

The liturgical color is purple for Preparation and penitence.

PRELUDE "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Albin C. Whitworth

WELCOME Paula Langdon, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Today, we remember Zacchaeus, who climbed a tree to see Jesus and found himself called to share a meal with the Savior.

May we, like Zacchaeus, open our hearts and homes to Christ's presence.

Jesus invites Himself to our tables, bringing salvation and joy.

We welcome Him with gratitude, ready to be transformed by His love.

Let us gather, ready to dine with Jesus, to listen to His voice, and to share in His grace.

With open hearts, we come to worship and to feast in His presence.

***OPENING HYMN** "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" UMH 340
Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by Joseph Hart. He was born in London, England in 1712. He was raised in a Christian family. Well educated, he taught classical languages. Hart struggled with his relationship with God and fell into the conviction that as long as he believed, he could live a debauched life. He disputed John Wesley's view on doing good works. In 1757, Hart had a vision of the agony of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane and understood that Christ died for him. Realizing the error of his ways, he apologized to Wesley. His change in behavior was completed under the ministry of George Whitefield, a leader in the Methodist movement. Hart became a minister and wrote a volume of hymns. He is considered one of the most spiritual of the 18th century English hymn writers. Joseph Hart died in London in 1768.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OPENING PRAYER

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:1-4 NRSV, p. 727

ANTHEM "I Am Not My Own" Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

** Congregation invited to stand if able*

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.

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "The Holy Heart" Mary McDonald

***DOXOLOGY #95**

**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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN OF CENTERING "Freely, Freely" UMH 389

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:1-10 NIV, p. 743

MESSAGE "Dinner with Jesus: Invitation"
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

***HYMN OF MISSION** "Amazing Grace" UMH 378

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"
**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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POSTLUDE "Prelude in g minor" J. S. Bach

Liturgy and prayers written by Pastor Steve with assistance from ChatGPT

Traditional Worship

March 16, 2025

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discipleship through connection & love.

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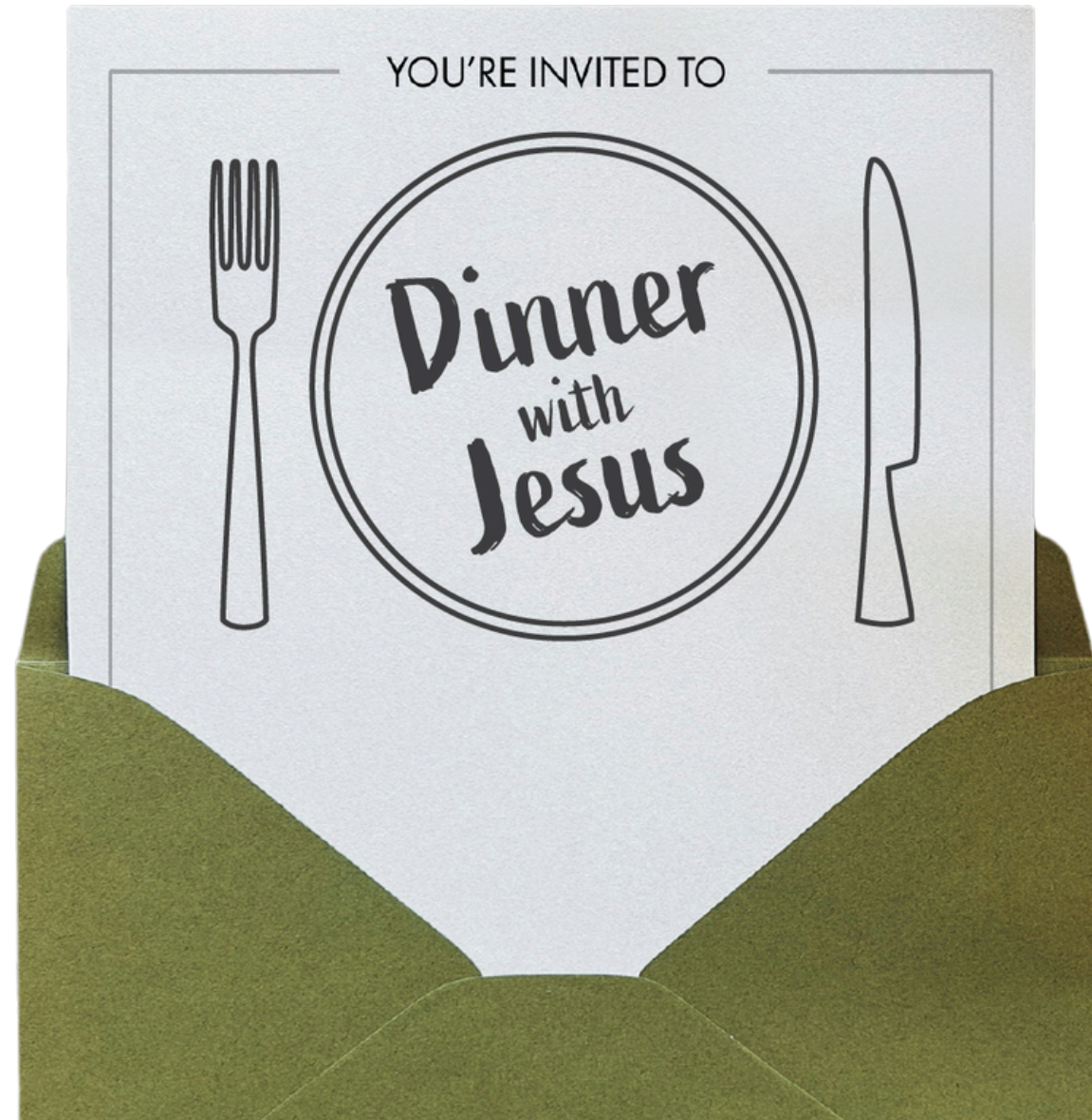


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- Blood Drive
- Food Distribution

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- Ring Journey Group
- Disciple 1 Fast Track

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- Knitting Group
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With Blessings, Bill Mueller, bil.mueller.home@gmail.com, 440-463-5540

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