

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Healing Prayer, LSS/MidOhio Food Giveaway, Prayer Shawl Ministry, LSS Food Pantry, BREAD Nehemiah Action, Saturday Garden Giveaway, Basketball Camp

March 17, 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.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Softly and Tenderly, arr. Dale Wood

Welcome



Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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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

All sing refrain

Refrain




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.


Cantor sings verses




1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

“The time is coming,” says God, “when I will make a brand-new covenant with Israel and Judah. It won’t be a repeat of the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant even though I did my part as their Master.” God’s Decree.

“This is the brand-new covenant that I will make with Israel when the time comes. I will put my law within them—write it on their hearts!—and be their God. And they will be my people. They will no longer go around setting up schools to teach each other about God. They’ll know me firsthand, the dull and the bright, the smart and the slow. I’ll wipe the slate clean for each of them. I’ll forget they ever sinned!” God’s Decree.

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



Psalm 51:1-12



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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹ steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out ¹ my offenses.

**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

For I know ¹ my offenses,
and my sin is ev- ¹ er before me.

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

Indeed, I was born ¹ steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my ¹ mother's womb.

Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur-er than snow.

**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

Hide your face ¹ from my sins,
and blot out ¹ all my wickedness.

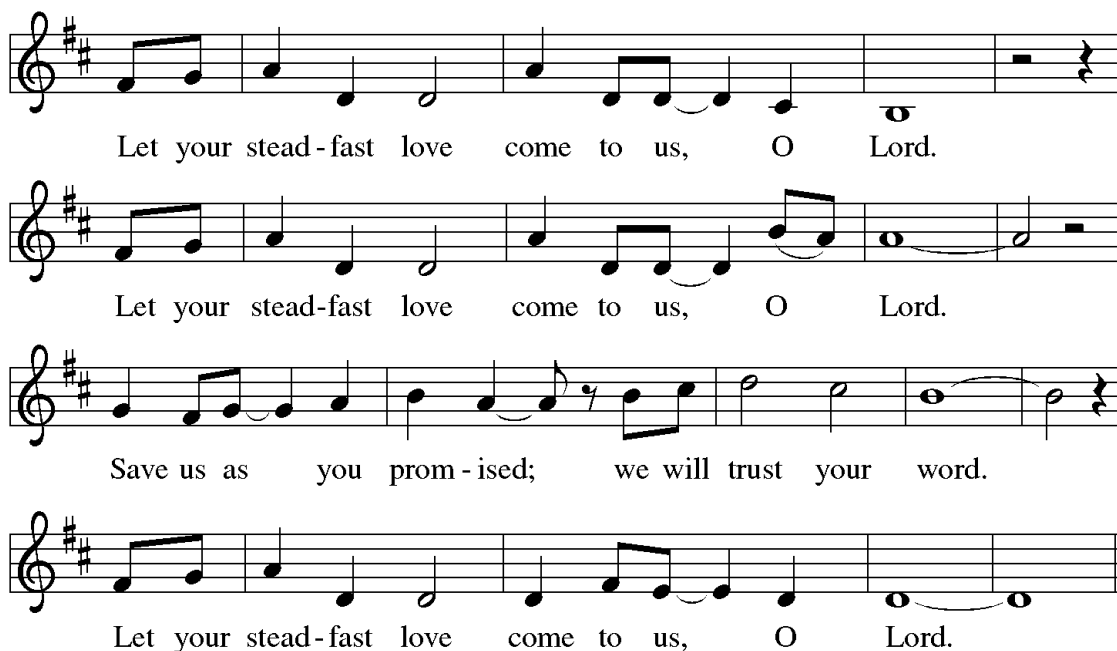
**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away ¹ from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- ¹ it from me.

**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



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

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

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

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

Gospel

John 12:20-33 (The Message, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

There were some Greeks who had come up to Jerusalem to worship at the Passover Feast. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee: "Sir, we want to see Jesus. Can you help us?"

Philip went and told Andrew. Andrew and Philip together told Jesus. Jesus answered, "Time's up. The time has come for the Human One to be glorified.

"Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal.

"If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me. Then you'll be where I am, ready to serve at a moment's notice. My Abba will honor and reward anyone who serves me.

"Right now I am shaken. And what am I going to say? 'Abba, get me out of this'? No, this is why I came in the first place. I'll say, 'Abba, put your glory on display.'"

A voice came out of the sky: "I have glorified it, and I'll glorify it again."

The listening crowd said, "Thunder!"

Others said, "An angel spoke to him!"

Jesus said, "The voice didn't come for me but for you. At this moment the world is in crisis. Now Satan, the ruler of this world, will be thrown out. And I, as I am lifted up from the earth, will attract everyone to me and gather them around me." He put it this way to show how he was going to be put to death.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

AGAINST THE GRAIN

Musical Reflection

Jesus Paid It All

arr. Howard Helvey
Senior Choir

I heard the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all"

REFRAIN Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
 Sin had left a crimson stain,
 He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

REFRAIN

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim.
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb.
And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

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....

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,
David Williams

For the people of Grace Lutheran Church in Pickerington

For Redeemer community members Nancy, Scott, and Andrea Steiner

Time with the Young People

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 worshipping 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.*

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

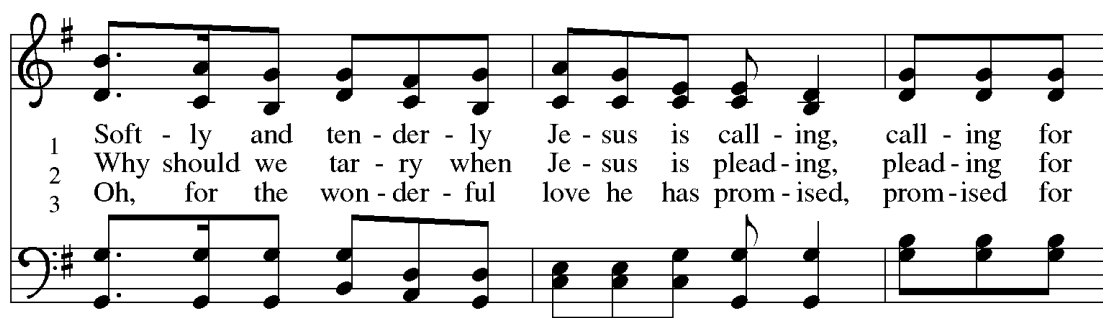
The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

Please be seated

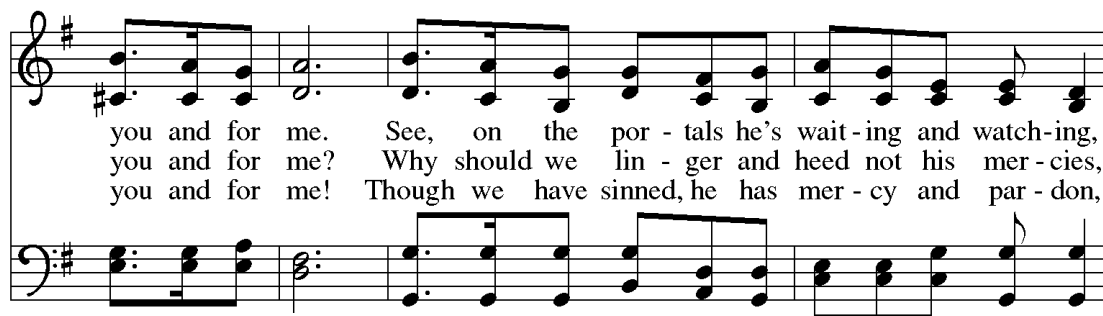
You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request,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

Hymn

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

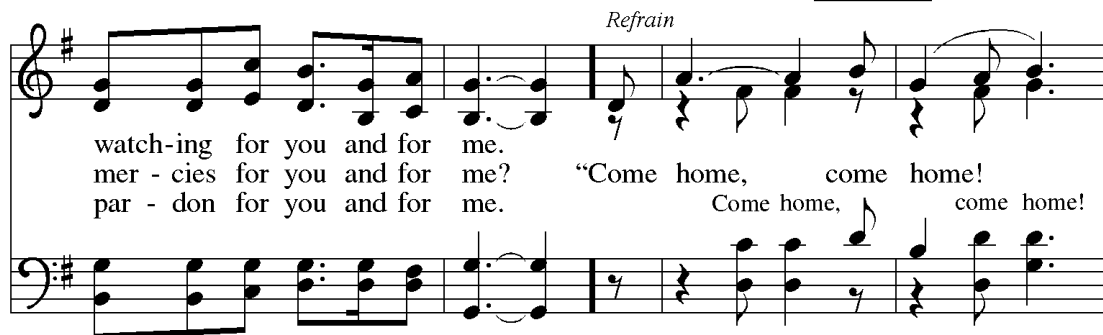


1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

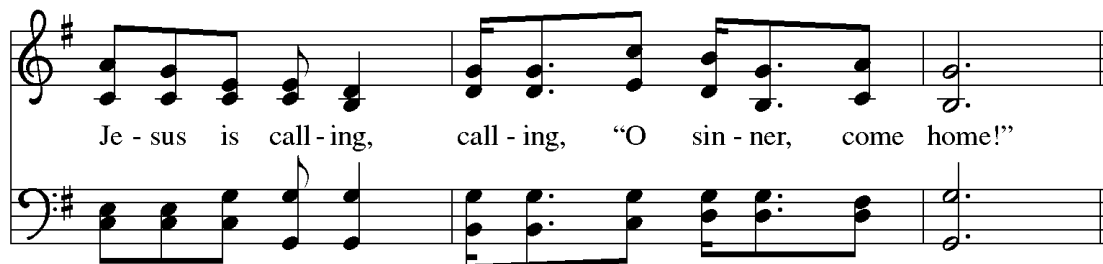
Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Now the Green Blade Rises, arr. David Cherwien

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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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Sunday School



for all ages

Sunday, March 24

11:15 am



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



Bible Study The Epistle of James Tuesdays + 1:00 pm

In-Person and Zoom:

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Sister Act

WALKING HUMBLY WITH GOD *Understanding Robert Frost*



In honor of his 150th birthday

Brad Binau

Tuesday March 19 – 6:30 pm

Please join us for fellowship and service

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



Wednesday, April 17
7-8:30 pm



ANXIOUS PEOPLE

by Fredrik Backman

Copies are available in public libraries.

IN-PERSON and ZOOM

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Lynn Belhorn
Cantor	Wendy Stoica
Reader	Kathleen Zwanziger
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Jon Disbro
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
Communion Prep	Becky Fisher, Lynn Belhorn, Michelle Clemence
Hospitality	Judith and Ashley Bird

Noisy Offering will go to Star House center for youth.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MARCH 17 – 24

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
Tuesday		ELECTION DAY – <i>Please vote!</i>
	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Sister Act – Understanding Robert Frost
Wednesday	noon	Lenten Soup and Discussion
	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Lenten Evening Prayer
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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