

**SUNDAY  
WORSHIP**

*MARCH 1, 2026*

*SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*

**Worship Leader**

Seth Chronister

**Children's Message**

Brandyn Miller

**Director of Music**

Luke Overton

**Senior Pastor**

Brandyn Miller

**Musicians**

Steve Peters & Clare Hanson

**Office Manager**

Michelle Wolfe

**Custodian**

Kyle Lindaman

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

**Prelude**

Steve Peters

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Brandyn Miller

**\*Call to Worship**

Brandyn Miller

One: Calling all who are hungry for the goodness of life!

**All: The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.**

One: Come with empty pockets and open hands!

**All: The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.**

One: Let us gather from all walks of life, celebrating in unity our common needs and singular purpose.

**All: The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*O Bread of Life*

#333 (NCH - Black)

**\*Opening Prayer** (responsive)

Seth Chronister

One: God, our mother hen, we gather beneath your ever-expanding wings to see how you will meet us today. Though we grow and mature, we cannot outgrow your love. Though our belief grows more complex, your mysteries always outpace our imaginations.

**All: Help us grow and mature today as we worship, delighting in new understanding and greater depth of meditation. Cause our hearts, empowered by your spirit, to expand like dough becoming bread. Amen.**

**\*Call & Prayer of Confession** (responsive)

Brandyn Miller

Pastor: Often, we allow our imaginations and our work to be confined, limiting the scope of God's reach. Let us confess our sins and commit ourselves to God's ever-expanding purposes.

**People: God Most High, who knows the highest heights and deepest valleys of this universe, we confess we have limited your work because of our small thinking. While you long for the bread of life to expand and nourish all creation, our fears and worries keep us contained. While you long to create kingdoms of peace and reconciliation, we draw lines between us. While you make space for everyone, we worry about sharing too much or being too vulnerable. While you search tirelessly for lost lambs, we focus our concern inward on our own issues. Forgive us for our small perspective, and open our minds to the big ideas you have for our future. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Brandyn Miller

Pastor: As far as the east is from the west, that's how far God has taken our wrongdoings away from us. Our sins are no match for our magnificent, compassionate God. Receive God's pardon and be at peace.

**Special Music**

*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Touch of Brass Handbells

<b>Invitation to Offertory</b>		Seth Chronister
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i> - arr. Cindy Berry	Clare Hanson
<b>*Doxology</b>		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		Seth Chronister
<b>Children's Message</b>		Brandyn Miller
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Luke 13:18-21	Seth Chronister
Leader:	This is the word of the Lord	
<b>All:</b>	<b>Thanks be to God!</b>	
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>"Bread for Growth"</i>	Brandyn Miller
<b>*Song of Reflection</b>	<i>Bread of Life</i> Words & Music by ANDREA HAMILTON AND Amanda Meisenheimer	#407 (NCH - Black)
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b> (unison)		Seth Chronister
	<b>We believe the kingdom of God is like baker's yeast, thorough and unstoppable, spreading and rising over time. We believe the bread of life is enough for all creation, enough for the hungry, the weak, and the poor. We believe Jesus is the bread of life, broken and shared with all who will receive it. We believe the bread of life cannot be limited to our finite imaginations. The bread of life is making all things new. Thanks be to God! Amen.</b>	
<b>Joys &amp; Concerns</b>		Seth Chronister
Leader:	Lord, in your mercy	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Hear our prayer</b>	
<b>Prayers of the People</b> (responsive)		Brandyn Miller
One:	Loving God, you are the divine baker, creating and sharing bread with all creation. Today, we lift up those hungry for the bread of life that satisfies our hearts and renews us to live lives of wise discipleship.	
<b>All:</b>	<b>With your guidance and grace, may your kingdom grow.</b>	
One:	We pray for all who experience physical hunger, those without access to nourishment, and those whose daily bread is uncertain. May we, your hands and feet, work to provide for the hungry. Help us offer not only bread for the body but also love and justice that fills the soul.	
<b>All:</b>	<b>With your guidance and grace, may your kingdom grow.</b>	
One:	We pray for all who hunger for peace and justice, those who suffer unjustly, and those who seek to make right the wrongs of this world. May we be the yeast of your kingdom, growing your compassion, mercy, and hope into every corner of the earth. Help us take small, faithful actions that will grow into great change.	
<b>All:</b>	<b>With your guidance and grace, may your kingdom grow.</b>	
One:	During this season of Lent, we remember our need for repentance and renewal. Help us turn away from what fills us with emptiness and toward you, the bread of life. In this time of preparation, we ask for your strength so we may be faithful, your wisdom so we may be discerning, and your Spirit to be present as we grow in your likeness. Through Christ, the bread of life, we pray.	

**The Lord's Prayer** (unison)

Brandyn Miller

*You may use the words most familiar to you.*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Celebration of Communion**

**Invitation**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing the Elements**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**ALL: Holy God, here at this table, we have encountered Jesus' Spirit, bringing us wholeness so we might be satisfied by the bread of life. Because Jesus faced death and emerged victorious, this bread does not spoil; this cup never runs dry. As we leave this place of worship, our spirits are renewed and rejuvenated. There is enough for each of us. Therefore, we will share this joy and love with others. Amen.**

**\*Parting Hymn**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

#76 (NCH - Black)

**\*Benediction**

Brandyn Miller

**Carrying Out the Light of Christ**

**Postlude**

Steve Peters

*As the postlude begins, you are invited to depart in peace.  
The music continues as a blessing for those who wish to remain in reflection.*

*\* Please Rise in body or spirit*