



Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SHARED JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT AND REKINDLING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come, our souls thirsting for God, our spirits longing for love.

All: We come to the One who supplies every need; we come to the One who gives us living water.

One: We come, with prayers in our hearts, and with words too painful to speak.

All: We come to the One who listens to our hearts, who carries our suffering through eternity.

One: We come, with our brokenness and loss, with our hope to be made whole.

All: We come to the One who knows all our secrets, who brings peace to all of us.

* HYMN #375 Shall We Gather at the River

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

One: In every moment, in every place, God is there. Let us confess how often we do not see God in our lives, especially in how we live them. Join me in a time for silent reflection.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION



UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of eternity, you know how often we travel down the rocky roads of doubt and fear. We pester others with our worries; we hurl bitter words at those we love. We have chances to offer ourselves in service, but give only our contempt to those in need. We could share the living waters with the world, but want to store it in jars for safe-keeping.

Fountain of Grace, you turn towards us, to meet us wherever we are. You break through the walls of our sin, restoring us to peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our thirst for hope and joy is quenched. Amen.

KYRIE #551

Lord Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God does not disappoint us. Our sins are forgiven, our lives are made whole, we are sent forth to serve. In Jesus Christ, living water breaks through the roof of our hearts, in such abundance that we don't have enough buckets to hold it all.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Loving God, You bless those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. We ask that you would open our hearts to stand alongside those who are thirsty, so that all people everywhere may discover the abundant life You promise to each one. In the name of Jesus Christ—the source of living water—we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 17:1-7

GOSPEL READING John 4:5-42



SERMON

“Grace in the Dry Places”

Kathryn Gross

* HYMN # 475 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SENDING

* HYMN # 623 I've Got Peace Like a River

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE AND SENDING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

** Please stand in body or in spirit*

WELCOME TO CRANSTON! More information about Cranston is available at

<https://www.cranstonchurch.org/> We send two emails each week to those interested: an invitation to worship and a summary of prayer concerns and announcements. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Pastor David Annett, by phone or at pastor@cranstonchurch.org Considering Membership? Contact Pastor David Annett.

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Kathryn Gross, known to family and friends as Katie, was born and raised in Cincinnati, OH. She is married to her wonderful husband Curtis Gross and is a “furmom” to three dogs Pandora, Fenrir and Artemis and one cat Dani.

She recently graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary with her Master of Divinity degree and is on track to becoming a candidate for an Elder of Word and Sacrament through the PCUSA.

Her home church is Knox Presbyterian Church, where she grew up attending Youth Group, participating in the yearly musical and attending Montreat each year with Rev. David Annett as her youth leader.

After graduating high school Katie returned to be a small group leader at Montreat, eventually hearing her call to Ministry in 2016.

Kathryn is honored to be preaching at Cranston today and looks forward to future partnerships with the church.

