

MARCH 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent  
at Mountain Brook Baptist Church

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**Handbell Prelude**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
arr. Ronald Kauffman

**Voices in Bronze**

**Call to Worship**

*As I'm Finding My Voice*  
by Ruth Elaine Schram  
Sarah Rich and Lassic Hatley, directors

**Young Musicians and  
Music Makers Choirs**

Lord, you found me wandering in the cold, and you brought me into the fold; and it's your hand I will always hold as I follow you. Lord, you've claimed me as your very own, promised I will never walk alone. Lord, I want my heart to be your throne, as I follow you, as I follow you.

*Refrain:* Shepherd, gentle Shepherd, may I grow to be like you, as I'm finding my voice, help me, I pray.

As I'm learning who I'm meant to be on this journey of uncertainty, I will gladly follow where you lead. I will follow you, I will follow you.

*Refrain*

**\*Opening Sentences of Worship**

**Kely Hatley and Congregation**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Come nearer to God; return from the far country, from self-exile, from selfish desire. God awaits our return.

**People: God meets us on the way; his arms are open to welcome us.**

Leader: God welcomes the lost and celebrates our return.

*All: Let us worship God, whose lavish love awaits our homecoming, who rejoices when the lost are found.*

(Arlene Mark, based on Luke 15:1-3; 11-32)

**\*Hymn of Joy No. 605**

**Congregation**

*And Can It Be*  
SAGINA

**\*Invocation and Words of Welcome**

**Mark Rector**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Wayne Splawn**

**Offertory Reading**

Acts 11:29-30 (NIV)

**Amy Hirsch**

**Mission Partner of the Week and Prayer**

**Zsolt Novak—B18 Church**

**Amy Hirsch**

*Zsolt Novak planted and now pastors B18 Church in Budapest, Hungary after previously pastoring in Romania for several years. B18 is an intergenerational and diverse church that seeks to reach all people for the sake of the gospel of Jesus. B18 has grown to 250 people on an average Sunday and is seeing more people consider and come to church who previously had no faith or religious background. Most recently, B18 has seen an increased engagement and growth with college students and young adults from across the city. For more information about their ministry, please contact Sara Newell (saraskeltonnewell@hotmail.com).*

**\*We Present Our Offerings to God No. 706**

**Congregation**

*The Doxology*  
Old 100th (altered)

*(There is no Children's Message today. Children 3K-5K may meet Mrs. Sharon in the Narthex to go to Preschool Worship as the congregation sings the Doxology. If you are a guest and would like for your preschooler to go to Preschool Worship, please meet Mrs. Sharon in the Narthex to be sure your child has a check-in label for security purposes.)*

**The Reading of God's Word**

Isaiah 50:8-9 (NIV)

**Joel Burks**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Choral Anthem**

**Sanctuary Choir**

*Unshakable*  
by Karen Marroli  
Yuriko Yusada, violin and Libby Phillips, cello

Nothing can separate, nothing can separate us from the love, the love of our God. Nothing can separate, nothing can separate us from the love, the love of our God. No earthly power can hold us down. We will rise, we will rise out of the night! No moonless gloom is dark enough to keep us from the light. Nothing can separate, nothing can separate us from the love, the love of our God, the unshakable love of our God.

No earthly terror can break us down. We will stand against the roar!  
No raging flood is deep enough to keep us from the shore! And there is nothing on earth, no sea so vast, no gale so strong that it can ever erase the unshakable, unbreakable refuge of embrace! Nothing can separate, nothing can separate us from the love, the love of our God. Nothing can separate, nothing can separate us from the love, the love of our God, the unshakable love of our God.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**Ethan McVay and Congregation**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he rose

from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and now sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whom he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and everlasting life. Amen.

**Message**

**Wayne Splawn**

**“Nothing Will Separate Us From God’s Love”**

Romans 8:31-39  
pg. 801 (pew Bible)

**Hymn of Response No. 437**

**Congregation**

*How Wide the Love of Christ*  
FESTAL SONG

**\*Choral Benediction**

**Sanctuary Choir**

*O Return Ye Unto God!*  
by Fanny Crosby and William Doane

Hear the voice that entreats you, “O return ye unto God!” Hear the voice that entreats you, “O return ye unto God!” He is of great compassion and of wondrous love; hear the voice that entreats you, hear the voice that entreats you, “O return ye unto God! O return ye unto God!”

**Organ Postlude**

**Debbie Smith**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*  
arr. Paul Manz

\*Congregation standing

Amplified-hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please see a greeter for assistance.

*The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory  
of The Honorable Sonny Conwill by his daughter and son-in-law,  
Leslie and Chris, and grandsons, Conwill and Thomas.*