

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Whoever... thinks they understand the divine scriptures or any part of them so that it does not build the double love of God and of our neighbor does not understand it at all. Whoever finds a lesson there useful to the building of [love], even though they have not said what the author may be shown to have intended in that place, has not been deceived.*

Augustine of Hippo (354-430)  
quoted in *The Bible: A Biography*  
by Karen Armstrong, p. 124

**March 10, 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**

*Lamb of God*, arr. Larry Shackley

**Welcome**



Please stand in body or spirit

## Hymn

## Morning Has Broken

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

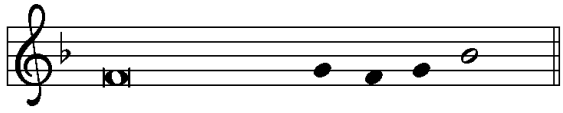
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## Greeting

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.**

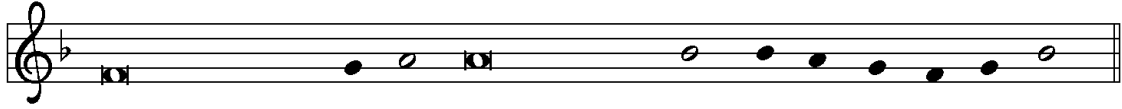
# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



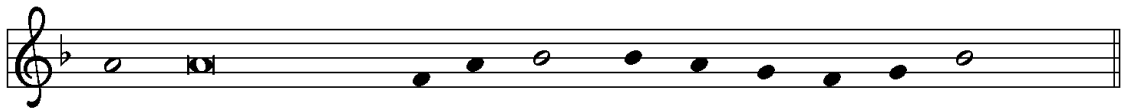
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



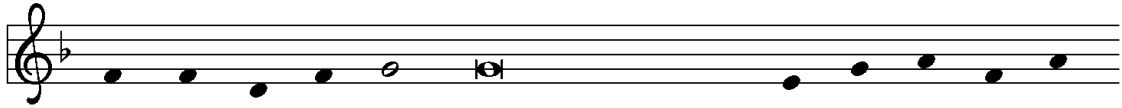
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



*Please be seated*

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

### Reading

**Ephesians 2:1-10** (The Message, alt.)

A reading from the letter to the early church at Ephesus

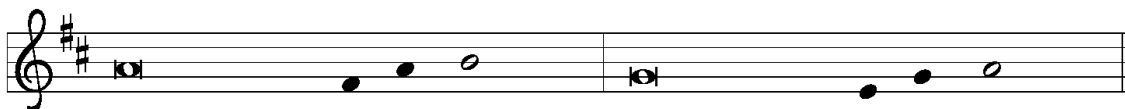
It wasn't so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin.

You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It's a wonder God didn't do away with the whole lot of us. Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, God embraced us, and took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. God did all this with no help from us! Then God picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah.

Now we are where God wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. Saving is all God's idea, and all God's work. All we do is trust enough to let God do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. God creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join Jesus in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

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

## Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22



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Give thanks to the Lord, for the | LORD is good,  
for God's mercy en- | dures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,**

gathering them in | from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

**Some were fools and took re- | bellious paths;  
through their sins they | were afflicted.**

They loathed all man- | ner of food  
and drew near | to death's door.

**Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD  
and you delivered them from | their distress.**

You sent forth your | word and healed them  
and rescued them | from the grave.

**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love  
and your wonderful works | for all people.**

Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with | shouts of joy.

*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.

## Gospel **John 3:14-21** (New Revised Standard Version, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to [the Pharisee] Nicodemus, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up, that whoever believes in the One may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“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. 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. 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. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 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.**

*Please be seated*

**"COSMOS"**  
***"For God so loved the cosmos..."***

—John 3.16

The Greek word is kosmon.  
Not some, not even just earthlings,  
not even just Earth.  
The whole cosmos. Everything.  
The point is not that certain humans  
are rewarded for thinking certain things  
about a certain divine-human,  
but that the entire universe  
be made whole,  
by love,  
by God being with-and-in every bit of it,  
even the ugly, hurting bits.  
There's no part of the cosmos God doesn't love.  
There's no one who gets anything different.  
There's no other tribe to which you belong.  
Step over the little lines you've drawn, then,  
and belong.





## Musical Reflection

### *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

arr. Mark Hayes  
Karen Kent, Kathy Rapp

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

## 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, David Williams  
For the people of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Columbus  
For Redeemer community member April Smith

## Time with the Young People

### Blessing the Prayer Shawls

### 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 AND HEALING PRAYER**

*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.*

*During the Rite of Communion, Prayers and Prayer Assistants will assemble on the steps of the sanctuary to offer a gentle touch and blessing. Those who wish to receive this healing in their pews may let an usher know and the healing team will come to you. Jesus often touched others—blessing children, washing feet, and healing injuries or disease. Such an act is a tangible expression of the presence of the healing Christ, working in and through those who minister in His name.*

*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.*

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

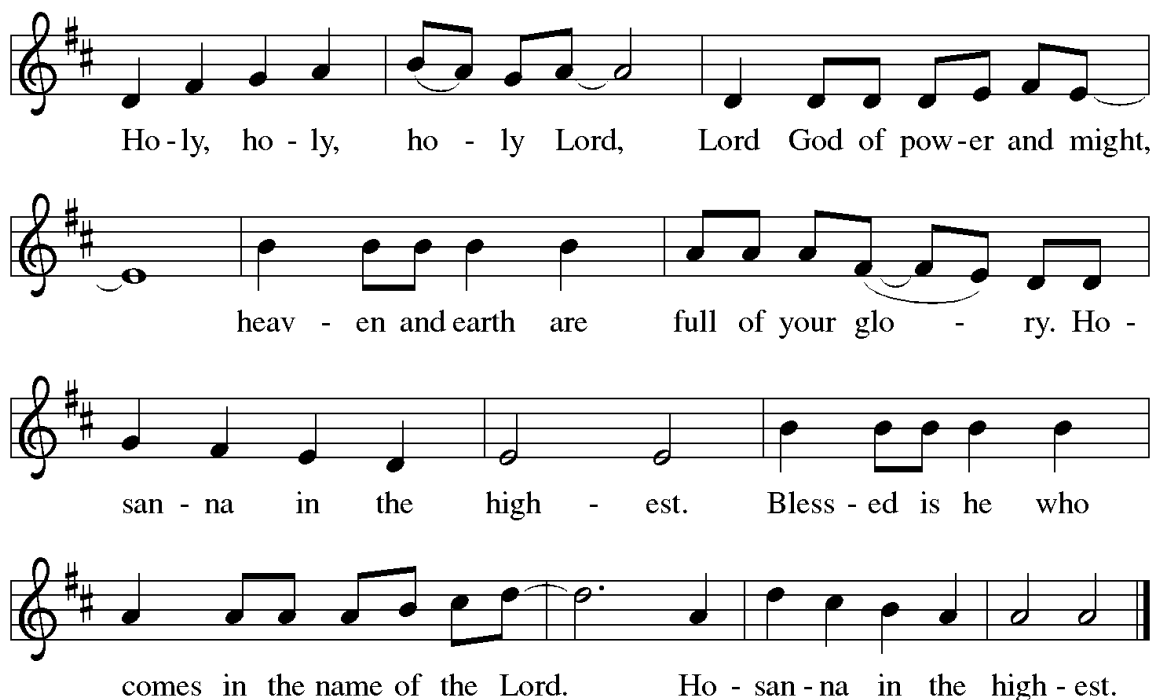
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.

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 we 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, 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.

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

Amazing Grace

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  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

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  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

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.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

# Hymn

# Come, Let Us Eat



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt.  
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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

## Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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**Blessing**


**Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

***Morning Has Broken***, arr. John Carter

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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:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957366923?pwd=TnV6cFB4ZUpET25USTgzZ0diZlhnQT09>  
Meeting ID: 889 5736 6923 = Passcode: 383835  
Phone only: 1-312-626-6799

Sunday School



*for all ages*  
Sunday, March 24  
11:15 am



Bible Study  
The Epistle of James  
Tuesdays + 1:00 pm  
In-Person and Zoom:  
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RLC Prepares  
First English Lutheran  
Church  
Brown Bag Lunches  
Saturday, March 16  
Food donations and volunteers needed  
See *Reflections* for details



## A Brewing Faith

**Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 pm**

Conversation and fellowship  
Via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81765916972?pwd=bjJ0T1JlbG1keXpsV205TWNHVUFpQT09>

Meeting ID: 817 6591 6972- Passcode: 190081  
Phone only: 312 626 6799



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



Birthdays this week:

- 12 – Deirdre Jimison
- 12 – Catherine McFarland
- 13 – Dave Engel
- 14 – Jenny Friederich
- 14 – Lynn Nakamura
- 14 – Laura Warren
- 14 – Tim Watson
- 15 – Kristi Hildebrand



## Midweek Lenten Evening Prayer

Wednesdays Feb 21 – March 21  
7:00 pm

*In-Person and Livestream*

## HOLY WEEK



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## Maundy Thursday

March 28 = 7:00 pm

*IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with  
Foot- and Hand-Washing*

## Good Friday

March 29 = 7:00 pm

*Seven Last Words of Christ  
At Christ United Methodist Church  
1480 Zettler Road*

*IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship*

## Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, March 31

8:30 am

*IN-PERSON Worship*

9:30 am

*Easter Brunch*

11:00 am

*IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship*

## 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**



## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Naomi Morgan
<b>Cantor</b>	Mary Benis
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Helen Brunston
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Becky Fisher, Lynn Belhorn, Michelle Clemence
<b>Producers</b>	Judith Bird, April Smith
<b>Hospitality</b>	Katie Jacobs

*Noisy Offering will go to Star House center for youth.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MARCH 10 – 17

<b>Today</b>	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	ZOOM A Brewing Faith
<b>Wednesday</b>	noon	Lenten Soup and Discussion
	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Lenten Evening Prayer
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Make FELC lunches
<b>Next Sunday</b>	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	Youth Gathering

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