

*Scripture Theme for 2025*  
*For God gave us a Spirit not of Fear*  
*But of Power and Love and Self Control*  
*2 Timothy 1:7*



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*March 16, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.*

*Welcome All!*

*We are pleased that you are worshipping with us  
either on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary.*

*\*Congregation, please stand if able*

**PRELUDE**

**Tom Hoehn**

*Point to Ponder: Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles  
develop strength. When you go through hardship and decide not to quit.  
That is strength.*

*Arnold Swarzenegger*

**BEGINNING WITH A SONG**

**TFWS 2002**

*"I Will Call upon the Lord"*

**AND JUST WHY DID WE COME**

**Rudy Hyde**

Leader: We are here today because the Lord, the Almighty, has  
made a path to this place and we have followed that  
path.

**People: We are here to lay down things and to pick up  
things.**

Leader: The Lord, the Almighty declares, has brought us here  
to drink again from the fresh truth that he will lead us  
through the tough times.

**People: We come today to partake of you, O Lord. We  
come as your people. We come to perceive your  
work and to listen to your voice.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Rudy Hyde**

**\*SONG OF COMMITMENT**

**No. 514**

*"Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus"*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Pastor Melissa**

**We have come here today with some sort of Limp and too often we use it as an excuse not follow you. We all have Limps Lord, but we need the courage to walk on. Forgive us when fail to give our faults and frailties to you. Forgive us when we use our limp to get attention. Forgive us when we forsake your call. Help us journey with you this Lenten season.**

*A moment of silence with God in your personal prayer of confession.*

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
followed by **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**YOUR GIVING MADE A DIFFERENCE**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER: Loving God, our shelter and hope, as we walk through this holy season, we come to you with hearts open to your grace. In our giving, may we reflect the love that sustains us, and may we lift one another up in times of need and vulnerability. Use these offerings to bring comfort to the weary and hope to the brokenhearted, just as you draw near to us in our struggles. Strengthen us to be a source of light and love in this world, reflecting your compassion in all we do. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY**

**Tom Hoehn**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**SCRIPTURE FOR MARCH:**

*Psalm139:14*

*I praise You God*

*Because I am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*

*Psalm139:14*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Bill Elliott**

**Isaiah 43:16-21**

*Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God*  
*People: Thanks be to God!*

**THE EPISTLE READING**

**Louise Humble**

**Philippians 4:4b-25**

*Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God*  
*People: Thanks be to God!*

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Melissa**

*"Limping to the Line"*

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*SONG OF GOING FORTH**

**No.662**

*"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"*

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: As we go to live into the future with God's grace may the Lord open your eyes to see all the fortunes that already surround you, revealing the great things he has done.

**People: As we go forth may the Lord fill our hearts with joy and our lips with praise**

Pastor: In the powerful name of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Tom Hoehn**