



## **Welcome to the Congregational Church on Mercer Island**

We strive to be a forward-looking community.

Where God is all-loving and inclusive.

Where people are welcomed and accepted as they are.

Where our minds are nourished as much as our souls.

Where Jesus the healer meets Jesus the revolutionary.

Where together we grow a just and peaceful world.

**ALL HYMNS INCLUDED AT THE END OF THIS  
BULLETIN**

**Sunday, March 22, 2026, 10:30 a.m.**

**Prelude**

Yuan Zhou

**Introit**

I See The Morning Breaking

Douglas Wagner

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Jennifer Castle

We gather with words that have been passed down through generations.

**Words that teach, challenge, and guide us.**

Scripture calls us not only to listen,

**but to live what we hear.**

Faith is more than understanding.

**It is compassion practiced, justice pursued, and love embodied.**

Come, let us worship the God whose Word is alive among us.

**And let us open our hearts to be shaped by it.**

**Opening Hymn**

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Lord, You Give the Great Commission  
(Verses 1, 4, 5)

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Jennifer Castle

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jennifer Castle

**Hymn**

**See hymns at the end**

The Summons

**Scripture Reading**

James 1: 22-25 (The Voice Translation)  
Read by Diane Calvert

Put the word into action. If you think hearing is what matters most, you are going to find you have been deceived. If some fail to do what God requires, it's as if they forget the word as soon as they hear it. One minute they look in the mirror, and the next they forget who they are and what they look like. However, it is possible to open your eyes and take in the beautiful, perfect truth found in God's law of liberty and live by it. If you pursue that path and actually do what God has commanded, then you will avoid the many distractions that lead to an amnesia of all true things and you will be blessed.

**Reading**

Quote from Howard Thurman,  
*The Living Wisdom of Howard Thurman: A Visionary for Our Time*  
Read by Diane Calvert

“Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”

**Sermon**

“Living the Word”

Rev. Jennifer Castle

**Anthem**

As You Serve, Remember Me

Joel Raney

**Prayers**

**Our Creator, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

see hymns at the end

We Are Called

**Blessing**

Rev. Jennifer Castle

## Upcoming Events:

Tuesdays, 2:00 pm on Zoom – Bible Study via Zoom  
Thursdays, 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal – ALL WELCOME

Mar 22, 11:30 am – Sandwich making for Operation  
Nightwatch

March 22, 11:30 am - Land Sale Update

March 28, 10:00 am – Ampitheater Clean-Up

April 1, 5:00 pm – Seder

April 5, 6:15 am – Easter Sunrise Service

April 5, 10:30 am – Easter Sunday and Communion

April 11, 9:00 am – Men’s and Women’s Potluck Breakfast

### **PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE UPSTAIRS**

Bring your children up, we’d love to look after them during worship!

*To make a gift to the church, scan the QR code below with the camera on your smartphone and you will be directed to the appropriate link on the church website. Thank you!*



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# 459 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

1. preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 2. tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 3. this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 4. do, for - give." Yet we heard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 5. to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

1. and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 2. life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 3. dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 4. all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 5. may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

1. to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.  
 2. fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty.  
 3. world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.  
 4. mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty.  
 5. cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

## Refrain

With the Spir - it's gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.



## 718 We Are Called

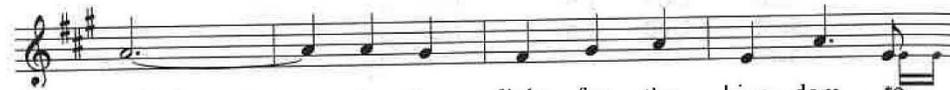
## Verses



1. Come! Live in the light!  
 2. Come! O - pen your heart!  
 3. Sing! Sing a new song!



Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are  
 Show your mer - cy to all those in fear! We are  
 Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will



called to be light for the king - dom, to  
 called to be hope for the hope - less so all  
 reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!  
 ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!  
 sis - ters and broth - ers u - ni - ted in love!

## Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are



called to love ten - der - ly, we are called to



serve one an - oth - er; to walk hum - bly with



God!