



NEW LIFE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **LA MESA**

March 15, 2026

9:30a Service

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Thou art the potter, I am the clay!
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power – all power, surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own
Way!
Hold o're my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit 'til all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Text: Adelaide A Pollard
Tune: George C. Stebbins

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 112:1-2

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Blessed is the man who fears the
Lord, who greatly delights in his
commandments!

Leader: His offspring will be mighty in the
land.

All: The generation of the upright will be
blessed.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, ASSISTANCE, AND BLESSING

Hymnal #310 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above. [Refrain]

His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n. [Refrain]

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet. [Refrain]

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home. [Refrain]

REFLECTION ON GOD'S LAW

Leader: The Eighth Commandment is:
You shall not steal. (Exodus 20:15)

People: He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love

kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

Leader: Pay to all what is owed to them:

**People: Taxes to whom taxes are owed,
revenue to whom revenue is owed,
respect to whom respect is owed, honor
to whom honor is owed.** (Romans 13:7)

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE John 1:29

Song

“Merciful God”

Merciful God, O abounding in love,
Faithful to all who draw near You,
Hearing the cries of the humble in heart,
Showing the cross they may cling to.
Helpless I come broken in sin,
Found at the feet of Your mercy.
Father forgive,
May my sin be remembered no more.

Merciful God, O abounding in love,
Faithful through times we have failed You.
Selfish in thought and uncaring in deed,
Foolish in word and ungrateful.
Spirit of God, conquer our hearts
With love that flows from forgiveness;
Cause us to yield

And return to the mercy of God.

Merciful God, O abounding in love,
Faithful to keep us from falling,
Guiding our ways with Your fatherly heart,
Growing our faith with each testing.
God speed the day struggles will end,
Faultless we'll gaze on Your glory;
Then we will stand
Overwhelmed by the mercy of God.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Elder Bill Wood

Psalms 5:1-12 “Listen to My Words, O Lord”

Listen to my words, O LORD;
Know the whispered things I say.
Heed my crying out for help -
God, my King, to You I pray.
Hear me in the morning, LORD,
When I lift my voice on high,
Setting forth my plea to You,
Looking out with watchful eye.

For I know that You, O God,
Find in evil no delight;
Evil cannot dwell with You,

Nor the proud stand in Your sight.
You hate all who practice sin.
You destroy the one who lies;
For the LORD abominates
Those who schemes of blood devise.

Yet in Your abounding love,
To Your house will I draw near,
Bowing to Your holy place,
Worshiping in rev'rent fear.
Since, O LORD, my enemies
All around me lie in wait,
Lead me in Your righteousness;
Make Your way before me straight.

In their mouth there is no truth;
All their heart destruction seeks,
Like an open grave their throat,
While their tongue with honey speaks.
Make them bear their guilt, O God;
Snare them in the things they planned!
Cast them out for all their sins:
Rebels who against You stand.

Yet let all who trust in You
Sing for joy through all their days.
Guard all those who love Your name;
Let them give You joyful praise.
Blessing to the righteous one,

You, O LORD, will surely bring;
With Your favor, like a shield,
You will give him covering.

GOD'S WORD READ Acts 20:13-16

GOD'S WORD PREACHED "Remember" by
Pastor Joel E. Wood

Prayer Of Application & The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song "Behold the Lamb"

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us; and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,

Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings
us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n
Around the table of the King.

Hymnal p. 845 “Apostles’ Creed”

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Words Of Institution & Warning

Minister: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts;

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Approach the Table for the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymnal #726

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me.

Break me! Melt me!

Mold me! Fill me!

Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me.

Hymnal #731: “Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Postlude