal

\*The Hymn No. 369

“Blessed Assurance”

\*The Benediction, by the Minister

\*The Choral Response and Recessional

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth,  
the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us  
walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the  
moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each  
moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and  
let it begin with me.**

\*The Chiming of the Trinity

\*The Postlude

\*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able