

ORDER OF WORSHIP - NORTHWEST CHURCH - MARCH 30, 2025

BROOKDALE RICHLAND (1629 GEORGE WASHINGTON WAY)

PRELUDE

SUE LINCOLN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. MIRIAM GENTLE

OPENING SONG "COME THOU FOUNT" #16 (1,2)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**For once we were lost and felt so far away;
now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Come, let us worship and praise the God of Love.

Hymn "Joyful, Joyful" #2 (1,2)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON

**Holy God, meet us as we gather for worship and move
us ever closer to you.**

**Move us beyond our thoughts, anxieties, frustrations, and fears,
and center our hearts on you.**

Help us to hear you as you speak to us today.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Unison

**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 and ever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Luke 15:11-32

Meditation "Lost and Found"

Rev. Miriam Gentle

Hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" #340 (1,3)

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
patient and loving, he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

[Refrain:]

Come home, come home,
ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and me;
tho' we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

Offertory – Please place your gifts in the offering plate by the door as you enter or leave worship today. Thank you!

Invitation to Communion – All are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper.

Communion Song "Come to the Table of Grace"

Come to the table of grace,
Come to the table of grace,
This is God's table, it's not yours or mine,
Come to the table of grace.

Closing Prayer

Unison

**Holy God, thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love,
and reminding us that we are part of the body of Christ.**

**Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us through your love, and bring us with all your
people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Closing Hymn “How Great Thou Art” #33 (1,2,4)

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze [Refrain]

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

Benediction

Congregational Amen

Postlude

Thank you for joining us today, we hope this worship service was special and meaningful to all.