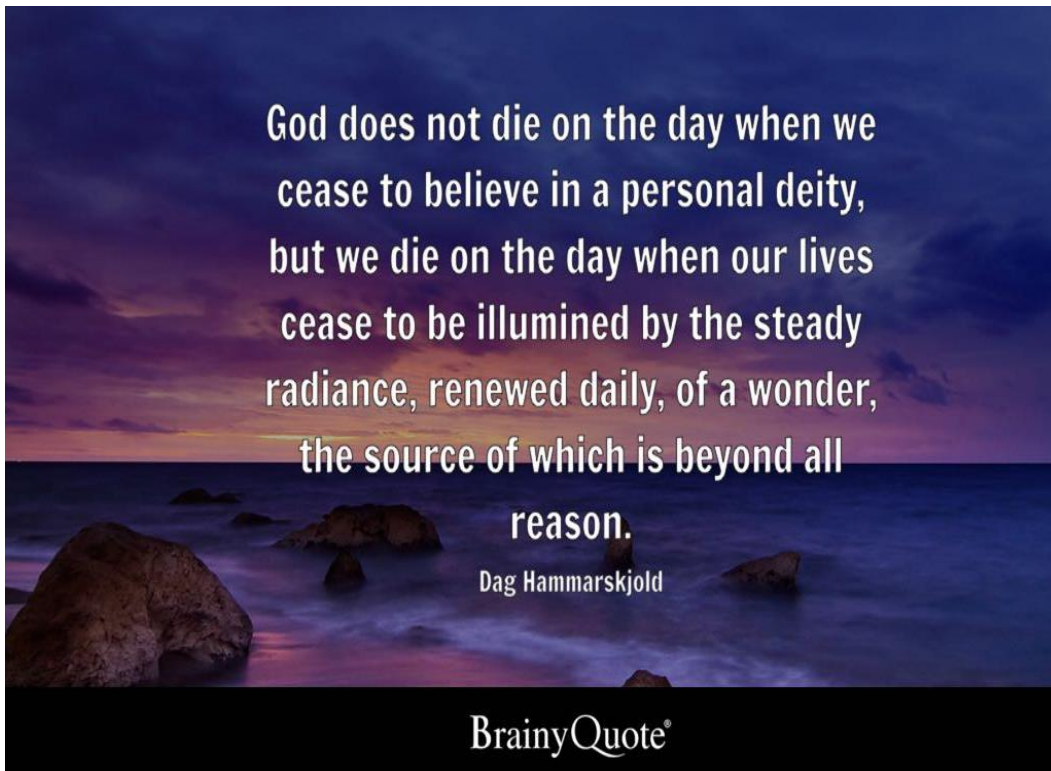


## Fifth Sunday in Lent



**March 26, 2023 + 10:00 am**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**  
*an adventure for life!*

## **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **In Preparation for Worship**

- **Within the sanctuary** please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- **Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation**, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- **Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order** are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- **Assistive hearing devices** are available from the ushers.
- **Please silence your cell phone.**

## **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

***I Need Thee Every Hour***, arr. Mary McDonald

**Welcome**

Please stand in body or spirit

## Hymn

## Bless Now, O God, the Journey

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Kyrie

In peace, in peace,

Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,  
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
mer - cy.

Detailed description: This block contains three staves of musical notation for the Kyrie section. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The Assistant's part is a single line of music. The Congregation's part consists of two lines of music, with the first line corresponding to the first two lines of lyrics and the second line corresponding to the third line of lyrics.

For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of  
all ... (Refrain)

For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to  
live your Word ... (Refrain)

Assistant: Congregation:

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.  
A - - - men.

Detailed description: This block contains two staves of musical notation for the Refrain section. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second staff is for the Congregation. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - - - men." The Assistant's part is a single line of music. The Congregation's part is a single line of music with a long note for the word "A" followed by three dashes and the word "men."

*Please be seated*

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

### Reading

**Ezekiel 37:1-14** (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

[Ezekiel said,] God grabbed me. God's Spirit took me up and set me down in the middle of an open plain strewn with bones. The Spirit led me around and among them—a lot of bones! There were bones all over the plain—dry bones, bleached by the sun.

God said to me, "Human One, can these bones live?"

I said, "God, only you know that."

God said to me, "Prophecy over these bones: 'Dry bones, listen to the Message of God!'"

God told the dry bones, "Watch this: I'm bringing the breath of life to you and you'll come to life. I'll attach sinews to you, put meat on your bones, cover you with skin, and breathe life into you. You'll come alive and you'll realize that I am God!"

I prophesied just as I'd been commanded. As I prophesied, there was a sound and, oh, rustling! The bones moved and came together, bone to bone. I kept watching. Sinews formed, then muscles on the bones, then skin stretched over them. But they had no breath in them.

God said to me, "Prophecy to the breath. Prophecy, Human One. Tell the breath, 'God says, Come from the four winds. Come, breath. Breathe on these slain bodies. Breathe life!'"

So I prophesied, just as God commanded me. The breath entered them and they came alive! They stood up on their feet, a huge army.

Then God said to me, "Human One, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Listen to what they're saying: 'Our bones are dried up, our hope is gone, there's nothing left of us.'

"Therefore, prophecy. Tell them, 'God says: I'll dig up your graves and bring you out alive—O my people! Then I'll take you straight to the land of Israel. When I dig up graves and bring you out as my people, you'll realize that I am God. I'll breathe my life into you and you'll live. Then I'll lead you straight back to your land and you'll realize that I am God. I've said it and I'll do it. God's Decree.'"

May we listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Amen.**

## Psalm 130



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Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

**O LORD, | hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.**

If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, | who could stand?

**Yet with you | is forgiveness,**

**in order that you | may be feared.**

I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;

in your word | is my hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,**

**more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;

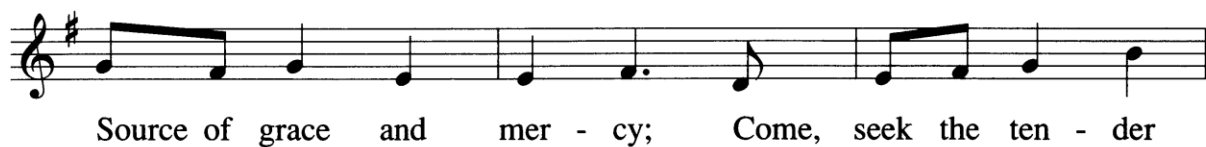
with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

**For the LORD shall | redeem Israel**

**from | all their sins.**

*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation



**Gospel**            **John 11:1,3-7, 14, 16, 20-48** (The Message, inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

A man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha....So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Master, the one you love so very much is sick."

When Jesus got the message, he said, "This sickness is not fatal. It will become an occasion to show God's glory by glorifying God's Beloved One."

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, but oddly, when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed on where he was for two more days.

After the two days, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea.... "Our friend Lazarus has died. And I am glad for your sakes that I wasn't there. You're about to be given new grounds for believing. Now let's go to him."....

Martha heard Jesus was coming and went out to meet him. Mary remained in the house.

Martha said, "Master, if you'd been here, my brother wouldn't have died.

Even now, I know that whatever you ask, God will give you."

Jesus said, "Your brother will be raised up."

Martha replied, "I know that he will be raised up in the resurrection at the end of time."

"You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Master. All along I have believed that you are the Messiah, the Beloved of God who comes into the world."

After saying this, she went to her sister Mary and whispered in her ear,

"The Teacher is here and is asking for you."

The moment she heard that, she jumped up and ran out to him....Mary came to where Jesus was waiting and fell at his feet, saying, "Master, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her sobbing and those with her sobbing, a deep anger welled up within him. He said, "Where did you put him?"

"Master, come and see," they said. Now Jesus wept.

The people said, "Look how deeply he loved him."

Others among them said, "Well, if he loved him so much, why didn't he do something to keep him from dying? After all, he opened the eyes of a blind person."

Then Jesus, the anger again welling up within him, arrived at the tomb. It was a simple cave in the hillside with a slab of stone laid against it. Jesus said, "Remove the stone."

The sister of the dead man, Martha, said, “Master, by this time there’s a stench. He’s been dead four days!”  
Jesus looked her in the eye. “Didn’t I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”  
Then, to the others, “Go ahead, take away the stone.”  
They removed the stone. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, “Abba, I’m grateful that you have listened to me. I know you always do listen, but on account of this crowd standing here I’ve spoken so that they might believe that you sent me.”  
Then he shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” And he came out, a cadaver, wrapped from head to toe, and with a kerchief over his face. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him loose.”  
That was a turning point for many who were with Mary. They saw what Jesus did, and believed in him. But some went back to the Pharisees and told on Jesus. The high priests and Pharisees called a meeting of the Jewish ruling body. “What do we do now?” they asked. “This man keeps on doing things, creating God-signs. If we let him go on, pretty soon everyone will be believing in him and the Romans will come and remove what little power and privilege we still have.”

The Gospel of the Lord

*Please be seated*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message**

***A LIFE LIT BY WONDER***



## Ministry of Music

### *How Beautiful*

Paris/Larson  
Senior Choir

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread  
And the children of earth.

How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads  
And the hill to the cross.

REFRAIN How beautiful, how beautiful,  
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin  
And bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes  
that chose to forgive and never despise.

REFRAIN

And as He laid down His life, we offer this  
Sacrifice that we will live just as He died:  
Willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news  
And the love of the King.

How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread  
And the children of earth.

REFRAIN

## Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Community Prayers

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreiness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Kathleen Zwanziger, Laura Warren's brother Walt Hudson, Julie Larson and husband Eli receiving cancer treatment in Houston, Karen Kent, Phillip Hall and Kirstin Roberts, Gordon Shull, Sheryl Clinger

The people of Christ Lutheran Church, Columbus; Redeemer community member Bonnie Hegreiness

## Children's Time

### Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

*Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.*

*Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.*

*In body or spirit, please stand*

### Offertory

### Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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# Great Thanksgiving

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 God thanks and praise." The score is divided into parts for the Presider and the Congregation. The Presider's part is indicated by the label "Presider:" above the staff, and the Congregation's part is indicated by "Congregation:" above the staff. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical notes.

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with  
*Presider:* you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We  
*Presider:* lift them to the Lord. Let us give  
*Congregation:* thanks to the Lord our God. It is  
right to give God thanks and praise.

We are right to praise you, faithful God! You answer sin with grace; you guide our wayward steps toward home. You are mending for the broken, safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast, strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner.

You reveal your kindness in every sorrow, your mercy even in death. All your creatures see your works; they sing your steadfast love.

We too declare your wonder and grace as with angels and saints we sing:

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Now, O God, we remember Jesus. He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried. He relied on you for everything. He was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world. He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble. He was betrayed and deserted. He died between thieves and was buried in a borrowed grave. You gave him new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend. He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.

Even on the night of betrayal, he ate supper with his friends. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper, he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Holy Spirit, come! Make all things new. Bless this bread which you have given and human hands have made. Let it become for us the bread of life. Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. Let it become for us the cup of salvation.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to say:

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

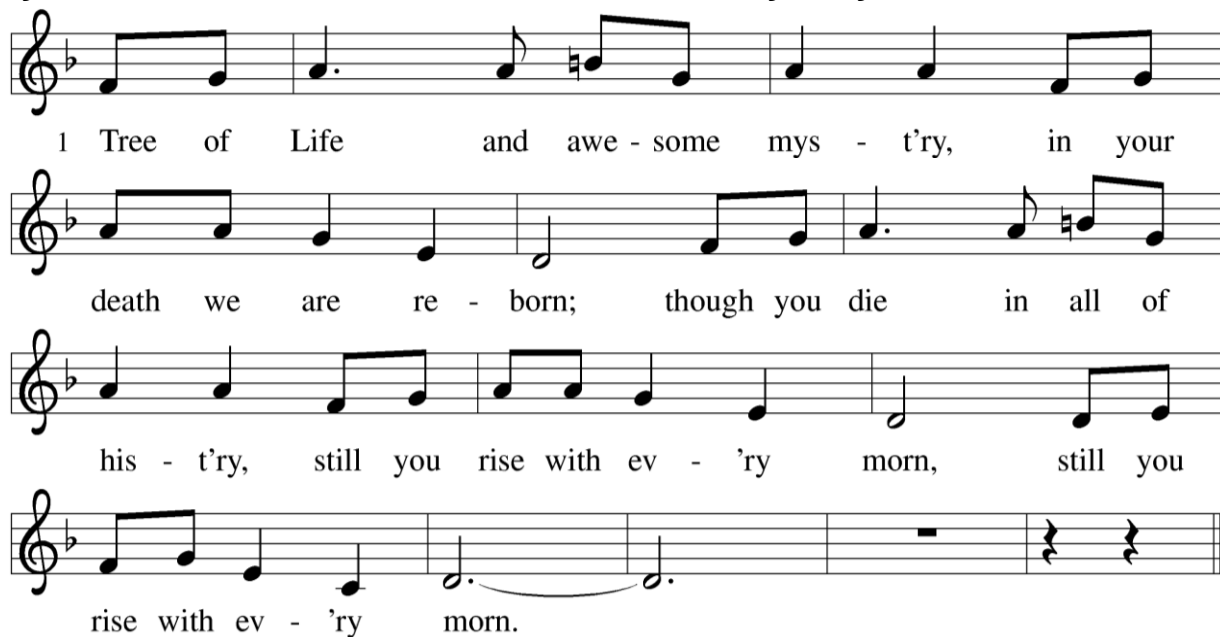
## Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.  
So do we.

*Please be seated*

*You may come forward to receive the elements, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.*

## Hymn Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
rise with ev - 'ry morn.

*Lent 5*  
God of all our fear and sorrow,  
God who lives beyond our death,  
hold us close through each tomorrow,  
love as near as every breath.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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Hymn

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915  
 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832-1915

Please stand in body or spirit

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion — oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Restore in Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***, arr. Mark Hayes

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**Redeemer's mission: To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all**  
**Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community**

## Adult Ed Class

led by our LIC student  
Marit Johnson

Discussions on articles from the *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* February/March issue, titled "Il/legal Abortion: Lutheran Ethical Responses Post-Dobbs." Together participants will read articles from the journal, look at the ELCA's 1991 Social Statement on Abortion, and share insights on ways to talk about this divisive topic from a Lutheran ethics perspective.

Dave Shull will lead today's discussion.

IN-PERSON and ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86928691370?pwd=VkRHYXRiITllOaG9tcjFDRGJFQlJldz09>

Meeting ID: 869 2869 1370 +++ Passcode: 603299  
Phone Only: 312-626-6799

## Sunday School



for all ages

Sunday, April 2

11:15 am



Lenten Soup and Conversation  
Noon – 1:00  
Wednesdays in March  
Narthex



Midweek Lenten Evening Prayer

Wednesdays March 1-29

7:00 pm

In-Person and Livestream





## The book of Obadiah Bible Study

March 22 – 1:00-2:30 pm

Join us in-person or on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89816662484?pwd=UnpVZHV3M2ZTZW14K1RlVnRySXIiQT09>

Meeting ID: 898 1666 2484

Passcode: 072258

Phone only: 646-876-9923



## Journaling Workshop

7:00 pm

March 28

In-Person - Narthex



Wednesday, April 19

7-8:30 pm

## The Personal Librarian

by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray  
Copies are available in public libraries.

Donna Voelkel, who recommended the book, says this about it: "*Personal Librarian* is written as a historical novel. Belle da Costa Greene, a young black librarian who identified herself as white, was hired by financier J.P. Morgan to manage and create a library for his large collections. After Morgan's death, Belle was successful in encouraging J.P. Morgan's son, Jack, to turn the library into a public institution to honor his father. There is much more to say, but that's for the reader to find out and discuss!"

IN-PERSON and ZOOM

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Meeting ID: 865 8150 4887 \*\*\* Passcode 274918 \*\*\* Phone Only: 312-626-6799



## Rally

27 March

7:00 pm

Temple Tifereth Israel



Birthdays this week:  
27 – Margie Farnham  
30 – Colin Young  
1 – Gabriel Reinoehl

## HOLY WEEK



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday  
April 6

IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with  
Foot- and Hand-Washing  
7:00 pm

Good Friday  
April 7

Hosting Christ United Methodist Church  
Seven Last Words of Christ  
IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship  
7:00 pm

Resurrection of Our Lord  
Sunday, April 9

IN-PERSON Worship  
8:30 am

Easter Brunch  
9:45 am

LIVESTREAM and IN-PERSON Worship  
11:00 am

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jon Disbro
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal / Kiarra Santiago
<b>Reader</b>	Jon Disbro, Miles Smith
<b>Cantor</b>	Heidi Sherer
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Ruth Murray
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
<b>Producers</b>	April Smith, Sue Yehling
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Becky Fisher, Kay Ernsthausen

*Noisy Offering will go to CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MARCH MARCH 26 – APRIL 2

<b>Today</b>	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm	BREAD Rally
	7:30 pm	Worship Team
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
<b>Wednesday</b>	noon	Lenten Soup and Conversation
	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Lenten Evening Prayer
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	<b>Sunday School Easter Party</b>
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class

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