**Worship Participants**
Rodney Gasaway, Randy Umfleet, Joy Barrett
Hengyi Ye, accompanist
The Sanctuary Choir

**United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**

UMCOR Sunday is March 15. Gifts given that day cover United Methodist Committee on Relief's administrative costs, allowing 100% of all other donations throughout the year to go directly to relief and recovery efforts around the world. You can donate today by using the QR code or write a check to the church and put in the memo "UMCOR Sunday"

**Today**

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| Sunday | 12:15 pm | Rezound Handbell Practice |
| | 4 pm | Messy Church |
| Monday | 6:30 pm | Parent Group |
| Tuesday | 6:30 pm | Leadership Board |
| | | Missions Team |
| Wednesday | 7 pm | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday | 1 pm | Women's Bible Study |

**Question of the day:**
**I wonder: What do I have**
**that God can multiply to benefit others?**

CHELSEA FIRST

# 11 am Worship

## March 8, 2026

## Scripture: Mark 6:30-44

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## Order of Worship

We invite you to participate in worship as we connect with God and each other. You are welcome to remain seated, stand, or move around, whichever you prefer.

**Gathering Music** *Simple Gifts*
*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*
*Prelude in G Minor*

**Welcome**

**All: We are a vibrant, intentionally inclusive, justice-seeking faith community**.

**Prelude** *O Love of God, How Strong and True*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: *If you need good news,*
**All: come sit with us.**
**We have good news to share.**
Leader: *If you need a word of hope,*
**All: then listen closely,**
**there is enough hope for everyone.**
Leader: *If you need a little spark of joy,*
**All: then you're in the right place!**
**We have strong, deep joy to share.**
Leader: *If you want to feel God close to you,*
**All: remember that this is God's house.**
Leader: *This is the good news.*
**All: God is here. Love is real. Joy is moving all around us.**
**Let us worship our God who is always with us!**

**Opening Hymn** *Maker, in Whom We Live*
red hymnal #88; vs 1, 3 & 4

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, with you the impossible is possible.
5,000 can be fed. The blind can see. The hopeless can find hope.
With you the impossible is possible, but we are quick to forget that. We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done. We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd. We forget that you are always with us.
Forgive our small-minded ways.
Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come.
But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it.
With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

**Words of Forgiveness**

Leader: *Family of faith, no matter how many mistakes the disciples made… so hear and believe this good news:*
**All: Today is a new day, and once again,**
**we belong to God.**
**We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone.**
**What good, good news. Amen!**

**Anthem** *Love Can Build a Bridge*

**Message**

**Response in Song** *Human Minds Just Can't Imagine*
*see next page*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Closing Hymn** *We All Are One in Mission*
see next page

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *An Homage to Praetorius' Dances from Terpsichore*

## Human Minds Just Can't Imagine

**Rev. Anna Strickland**

**Verse 1**

Human minds just can't imagine all that God can bring to bear
Through our small and separate beings,
    even when we join to share
Still we follow where Christ leads us, many pieces of one whole
That we might allow our dreaming
    to transform our broken world

**Verse 2**

God, expand our dreams and vision
    when we think our gifts too small
Help us trust your great provision and to answer when you call
You who gave us time and talents will uphold and see us through
As we join together in the work you've given us to do

**Verse 3**

Like the grains of wheat are gathered
    from the vast and rolling fields
Like the grapes from viny branches
    whose small fruit the wine will yield
We remember as one body, each of us a crucial part
In the global church professing: we belong to God's own heart

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## We All Are One in Mission

**Rusty Edwards**

**Verse 1**

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love

**Verse 2**

We all are called for service to witness in God's name
Our ministries are different our purpose is the same
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace

**Verse 3**

Now let us be united and let our song be heard
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all

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