

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Minor BWV 578
The "Little"

J. S. Bach

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026
10 o'clock

Rev. Fredd Ward, Senior Pastor
Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts
Amanda Bethune, Director of Faith Formation

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PRELUDES *Chorale Prelude on "Nettleton"* A. P. Van Iderstine
Jesus Calls Us Emma Lu Dieme

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP Doey Barnett

One: Come to this hour with hope and gladness.
Many: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
One: When our souls are parched, we search for the healing waters of God's grace.
Many: When our spirits are as dry as desert sands, we seek renewal in the well of God's mercy and love.
One: Those whose souls drink of Christ's living water will never thirst again.
Many: Those who refresh themselves in Christ will have a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

†HYMN 622 [*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*](#) CWM RHONDA

†OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, pour our living water that it might penetrate our parched hearts and minds. Quench our thirst at this latest stage in our Lenten journey and strengthen us for the road ahead. Grant that we might bathe in your fountain of eternal life and that our spirits may reflect your grace and mercy. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Shepherd and Savior. Amen.

INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

ANTHEM *Sanctus* Gabriel Fauré
The First Church Choir, the Reverend Dr. Daniel Lee, violin

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READINGS [Exodus 17:1-7 \(OT p.79-80\)](#)
[John 4:5-15 \(NT p.115\)](#)

† Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

†RESPONSE [*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*](#) SOUTHWELL

**Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin,
From worldly passions set me free, and make me pure within.**

SERMON *Where's Your Home?* Reverend Dr. Daniel Lee

HYMN 16 [*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*](#) NETTLETON

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

We're called to live in hope. We're invited to abide in joy. Let us share the blessings we have so richly received from God.

OFFERTORY *In Paradisum* Gabriel Fauré
The First Church Choir, the Reverend Dr. Daniel Lee, violin

†DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

†OFFERTORY PRAYER

Eternal Spirit – wellspring of healing and wholeness – receive our grateful responses to your many blessings. Take the gifts we bring this day and transform them into Christ's promise of living water for the world. May those who are touched by our offering feel the fullness of your goodness and your grace. Amen.

†HYMN 610 [*Living for Jesus*](#) LIVING FOR JESUS

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Our Darkness* Taize Chant
The First Church Choir

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!