



# WALKER'S CHAPEL



*Behold the Son of God*

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

February 15, 2026 • Last Sunday After Epiphany

## Service of Worship

February 15, 2026 • Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

### *Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation*

#### *Words of Greeting*

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

#### **God Calls His People and Reveals Himself**

*God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.*

#### *Call to Worship • Psalm 100*

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

    you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”

By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face;

I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!”

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

    you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

    that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

#### *Invocation*

#### *Hymn of Praise • Come, Christians, Join to Sing (Hymnal, 320)*

# God Calls His People to Confession, Repentance, and Reconciliation

*The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

## Hymn of Prayer • Hear My Prayer

1. Hear my pray'r, O LORD, and an-swer me. I am poor and  
2. You, O Lord, are good and for - giv - ing. Give ear to my  
need - y. Save my life for that You I are the on - ly God,  
pray'r. Teach Your way for that I may walk in Your truth;  
for to You I cry. You, O Lord, are full of mer - cy.  
fix my heart to fear You.  
Gra - cious are You, O God. Slow to an - ger, a - bound - ing in  
faith - ful - ness. Turn to me, de - liv - er me. Save me in Your love.  
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**Prayer of Confession • Psa 13:1-2; Isa 55:8-9; Jn 11:21; Rom 8:24-25; 2 Cor 1:9; Jn 11:25-26**

Leader: Father, we confess that when you seem silent or distant, we are quick to believe you have forgotten us.

**People: We measure your love by our circumstances rather than by your promises.**

Leader: We question you when you fail to deliver us on demand so that we may avoid all sorrow.

**People: We struggle to trust your timing and your purposes when they remain hidden.**

Leader: We confess that we rely on our own strength rather than learning to depend fully on you.

**People: We place our confidence in what we can see rather than in your life-giving Word.**

Leader: Teach us to trust you even in the valleys of waiting and grief.

**All: Fix our hope on Christ, the resurrection and the life, and strengthen our faith to believe your promises. Amen.**

***Silent Prayers of Confession***

**Assurance of Pardon • Romans 5:10-11**

“For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.” **Amen.**

***Hymn of Rejoicing • Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Hymnal, 277)***

**God Teaches Us Through His Word**

**Scripture Reading • John 11:1-54**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

## **Sermon**

*I Am the Resurrection and the Life – Jeremiah Pent, Pastor*

# God's People Respond in Grateful Praise

## Hymn of Faith • God Moves in a Mysterious Way

1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way His  
2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of  
3. Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take! The  
4. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but  
5. His pur - pos - es will ri - pen fast, un -  
6. Blind un - be - lief is sure to err and

won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps  
nev - er - fail - ing skill, He treas - ures up His  
clouds ye so much dread are big with mer - cy  
trust Him for His grace; be - hind a frown - ing  
fold - ing eve - ry hour, the bud may have a  
scan His work in vain; God is His own in -

in the sea and rides up - on the storm!  
bright de - signs and works His sov - 'reign will.  
and shall break in bless - ings on Your head!  
prov - i - dence He hides a smil - ing face.  
bit - ter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r!  
ter - pret - er, and He will make it plain.

*Chorus after v. 2, 4, 6*

God of mer - cy! God of grace! Give us eyes to  
see! Eyes to see Your smil - ing face with - in  
the mys - ter - y, with - in the mys - ter - y.

## **Profession of Faith • The Heidelberg Catechism**

### **Question 1:**

What is your only comfort in life and death?

### **Answer:**

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul,  
both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,  
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.  
He also preserves me in such a way that  
without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;  
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life  
and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him. *Amen*

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

### **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*

## **God Sends His People Out to Be Light in Darkness**

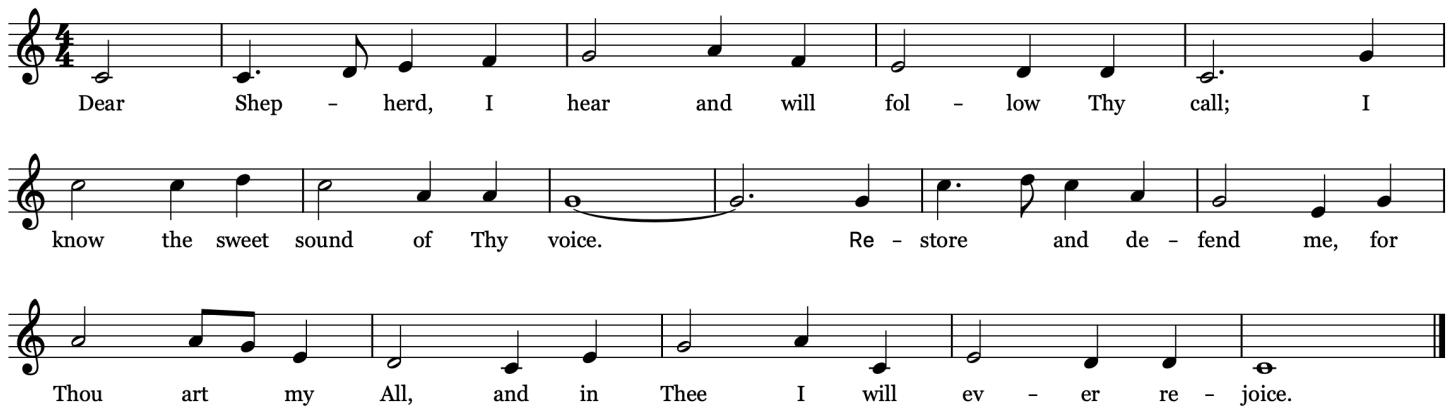
*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, and instructing them in His Word, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

## **Hymn of Prayer • Abide With Me (Hymnal, 402)**

### **Benediction • Romans 8:31-32, 38-39**

“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? . . . For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” *Amen*

## O Thou in Whose Presence



Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I  
know the sweet sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for  
Thou art my All, and in Thee I will ev - er re - joice.

### Announcements

*Please send prayer requests to [jp@walkerschapel.org](mailto:jp@walkerschapel.org).*

- **Lenten Musical Evening.** Our next special evening of music will be *March 20 at 6:30 pm*. We will feature music and meditations focused on the Biblical themes surrounding Christ's death and resurrection. The evening will include music from our adult and children's choirs, a string quartet, and congregational singing.
- **Offerings.** If you have offerings to the Lord you'd like to give through Walker's Chapel, you may do so in the box on the wall as you leave the sanctuary on your left. You can also give online by using your smart phone to scan the QR code to the right or clicking on the "Give" menu on our homepage. Gifts can be given online via credit card, debit card, and bank draft on a one-time or recurring basis. *Thank you!*



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