



**March 10, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
*8:00 a.m. Worship Service*  
*10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/ communion*

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The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

# GATHERING

[congregation reads bold]

**Bell**

**Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

-setting by Robert J. Powell

*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

## Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as praise thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947  
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## 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

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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: Numbers 21:4-9

*Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live. *The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)**

*You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107:19)*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;  
through their sins they were afflicted.**

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all manner of food  
and drew near to death's door.

<sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD  
and you delivered them from their distress.**

<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your word and healed them  
and rescued them from the grave.

<sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.**

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10**

*While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.*

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own

doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. *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 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## The Holy Gospel: John 3:14-21

*To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the

light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All may be seated*

## **Children’s Sermon**

### **Sermon**

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

*All who are able are invited to stand*

### **Hymn of the Day**

# What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.  
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## **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.*

Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, disaster, and war. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and wildlife. Cleanse oceans and rivers. Make us good stewards of the earth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Righteous God, your love liberates. We give thanks for those who courageously witness to your liberating love. Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. Strengthen health care workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who suffer from illness and pain *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Dean, Lester, Nat, Lori, Lisa, Kim, Bethany, Jon, 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, *Conner, Patrick, William, John, Laura, Michael, Nathaniel, Wesley, Lee*. 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, *James & Terry*. 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 Holy Trinity, Northampton, and Gary Walbert (pastoral care). 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) *What Wondrous Love Is This*

-setting by David N. Johnson

(10:30) *God So Loved the World*

-Wayne L. Wold

-The Jordan Chorale

## **(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.*

## 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

### (8:00) 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.**

## (10:30) Offering

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

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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.

## (10:30) 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.**

[The 8:00 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 8:00 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 8:00 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

### O Christ, Our Hope

1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's  
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den  
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som  
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us  
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry

might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by  
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to  
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in  
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by  
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through

ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:  
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.  
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.  
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.  
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.  
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

# There in God's Garden

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
 sec there the ten - drils of our hu - man  
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,  
 this my resurrection;  
 into your hands, Lord,  
 I commit my spirit.  
 This have I searched for;  
 now I can possess it.  
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,  
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion  
 offers in mercy  
 healing, strength, and pardon.  
 Peoples and nations,  
 take it, take it freely!"  
 Amen! My Master!

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590-c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917-1982  
 Music: K. Lee Scott, b. 1950

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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 8:00 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

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *My Song Is Love Unknown*

-setting by Benjamin M. Culli

## 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

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 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. w/communion

### *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. 10 - 16

## TODAY (10)

-8:50am, Cherub Choir  
 -9:15am, Sunday School & Circle of Faith  
 -9:30am, Chorale  
 -6:30pm, AA Meeting

## MON (11)

-6:30pm, Jordanians Bowlers  
 -7:00pm, Boy Scouts  
 -7:30pm, Parkland Garden Club, Memory Rm.  
 -5:00pm, Lacrosse, Family Ctr.  
 -7:30pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

## TUES (12)

-1:30pm, Game Day, M6/8  
 -6:30pm, Bible Study, Rm. 8  
 -5:30pm, Basketball, Family Ctr.  
 -7:00pm, Finance Com.  
 -7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## WED (13)

-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 (14) 9am-4pm, Rising Roots Homeschool

-5:00pm, Youth Lacrosse, Family Ctr.  
 -7:00pm, Church Council  
 -7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall  
 -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## FRI (15)

-4:00pm, Youth Badminton, Family Ctr.  
 -5:00pm, Jr. Gyros  
 -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.  
 -9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## SAT (16)

-1:00pm, Lacrosse, 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

3/3/24  
 8:00 - 42  
 10:30 - 59  
 Wed. 2/28 - 41

## No sponsors today

## 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.**

## 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, 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:** Conner Wiedman, Patrick Helsley, William Hendricks, John Weremedic, Laura Garrison, Michael Kerschner, Nathaniel Benner, Wesley Filipovits, Lee Kreidler

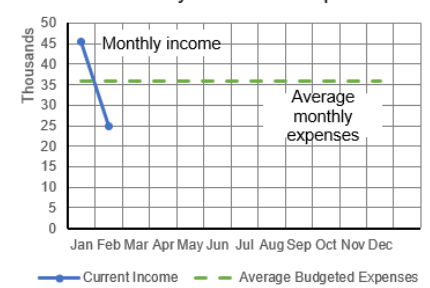
**Anniversaries this week:** James & Terry Gannon (31)

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

Average weekly expenses: \$8,259  
 Current annual surplus/(deficit): (\$4,503)

Weekly collections	
Feb 11-17	\$5,594
Feb 18-24	\$6,465
Feb 25-Mar 2	\$6,808
Mar 3-9	\$7,355

2024 Monthly Income vs Expenses



## SPONSORSHIPS

**Altar Flowers:** Mar. 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

DATE	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/31
<b>Altar Guild</b>	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	8:00-L Daniels 10:30-C Heilman
<b>Lector</b>	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-J Boscia	8:00-M Peters 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-M Peters 10:30-J Kurtz	8:00-R Shafer 10:30-J Boscia
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:00-P Shafer 10:30-O Wozniak	8:00-I Strohl 10:30-N Heckman	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-D Dreisbach	8:00-L Epting 10:30-N Heckman
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00- 10:30-Boscia family	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
<b>Bell Toller</b>	8:00-D Stark 10:30-J Steiner	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-J Siegfried	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-J Steiner	8:00-D Stark 10:30-S Hamil
<b>Video</b>	10:30-D Clark	10:30-D Clark	10:30-O Wozniak	10:30-D Dreisbach
<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:hamilsre@gmail.com) // **SAT**/Doug Clark [d.clark854@gmail.com](mailto:d.clark854@gmail.com) // **Video**/Tom Daniels [tkdaniels@ptd.net](mailto:tkdaniels@ptd.net)

### 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.

### 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!

### Readers Needed for Palm Sunday

We need several people to take the smaller parts for the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday. Most parts are only a few lines. Teens and older Sunday School students are welcome, too! It's a meaningful way to help our congregation prepare for Holy Week. Call or email the church office.

### Clothing Drive Continued!

Please bring your donated items to church and place your bags in the available bins located at the Office Entrance or the Social Hall during the following drop off times: Sunday mornings before worship or Monday - Friday, 10 am - 3 pm. Next pick up date is April 6th. Proceeds benefit Jordan youth.

## Dates to Save!

**Mother's Day Brunch - Saturday, May 4th - 10 am - Empty Nest Crafters, presenters - Memory Room**  
**"Faith Night" Iron Pigs Baseball Game - Friday, June 7th - 7:05 pm - Coca-Cola Park, Allentown**  
**Vacation Bible School - June 17 - 21, from 9am - 11:45 am - Family Center**