

Historic White Marsh Church

March 15, 2026

Prelude Marjie Lampkin

Hymn ~ 572 Blessed Assurance

Opening Prayer, Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-23 and Revelation 21:1-5
Bob Sutherland

Hymn ~ 712 Be Still, My Soul

Prayer & Praise

Kids Talk Sandi Sutherland

Hymn ~ 606 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Sermon: "Love That Restores All Things" Pastor Brad

Hymn ~ 353 Victory in Jesus

Benediction & Postlude

Visitors:

Welcome to our church! Please complete the visitor card at your pew, then either give it to Pastor Brad or place it in the wooden offering box on the table at the church entrance.

Sunday: Bible Explorers at 9:45 AM & Worship at 11:00 AM
Wednesday: Pray for Schools at 5:30 PM & Bible Study: 6:00 PM

Love That Restores All Things

Romans 8:18–23; Revelation 21:1–5

1. Creation Is Groaning—but Not Hopeless- Romans 8 reminds us that the world's suffering is real, but it is not meaningless. Creation is described as groaning like a woman in childbirth—painful, but purposeful.

2. God's Love Has Always Been Moving Forward - God promises liberation, replacement, and freedom. He is restoring creation to what it was always meant to be.

3. Christian Hope Is Not Denial - Biblical hope does not ignore suffering or pretend that life is easy. Because Christ has risen, we know restoration is coming.

4. A Glimpse of the End of the Story - Revelation reveals the destination of God's love: "The dwelling place of God is with man." From the Garden of Eden to the new creation, the purpose of redemption has always been restored relationship.

5. Restoration Shapes How We Live Today - Because God is making all things new, we live with hope, compassion, and courage.

6. Application: How we are to live as people of restoration -

- We live with hope in broken places.
- We care for people and creation.
- We resist despair and cynicism.
- We move through the Easter season expecting renewal.

Discussion Questions

1. Romans 8 describes creation "groaning" like childbirth. How does this image change the way we think about suffering in the world today?
2. What is the difference between repairing something and restoring it? How does this help us understand what God is doing in our lives?
3. Revelation 21 promises that God will "make all things new." How should this promise shape the way Christians respond to discouragement or brokenness now?
4. If God is restoring creation, what are some practical ways can we participate in His renewing work in our community and relationships?

Announcements for March 15, 2026:

Friendship Fellowship today, following the worship service, celebrating March birthdays with cake!

Prayer for Schools. Join us at HWMC for prayer on **Wednesday, March 18, at 5:30 p.m.**

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting on **Wednesday, March 18, at 6:00 p.m.**



March Celebrations

Birthdays

Sandi Sutherland - March 3

Jesse Dize - March 8

Lisa Szumigala - March 15

Naomi Vaughan - March 18

Tithes & Offerings: Please use the wooden **offering box** or *mail your offering to: PO Box 24, Lancaster, VA 22503. Thank you!*

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