

March 1, 2026  
Season of Lent: Dwelling in Dissonance

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: OBVIOUS AND HIDDEN

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1. GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

**All: We come to worship**

One: with expectations that may or may not be met;  
with questions that might be answered;  
and answers that might be questioned.

**All: We come seeking God.**

One: Seeking a taste of truth; seeking a glimpse of  
divine presence; seeking to make sense of the world.

**All: We come to journey with Jesus,**

One: and allow ourselves to be disarmed and inspired,  
moved and confused  
by the Spirit of Christ among us and within us.

**All: Let us worship God.**

Opening Prayer (Steve)

Oh Lord you welcome us to Lent, to mystery. May we be attentive to actions that surprise, to answers that add more questions, to strange things that our eyes have not yet seen before. May we be okay with awkward moments that are also holy moments too. May we truly hear the words of your beloved child, Jesus: "Now go do as I do." — Amen

Congregational Singing

*"The whole difference between construction and creation is exactly this: that a thing constructed can only be loved after it is constructed; but a thing created is loved before it exists." — Charles Dickens*

## Welcome and Passing of the Peace

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also, with you.

**Leader:** Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

## 2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

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**Scriptures: John 13:1-17 (Common English Bible)**

1 Before the Festival of Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to leave this world... Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them fully. 2 Jesus and his disciples were sharing the evening meal. The devil had already provoked Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus, ...got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing.

6 When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later." 8 "No!" Peter said. "You will never wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me." 9 Simon Peter said, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus responded, "Those who have bathed need only to have their feet washed, because they are completely clean. You disciples are clean, but not every one of you."

...12 After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? 13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly, because I am. 14 If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. 15 I have given you an example: Just as I have done, you also must do. 16 I assure you, servants aren't greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent them. 17 Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.

### Confession

Jesus, you don't always act the way we expect, the way that seems right and proper and reasonable and wise.

We feel for Peter. In our confusion (and perhaps feeling slightly offended) we too may say,

"I'm sorry, God. What?!" We may say, "No way. Never!"

But you are persistent. You remind us that we don't have to understand everything right now.

You invite us to simply take off our sandals and experience your love. Scandalous as it is.

**Sermon: "Being Fully Loved!"**



What does it mean to be fully loved and to love fully? And what does it mean to be a servant? Jesus seems to say: "It's not about me." In this passage, Jesus puts the focus on the people he loves and on the act of tending to their most fundamental needs. Love in this passage is a verb. How can we practice such love this Lent?

## 3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Congregational  
Singing  
Reflections and  
Responses**

*"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you." — Jesus Christ*

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." — Jesus Christ*

*"There is only one happiness in this life, to love and be loved."  
— George Sand*

**Joys and Concerns**

**Offering & Music**

**Sending Blessing (Steve)**

As you go, may you listen for God in the discordant melodies of your life, in the knowing and not knowing,

Experiencing Jesus' love for us and his invitation to go and to do likewise,

may you go, with Christ's peace surrounding you, to practice acts of love.