

SERMON NOTES

3rd Sunday in Lent, Year A * March 8, 2026

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Exodus 17:1-7 * Psalm 95 * Romans 5:1-11 * John 4:5-42

Why We Do What We Do: MUSIC, SINGING, & the CREED

MUSIC & SINGING:

✦ Why do we make music and sing? Because God L_____ it!

In most Protestant worship:

_____ = Director, _____ = Performer, and _____ = Audience.

In Sacramental/Liturgical worship, however"

_____ = Director, _____ = Performers, and _____ = Audience.

Most important question in worship: What P_____ God?

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. Psalm 95

✦ AND... it B_____ us up.

Teach and encourage one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Colossians 3:16

THE CREED is a

✦ T_____

✦ R_____

✦ C_____

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS:

1 Samuel 16:1-13 * Psalm 23 * Ephesians 5:8-14 * John 9:1-41

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, small group, or a friend

1. Do you like music? Why or why not? If so, what kind of music do you like?
2. Do you play a musical instrument? If so, what instrument(s)? And how long have you played it/them? If not, what instrument(s) would you like to play? And why?
3. What is one of your favorite psalms, hymns, or songs of the Spirit? Why?
4. What part(s) of the Nicene Creed are meaningful for you? What part(s) isn't/ aren't? Are there any parts of the Creed you don't understand? If so, which one(s).
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for music.
 - ✦ Thanking God for the Creed and how it teaches and reminds us of what we believe as Christians.
 - ✦ For grace to understand any parts of the Creed that are unclear to you.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.