

Third Sunday in Lent



"Whither Thou Goest"

Sandy Freckleton Gagon, 2006

March 3, 2024

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.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Arioso/Ash Grove, arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to

that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and

vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es

all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

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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, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Ruth 1:1-22 (Common English Bible)

A reading from the book of Ruth

During the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. A man with his wife and two sons went from Bethlehem of Judah to dwell in the territory of Moab. The name of that man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They entered the territory of Moab and settled there.

But Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died. Then only she was left, along with her two sons. They took wives for themselves, Moabite women; the name of the first was Orpah and the name of the second was Ruth. And they lived there for about ten years.

But both of the sons, Mahlon and Chilion, also died. Only the woman was left, without her two children and without her husband.

Then she arose along with her daughters-in-law to return from the field of Moab, because while in the territory of Moab she had heard that the Lord had paid attention to the people in Judah by providing food for them. She left the place where she had been, and her two daughters-in-law went with her. They went along the road to return to the land of Judah.

Naomi said to her daughters-in-law, "Go, turn back, each of you to the household of your mother. May the Lord deal faithfully with you, just as you have done with the dead and with me. May the Lord provide for you so that you may find security, each woman in the household of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

But they replied to her, "No, instead we will return with you, to your people."

Naomi replied, "Turn back, my daughters. Why would you go with me? Will there again be sons in my womb, that they would be husbands for you? Turn back, my daughters. Go. I am too old for a husband. If I were to say that I have hope, even if I had a husband tonight, and even more, if I were to bear sons—would you wait until they grew up? Would you refrain from having a husband? No, my daughters. This is more bitter for me than for you, since the Lord's will has come out against me."

Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth stayed with her. Naomi said, "Look, your sister-in-law is returning to her people and to her gods. Turn back after your sister-in-law."

But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to abandon you, to turn back from following after you. Wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord do this to me and more so if even death separates me from you.” When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her about it.

So both of them went along until they arrived at Bethlehem. When they arrived at Bethlehem, the whole town was excited on account of them, and the women of the town asked, “Can this be Naomi?”

She replied to them, “Don’t call me Naomi, but call me Mara, for the Almighty has made me very bitter. I went away full, but the Lord has returned me empty. Why would you call me Naomi, when the Lord has testified against me, and the Almighty has deemed me guilty?”

Thus Naomi returned. And Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, returned with her from the territory of Moab. They arrived in Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**



Psalm 19:1-4a, 7-10, 14



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The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

**One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

**their sound has gone out in- | to all lands,
and their message to the ends | of the world,**

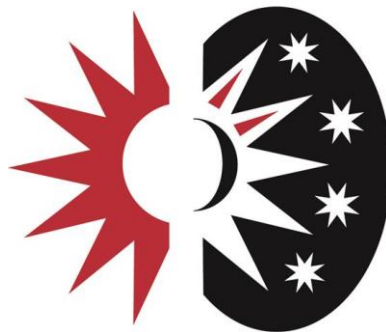
The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable | in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.



Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Gospel **John 2:13-22** (Contemporary English Version, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Not long before the Jewish festival of Passover, Jesus went to Jerusalem.

There he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves in the temple. He also saw moneychangers sitting at their tables. So he took some rope and made a whip. Then he chased everyone out of the temple, together with their sheep and cattle. He turned over the tables of the moneychangers and scattered their coins.

Jesus said to the people who had been selling doves, "Get those doves out of here! Don't make my Abba's house a marketplace."

The disciples then remembered that the Scriptures say, "My love for your house burns in me like a fire."

The Jewish leaders asked Jesus, "What miracle will you work to show us why you have done this?"

"Destroy this temple," Jesus answered, "and in three days I will build it again!"

The leaders replied, "It took forty-six years to build this temple. What makes you think you can rebuild it in three days?"

But Jesus was talking about his body as a temple. And when he was raised from death, his disciples remembered what he had told them. Then they believed the Scriptures and the words of Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

GRIEF AND GOODNESS

Musical Reflection

Hymn of Devotion

Mary McDonald
Senior Choir; Wendy Stoica, cello

REFRAIN

Where you go I will go; where you stay, there I will stay.
Your people will be my people and your God will be my God!

REFRAIN

Where you go, there I will go, where you stay, there I will surely stay.
Where you die, there I will surely die, where you lie, there I will lie.

REFRAIN

Your God will be my God.

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....

After each petition: "Your mercy is great, O God." **Receive our prayer.**

Amen.

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

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Emily Ott's aunt Kathy Richter, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, John Kennedy's sister and brother-in-law, Becky & Vic Wolfe, Kathie Ehrich, Elaine Warren, Terry and Laura Warren's son-in-law Dan Patterson

For the people of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Columbus

For Redeemer community member Georgene Slagle

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug.

For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.

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

You Are Holy

1*



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* *May be sung in canon.*

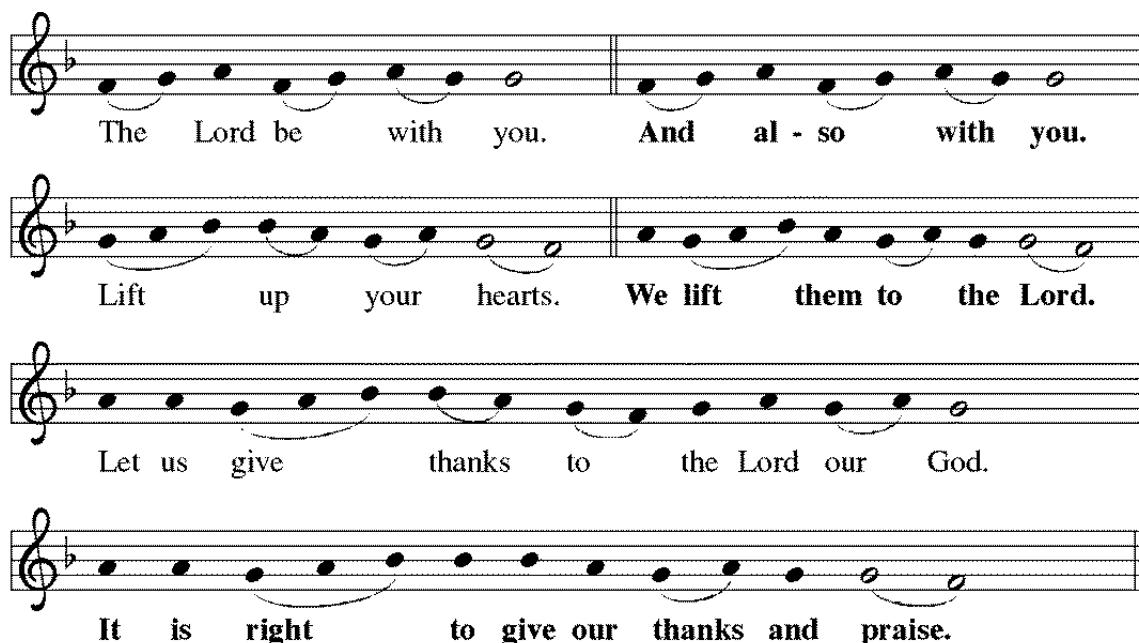
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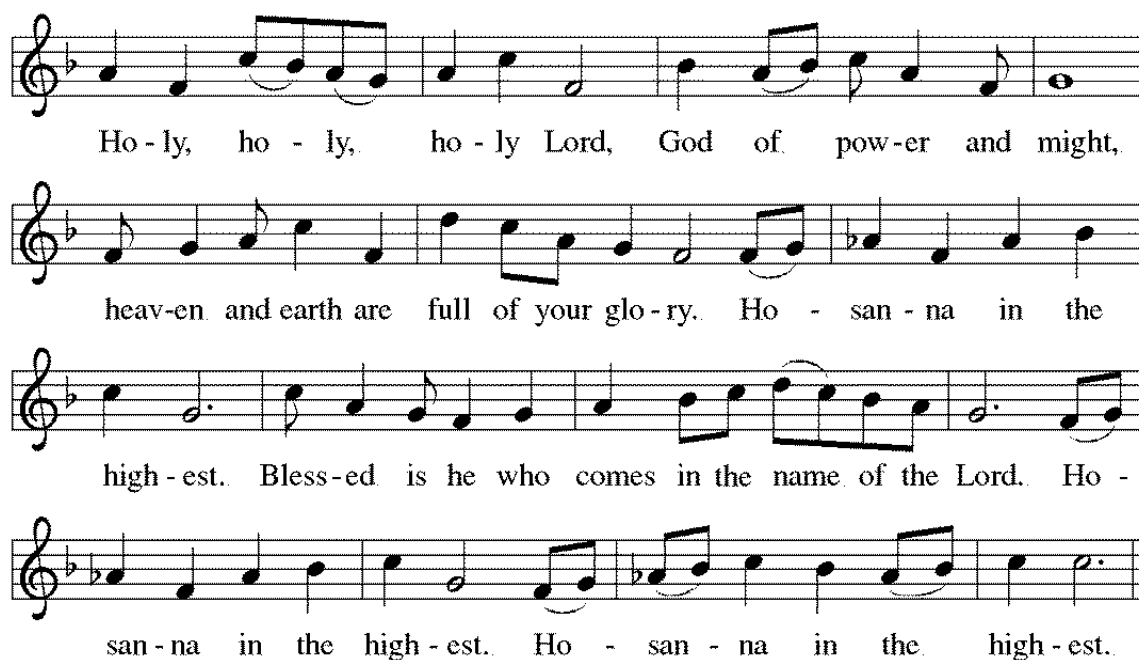
Great Thanksgiving



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 our thanks and praise.

We are right to praise you, loving God! You answer sin with grace and encourage our wayward steps toward home. You make yourself present to all of creation, so any who are broken can be mended, any who are excluded can receive justice, and who are outcast can be welcomed, and any who are weak can feel strength.

You hold us in every sorrow, and bring us comfort and companions even in the shadow of death. All your creatures behold your works, and join creation to sing your steadfast love:



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.

Now, O God, we remember Jesus. He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried. His commitment to follow your way led the powers of this world to fear him so much they decided they needed to silence him forever. He offered the arrogant freedom to admit their need. He showed the humble their beauty and wisdom. He felt abandoned by all who promised to love him, even you, God. He died between thieves and was buried in a borrowed grave. Yet you brought him to new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend. He loved us well. He loved us to the end. He loves us still.

On the night his closest friends abandoned and betrayed him, he ate supper with them. 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. Let it become for us the bread of life. Bless this cup. 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.**

Bless us also who eat and drink, that in this sharing we may know the living Christ who is with us now. **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, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, 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

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.

Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

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Hymn

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!

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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. Open us to receive the gifts of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for creation, welcome in this community, and the promise of friendship with the Spirit who delights in us. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

God of the Sparrow



1	God of the spar - row	God of the whale	God of the swirl - ing
2	God of the earth - quake	God of the storm	God of the trum - pet
3	God of the rain - bow	God of the cross	God of the emp - ty
4	God of the hun - gry	God of the sick	God of the prod - i -



stars	How does the crea - ture say	Awe
blast	How does the crea - ture cry	Woe
grave	How does the crea - ture say	Grace
gal	How does the crea - ture say	Care



How does the crea - ture say	Praise
How does the crea - ture cry	Save
How does the crea - ture say	Thanks
How does the crea - ture say	Life

5 God of the neighbor
 God of the foe
 God of the pruning hook
 How does the creature say Love
 How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages
 God near at hand
 God of the loving heart
 How do your children say Joy
 How do your children say Home

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Blessing

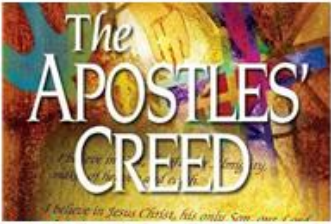
Amen.

Announcements


Postlude

All Things Bright and Beautiful, arr. Anna Laura Page


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Adult Ed – March 3, 11:15 am
Continuing our conversation about the Apostle's Creed and other statements of faith
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957366923?pwd=TnV6cFB4ZUpET25USTgzZ0diZlhnQT09>
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Adult Ed – March 10, 17, 24, 11:15 am
THE MEANINGS and MESSAGES OF HOLY WEEK
Brad Binau
 "As Lent leads us into Holy Week we will explore the events, characters, and context of the passion story and its meaning for life today."
 In-Person and Zoom:
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Bible Study
The Epistle of James
Tuesdays + 1:00 pm
 In-Person and Zoom:
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Midweek Lenten Evening Prayer
Wednesdays Feb 21 – March 21
7:00 pm
In-Person and Livestream



Lenten Soup and Conversation
Wednesdays Noon – 1:00
February 21 – March 21
Narthex



LSS Food Pantry
First Wednesdays
12:30-3:30 pm

Contact Kathleen Zwanziger
to volunteer

48th Annual LMC Maple Syrup Festival

At HopeWood Pines

March 10th | 11 AM - 3 PM



**All You Can Eat Pancake
and Sausage Brunch**



- Adults: \$11 Each
- Youth (Ages 3-9): \$8

- Tours of Maple Syrup Production
- Maple Baked Goods
- Local Syrup for Sale
- Live Music
- Sassafras Tea
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KEY ELECTION DATES March 19, 2024

Early In-Person Voting: Begins **February 21** and includes the Saturday and Sunday before Election Day (but **NOT** the Monday before Election Day)

Absentee Voting by Mail: Begins **February 21**
 Deadline for absentee ballot applications to be received by county Boards of Elections: **March 12**

Deadline to postmark your mail ballot: **March 18**
Election Day: March 19 (Polls Open **6:30 am - 7:30 pm**)

Deadline for mail ballots to be personally delivered to your County Board of Elections: **March 19, 7:30 pm**

Deadline for boards to receive mail-ballots that have been postmarked on or before November 6: **March 23**



Daylight Savings Time
BEGINS March 10
 Set your clocks!



Birthdays this week:

- 3 - Ranel Hoddinott
- 3 - Larry Trover
- 4 - Petra Williams
- 5 - Lily Glover Oakleaf
- 6 - Bennett Whitaker
- 7 - Earl Bradley
- 8 - Helen Brunston
- 8 - Al Rider

Sunday School



for all ages

Sunday, March 24
11:15 am

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Kay Ernsthause
Reader	Kathleen Zwanziger
Cantor	Emily Kent
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Judith Bird
Vergers	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Katie & Ruby Jacobs, Michelle Clemence
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
Hospitality	Michelle Clemence

Noisy Offering will go to Star House center for youth.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MARCH 3 – 10

Today	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class
Monday	5:30 pm	ZOOM Executive Committee
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
Wednesday	noon	Lenten Soup and Discussion
	12:30-4 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Lenten Evening Prayer
Saturday	10:00 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

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