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**Third Sunday in Lent**  
*8:00 a.m. Worship Service w/ communion*  
*10:30 a.m. Worship Service*

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*The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.*

# GATHERING

[congregation reads bold]

**Bell**

**Announcements**

**Prelude:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* -setting by Robert Buckley Farlee

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

# Gathering Hymn

## In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, from the cross the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872  
Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*All may be seated*

## First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

*After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.*

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the

sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 19 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)**

*The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)*

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get  
dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your  
sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

*The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.*

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

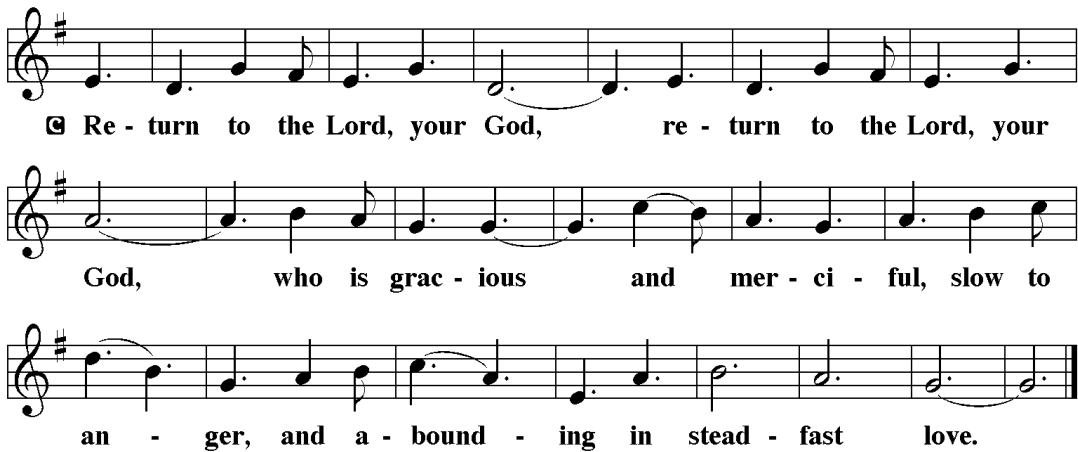
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. *The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## The Gospel Verse



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your  
God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to  
an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

### The Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22

*Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.*

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

## Sermon

## Time of Silent Reflection *(remain seated)*

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## Hymn of the Day

### All My Hope on God Is Founded



1 All my hope on God is found - ed who will all my  
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
3 Great thy good-ness, e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom,  
4 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



trust re - new, who through change and chance will guide me,  
tray our trust; what with care and toil we fash - ion,  
pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light, and life at - tend thee,  
praise be - done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing



on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - known, God a -  
tow'r and tem - ple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by  
beau - ty spring - ing out of naught. Ev - er - more from thy  
for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call one and



lone, call my heart to be thine own.  
hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.  
store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.  
all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.



## Nicene Creed

In the words of the Creed, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land. Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family. We pray for those preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Dean, Lester, Nat, Lori, Lisa, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Barry, Rumpun, Donna, Nancy, Kathy, Carolyn, Robin, Hope, Jenan, Roger, Kris, Roger, Connie, Remy, Kathy, Ed, Sonny, Sally, Phyllis*. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week, *Leslie, Glenn, Joshua, Carina, Christine, Ira, Ethan, Alice, Joanne*. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For those celebrating anniversaries this week, *Bill & Linda*. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ in neighboring congregations. May your light shine brightly for all, sharing in your love and your peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray especially for New Life, New Tripoli. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**The Peace** – *Please share the peace in any manner comfortable to you.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Offertory:** (8:00) *Where Cross the Crowded Ways*

(10:30) *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

-The Jordan Chorale

-arr. Roger C. Wilson

-Wayne Wold

**(8:00) Offering**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*After the offering is gathered, all who are able are invited to stand.*

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## **(8:00) Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray for this in your name. Amen.**

## (10:30) Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.  
After the offering is gathered, all who are able are invited to stand.

### We Give Thee but Thine Own



- 1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
- 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
- 3 Hearts still are bruised and dead, and homes are bare and cold,
- 4 To com - fort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
and lambs for whom the Shep - herd bled are stray - ing from the fold.  
to tend those lost in lone - li - ness, is an - gels' work be - low.

- 5 The captive to release,  
the lost to God to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace—  
it is a Christlike thing.

- 6 And we believe thy word,  
though dim our faith may be:  
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,  
we do it unto thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
Music: HEATH, Mason and Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

## (10:30) Offering Prayer

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

[The 10:30 service continues on p. 15 with The Lord's Prayer]

# THE MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

[The 10:30 service continues here]

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Lord taught us:

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

[The 10:30 service continues on p. 19 with The Sending]

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

*All may be seated*

## Communion

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ, shed for you." And each person may respond, "Amen."*

## Lamb of God

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



## The Distribution (Altar Rail Distribution)

### Communion Hymns

#### Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;

Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

### *Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989

Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine

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After all have returned to their places  
*All who are able are invited to stand*

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen,  
keep and unite us, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Song after Communion



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

## Prayer after Communion

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**Amen.**

[The 10:30 service continues here]

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### Blessing

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

### Sending Hymn

#### Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains four lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and some melodic lines.

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day,  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Jesus, Still Lead On*

-arr. John Blackburn

# EASTER TRIBUTES

To honor or memorialize a loved one, please fill out this form and return it (along with your check or cash) to the church office or place in the offering plate no later than Palm Sunday. All tributes will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletins. Additional forms are available in the foyer or church office.

Palm Sunday  
is March 24th

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number or email \_\_\_\_\_ Env. No. \_\_\_\_\_



\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Flowers (\$12.00 per memorial flower)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hunger Donation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Fund Donation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Pantry Donation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total



*One tribute per form, please*

In honor of (living)

\_\_\_\_\_  
In memory of (deceased)

By

\_\_\_\_\_

For office use only – do not detach

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## Easter Tributes

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. or EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ENV. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Please check:     Flower (F51)     Hunger Fund (F849)     Memorial Fund (F700)     Pantry (F600)



### *Mid-Week Lenten Service*

*(Holden Evening Prayer)*

February 21 thru March 20

6:00 p.m. Soup Suppers in the Memory Room

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

### *Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24*

March 24 at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

### *Maundy Thursday*

Service with Holy Communion

March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

### *Good Friday*

Tenebrae Service

March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

### *Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt*

Saturday, March 30, at 10:00 a.m.

in the Family Center (rain or shine)

### *Easter Sunday, March 31*

*The Resurrection of Our Lord*

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

Outdoors at the cemetery, weather permitting

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Services with Holy Communion

**The Lord's Table** at Jordan Church is an open table. If you are a baptized Christian of any church, believe in the Lord's presence in the sacrament and have received the sacrament before, you are welcome to receive with us. If you are not able to receive, please come forward for a pastoral blessing. To come forward, simply follow the direction of the ushers.

**Distribution method** is noted in the order for worship.

**ALTAR RAIL DISTRIBUTION:** As you come forward, please take an empty cup with you to the altar rail. If you choose not to consume wine, grape juice is available. Come to the altar rail without a glass and a communion assistant will offer you the grape juice in a pre-filled glass.

**INTINCTION DISTRIBUTION:** Come forward and receive a wafer. Then dip it into either the wine (the cup in the center of the bread plate) or the grape juice (in the separate cup held by the second assistant). If you want additional time at the altar, please step to center of the altar rail out of the flow of other worshippers. You are invited to kneel if you wish.

**Gluten-free wafers** are available – please indicate your need to the communion assistant.

You are asked to fill out **communion cards** clearly and completely, one card per person. Visitors are asked to fill out the address of their home church (if you identify with one) so we may forward the card there. Take a moment also before leaving to sign our guest book, located in the entrance area.

If it is necessary to **leave the sanctuary** during worship, please refrain, if possible, from doing so during the reading of scripture or the Eucharistic prayers so as not to distract other worshippers.

The use of **electronic devices** during worship is discouraged. Please turn off cell phones or place on vibrate before the start of the service.

**Hearing assistance** is available for members and visitors to Jordan. Please see an usher to arrange to use a receiver. A Koala Bear **baby changing station** is located in the handicapped restroom across from the church offices (in the new section). Children's welcome bags and bulletins are located in the narthex. Please ask ushers for help.

**Restrooms** are located through the left side doors of the chancel; then left through the french doors; restrooms located in the foyer on the right.

**Children in grade 9 and younger** are asked to remain in the Memory Room when consuming refreshments during the fellowship hours.

**Please be sensitive** to the fact that many people are allergic to or bothered by **strong scents** (perfume, aftershave, etc.), particularly when many people are gathered closely together, as for **worship services**.

**For Parents of young children:** We are grateful that God has blessed Jordan with so many young children. Worshiping with young children is a special privilege and joy for all of us. We enjoy the sounds of children in our worship. However, if you sense the need for a "calming break" feel free to take him/her to the Memory Room or Nursery (located through the doors on the left side of the altar) where you can continue to hear and be involved in the worship.

If you are interested in **becoming a member of Jordan**, please speak with the pastor following the service or call the church office (610-395-5912).

**Announcements** for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office before 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. Deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.



# JELC NEWS for the Week of Mar. 3 - 9

## **TODAY (3)**

-9:15am, Sunday School & Circle of Faith  
 -9:30am, Chorale  
 -6:30pm, AA Meeting

## **MON (4)**

-6:30pm, Jordanians Bowlers  
 -7:00pm, Boy Scouts  
 -5:00pm, Lacrosse, Family Ctr.  
 -7:30pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

## **TUES (5)**

-9:30am, Staff Meeting  
 -5:00pm, Brownies, Social Hall  
 -5:30pm, Basketball, Family Ctr.  
 -7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## **WED (6)**

-9:00am, Prayer Shawl  
 -5:00pm, Lacrosse, Family Ctr.  
 -6:00pm, Lenten Soup Supper, Memory Rm.  
 -6:15pm, Friendship Ringers  
 -6:30pm, Canon Choir  
 -7:00pm, Mid-Week Lenten Service  
 -7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

## **THU (7)**

9am-4pm, Rising Roots Homeschool  
 -5:00pm, Youth Lacrosse, Family Ctr.  
 -7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall  
 -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## **FRI (8)**

-4:00pm, Youth Badminton, Family Ctr.  
 -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.  
 -9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## **SAT (9)**

-1:00pm, Lacrosse, Family Ctr.  
 -3:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## **Save the Dates**

*March 12th to 24th* - Collection of candy for the Easter Egg Hunt - Memory Room boxes  
*March 24th* - stuff eggs - between services - Memory Room  
*March 30th* - Easter Egg Hunt - 10 am

## **Attendance**

**2/24/24**

**8:00 - 41**

**10:30 - 52**

Ash Wed. - 44

Wed. 2/28 -

## **Sponsors**

**Bulletins** are given in honor of grandson Tighe's 15th birthday, by Larry and Donna Hahn.

2024 marks the **290<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jordan!**

We are looking for interested people to form a committee to come up with ideas to celebrate this milestone. If you'd like to be a part of it, contact Glenn Hahn at 610-597-8038 or [gandk5124@verizon.net](mailto:gandk5124@verizon.net)

Thrivent Members: Please consider directing your Choice Dollars to Jordan. Your remaining 2023 Thrivent Choice dollars must be directed **by March 31, 2024.**

Average weekly expenses: \$8,259	
Current annual surplus/(deficit): \$4,898	
Weekly collections	
Jan 21-27	\$4,485
Jan 28-Feb 3	\$23,837
Feb 4-10	\$5,528
Feb 11-17	\$5,861

## *Say a Prayer & Send a Card & Pay a Visit*

**Fellowship Community:** Lillian Semmel, Donald Laudenslager

**Lehigh Commons:** Janet Stettler

**Cedar Crest Post Acute:** Reed Klotz

**Parkland Manor:** Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

**Heather Glen:** Sonny Laudenslager, Anna Bieber

**Home:** Margaret Smith, Dale Gogel, Richard Seltzer, Roger Schoemaker, Carolyn Flemish

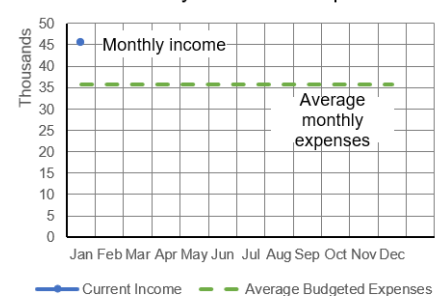
**Please keep these people in your prayers:** Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Nat Hager, Lori Kocher, Lisa Williams, Kim Friend, Bethany Friend, Jon Conrad, Barry Dorney, Rumpun Heller, Donna Stark, Nancy Troutman, Kathy Attieh, Carolyn Flemish, Robin, Hope Grace, Jenan, Roger Shambough, Kris, Roger, Connie, Remy Sedlock, Kathy Lutterschmidt, Ed Rabenold, Sonny Laudenslager, Sally Crowe, Phyllis German

**Birthdays this week:** Leslie Dennis, Glenn Wagner, Joshua Smith, Carina Epting, Christine Hivzdak, Ira Van Scyoc, Ethan Russell, Alice Schneck, Joanne Hemmis

**Anniversaries this week:** Bill & Linda Hendricks (48)

**Look for Easter Tribute forms in the literature racks and included with bulletins and your March newsletter.**

2024 Monthly Income vs Expenses



## **SPONSORSHIPS**

**Altar Flowers:** Mar. 10, 31; May 19, 26; June 2, 9, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 28

**Altar flowers may be sponsored for \$40/2 vase, or \*\$20/1 vase\*; Bulletins for \$20.**

**HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS:** Contact Donna Hahn at 610-295-9148 or [dhahn16@gmail.com](mailto:dhahn16@gmail.com) with your choice of dates(s) and sponsorships(s). **Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the last service or want them taken to shut-ins.** If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut-ins.

Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate.

**SPONSORSHIP POLICY:** Flowers and other sponsorships may be reserved no earlier than one year from the chosen date. If you wish to reserve the same weekend for the following year, you may do so the day after the current year's sponsorship. No dates will be held; the first request for a date (within the one year limit) will be taken regardless of the previous year's sponsor.

## **Worship Assistants**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>3/3</b>	<b>3/10</b>	<b>3/17</b>	<b>3/24</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:00-S Wagaman 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-I & G Martz-Shelton	8:00-C Rabenold 10:30-K Leonard	8:00-L Daniels 10:30-C Heilman
<b>Lector</b>	8:00-D Mancke 10:30-J Siegfried	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-J Boscia	8:00- 10:30-K Boardman	8:00- 10:30-
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:00-B Epting 10:30-C Wozniak	8:00-P Shafer 10:30-O Wozniak	8:00-I Strohl 10:30-N Heckman	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-D Dreisbach
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00- 10:30-Boscia family	8:00- 10:30-Boscia family	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
<b>Bell Toller</b>	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-S Hamil	8:00-D Stark 10:30-J Steiner	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-J Siegfried	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-J Steiner
<b>Video</b>	10:30-O Wozniak	10:30-D Clark	10:30-D Clark	10:30-O Wozniak
<b>SAT</b>	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-

**Please look at the dates we have no one scheduled and give a call to the name listed below for the area(s) you can help with!**  
**Altar Guild**/Lynn Daniels [ljd2167@yahoo.com](mailto:ljd2167@yahoo.com) // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia [Julie.boscia@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.boscia@gmail.com) // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman [sgarboglio@yahoo.com](mailto:sgarboglio@yahoo.com) // **Ushers** /John Weremedic [miner70@ptd.net](mailto:miner70@ptd.net) // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil [hamilsre@gmail.com](mailto:hamilsr@gmail.com) // **SAT**/Doug Clark [d.clark854@gmail.com](mailto:d.clark854@gmail.com) // **Video**/Tom Daniels [tkdaniels@ptd.net](mailto:tkdaniels@ptd.net)

### **Contribution Statements**

for your 2023 giving are available to pick up in the Memory Room.

### **Mid-Week Lent 2024**

Holden Evening Prayer services are scheduled for 7:00 on the Wednesdays of Lent (excluding Wednesday of Holy Week). A Soup Supper precedes each Wednesday service at 6:00 p.m. in the Memory Room. Ingrid Martz, Judy Grim and Darlene Wenhold will oversee the suppers. Look for sign-up sheets to bring soup, salad, bread, or dessert.

### **Family Promise**

Remaining hosting weeks for 2024 are - Mar 3, Aug 4 & 11, & Nov 3 & 10.

The sign-upgenius links are here & you can always find the links on the Jordan website - > Ministries - > Outreach

March 3 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45AEA82FAAF85-46648527-hosting>

Rising Roots homeschool group uses the Middle Floor most Thursdays during the school year. This same space is used for our FP guests as bedrooms, for volunteers to sleep and for eating and fellowship. Each week we host FP, the space must be converted every Thursday morning to be useable for the homeschool group, then converted back at the end of the day to be useable for our families. Help is needed to convert those rooms, and to launder the sheets and towels at the conclusion of our hosting weeks. More specific information is available on our website and in a congregational email you received last week. Call or email Dean with any questions at 484-241-6992 or [wagaman@ptd.net](mailto:wagaman@ptd.net). Thank you for your prayers and support!

### **Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration, Saturday, March 30, 2024**

Registration at 9:30 am, event begins at 10 am in the Family Center for children 12 and under. Activities for children include crafts, jellybean and candy guessing, children's skit, goody bags and prizes! Invite your friends and neighbors too!

### **Egg Hunt prep needed**

Help is needed, Sunday, March 24, between the worship services to stuff eggs, prepare jellybean bags and goody bags for the upcoming egg hunt.

Volunteer opportunities are also needed the day of the egg hunt, during the event to help at table stations and after to clean-up. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Memory Room to indicate your participation. Thank you!

### **Egg Hunt Candy and Gift Card Donations Collected March 3 - 24**

Egg Hunt candy and gift card donations are needed for the egg hunt. Donation tags will be posted in the Memory Room to indicate your participation. Please donate individually wrapped candy bags by Sunday, March 24, in the Drop Box in the Memory Room. Gift card donations are to be placed in an envelope marked "Egg Hunt" in the offering plate. Thank you!