

Order of Worship for March 15, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 32:1-6

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I did not pray to you, O Lord, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my sin to the LORD," and you forgave me.

Therefore let all your people offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

Hymn 62 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you are the Good Shepherd. We confess that we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have failed to do things which we ought to have done, and we have done things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and restore us by the power of your Holy Spirit, according to your promises declared to the world in Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 28:10-22

New Testament Ephesians 5:8-14

Sermon "If and Only If" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Affirmation of Faith (from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent
and believe the gospel.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Forgiving God, we are grateful that you receive us as beloved children. Like the father in Jesus' parable of the lost son, you rejoice when we repent and return to you. Thank you for not holding our sins against us. Help us to welcome each person as someone you love. Use our gifts to support ministries that encourage people as they live into new life in Christ. We pray in his precious name. Amen.

Sharing Praise and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Hymn 378 "Amazing Grace"

Benediction

Postlude

Church Calendar

Saturday, March 14 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 5:00 p.m.
Connect with the facilitator by emailing info@finyaa.org.

Sunday, March 15 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome to worship God with us in person or via live stream, followed by refreshments at coffee hour.

Monday, March 16 **Church Closed / Pastor's Day Off**

Tuesday, March 17 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 6:15 p.m.

Wed., March 18 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
We will meet in the Parlor and via Zoom to discuss *From Advent's Alleluias to Easter's Morning Light* by Ann Weems.
Tots Time 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Toddlers and their caregivers enjoy conversation, playtime, and snacks.

Yoga Nidra 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
The *Yoga Nidra* group meditation session (guided rest practice) will meet in person at Union Chapel and will also be available to participants via Zoom.

Saturday, March 21 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 22 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.
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