

**Grace Woodhouse Pastoral Charge**  
**Lent 3, Sunday, March 8, 2026**

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Prelude

Choral Introit based on Psalm 95  
(Metrical) vs 1 & 4 VU p 815

Land Acknowledgement

The Bible is Opened & the Christ Candle is Lit

The Memorial Candle is lit in memory of Wayne Roberts

Welcome and Introduction

Lenten Candle Lighting Liturgy - Lent 3 – John 4:5-42

We live in a world of many divisions: class, gender, religion, race, and politics.

**It is not easy to risk our vulnerabilities in order to get to get to know someone who is different.**

Though God welcomes all peoples, invites the gifts of all nations, and celebrates the uniqueness of each culture, we live in poverty when we remain separated.

**Our lines of separation diminish our togetherness and diminish our humanity.**

Like the Samaritan woman at the well, we are thirsty for a drink that will quench our deepest yearnings.

**We long to drink deeply at the well.**

And yet, we remain thirsty.

All sing: Don't Be Afraid MV 90

Announcements

Outreach Focused Time

Call to Worship

We sing to God, **for God is here.**

We sing of love, **for love is here.**

We sing and rejoice, **for here our souls are restored.**

Opening Prayer

**Ever-present God, even as you are present with us this day, we yearn to feel your presence in our midst each**

**and every day of our lives. Speak to us with words of grace. Reveal yourself with the power of your love. Flow over us with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Help us to know the glory of your love and experience the wonder of your grace in the name of your love, we pray. Amen**

Gathering Hymn: Oh, Sing to Our God VU 241

All God's Children Learning Together

- Story Time - Water From a Rock

Hymn: Like A Rock MV 92 (Sung twice)

**Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.**

**Like the starry night sky God is over our head.**

**Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.**

**Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.**

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, there are times we are impatient. We don't want to wait. We don't want to trust. We are stubborn. We are hard as rock. Forgive us, God. Yet, often just below the surface there is goodness, waiting to be tapped. We are scared to share our gifts. Tap into us, God. Help us to find our hidden talents. Use our gifts for your glory, O God.**

Words of Assurance

God knows us, and God loves us.

God reaches out to us through Jesus and refreshes us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

God's People Listen

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reader: Jean Godfrey, Nancy Sherwin

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95, Part One (1-7) VU p814

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42 NIV

Choir

Message Living Water

Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say vs 1 & 2, VU 626

God's People Respond

Invitation to the Offering

Hymn of Dedication:

In Gratitude and Humble Trust VU 544

Offering Prayer

**Loving God, with our gifts we offer you our very selves, knowing you receive us as we are. Bless all that we have to offer, so that we may become gifts to those who encounter us through the grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights vs. 1, 2& 5, VU 108

Commissioning & Benediction

As you go out into the world, remember who you are and whose you are. Go out to fulfill your call to Christ's mission. Notice the opportunities to do holy work and be courageous knowing that you are not alone.

May the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the strength of the Holy Spirit go with you. Amen.

Sung Blessing "Go Now In Peace"

Postlude

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge our Creator and the world around us and our place within it. We acknowledge the many indigenous and non-Indigenous brothers and sisters who walked this land in the past and those who walk it today, this, the traditional and treaty lands of the Anishinaabeg (Ahnish-in-nah-beg), Neutral, and Haudenosaunee (Ho-deh-no-show-nee) peoples

**LET’S CELEBRATE Mar 8-14, 2026**

**Happy birthday to**

- Marjorie Dawson Mar 8
- George Bannister Mar 11
- Beatrice Boyer Mar 12
- Fred Sutherland Mar 14

**Coldest Night of the Year Walk Update**

“Thank you to all who supported me with a financial donation and well wishes for the Coldest Night Walk. I raised \$760 for Norfolk Youth Unlimited. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. “ Heather King

**MEMORIAL LILIES**

If you would like a fresh LILY to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form at the back of the Church and enclose a donation of \$10.00 per plant ordered. You are welcome to take your lily after Easter service. If you care to leave your plant, we donate them to be enjoyed by the residents of Dover Cliffs.

Please leave you request and donation in the offering plate or give to Carolyn Gamble or Win Wilson by March 22, 2026. Thankyou.

**Rev. Lyn’s Office Hours:**

**Tuesday mornings, 10am-12 noon.**

\*\*\*Please note: It is best practice to call to ensure there is someone in the office and that Rev. Lyn has not been called away on a Pastoral Emergency or in a meeting before heading to the church.\*\*\*

Sunday, March 8, 2026



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**Ministers: All People of the Community of Faith**

**Woodhouse Organist: Pat Tiller**

**Woodhouse Pianist: Marion Pepper**

**Grace Pianist: Cheryl Copeman**

**Office Administrator: Joan Wyatt**

**Licensed Lay Worship Leader: Heather King. LLWL**

**Church Calendar:**

**<http://graceunitedportdover.org/calendar>**

Day	Time	Event	Where
Mon	2:00 pm	UCW	WH
Tues	1:30 pm	UCW	Grace
Wed	3:00 pm 4:00	Grace Choir Grace Council	Sanctuary Zoom
Thur	9:00 am 10:00 am	Office Volunteer WH Choir	Parlour Woodhouse
Fri			
Sat			
Sun	9:30 am 11:00 am	Woodhouse S. Grace	Woodhouse Grace



