

**Congregational Church of Westminster West**  
**March 8, 2026**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**            *Here I am, Lord*            *Daniel L Schutte, arr. Jack Schrader*

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn** No.436 NCH    *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Leader:**    Blessed are the poor in spirit;  
                  for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**People:**    Forgive us, gracious God, when we allow our lives to become  
                  filled with so much stuff that we can no longer see You in the  
                  faces and lives of those around us.

**Leader:**    Blessed are those who are mourning,  
                  for they will be consoled.

**People:**    Forgive us, compassionate God, for becoming so enraptured  
                  with the importance of our own lives that we become numb  
                  to the cries of your children in our midst.

**Leader:**    Blessed are those who are gentle,  
                  for they will inherit the land.

**People:**    Forgive us, merciful God, when we allow the dividing walls of  
                  harsh words, greed and ignorance separate us from the power of  
                  humility.

**Leader:**    Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice,  
                  for they will be filled.

**People:**    Forgive us righteous God, for ignoring the needs all around us, and  
                  instead, choosing to indulge our own wants and succumbing to the  
                  greed rampant in our society. For these shortcomings, and those we  
                  bring before you now in silence, we ask Your mercy, Your forgiveness  
                  and Your grace.

**Assurance of Pardon**

\*Gloria No. 756    *(see inside back of hymnal)*

**Prayers of the People**

L: May the Lord be with you.  
P: And also with you.  
L: Let us pray.

Sharing and Prayer



## ***God of Grace and God of Glory***

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.
  
2. From the evils that surround us  
And assail the Savior's ways,  
From the fears that long have bound us –  
Free our hearts for faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.
  
3. Cure your children's warring madness;  
Bend out pride to your control.  
Shame our reckless, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Make our broken spirits whole,  
Make our broken spirits whole.
  
4. Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives, that they may be  
armored with all Christ-like graces  
in the fight to set us free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
in the quest for liberty,  
In the quest for liberty.
  
5. Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the search for your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

## ***Fairest Lord Jesus***

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

## ***Take My Life, God, Let It Be***

1. Take my life, God, let it be  
consecrated faithfully.  
Take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my spirit, let it move  
at the impulse of your love.  
Take my intellect and use  
all its powers as you choose.
3. Take my will; your will be done!  
Make your will and mine be one.  
Take my heart and by your grace  
make of it your dwelling place.
4. Take my love and help it grow;  
let my loving overflow.  
Take me now, and help me be  
part of Christ's community.