

Third Sunday in Lent



Pastor Dave with Sheila Barnes,
who has been his spiritual director for almost 30 years

March 23, 2025
10:00 a.m.

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

Thy Holy Wings, Swedish folk tune arr. John Carter

Welcome



Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Come to Us

1. Come to me, come to us, you who are bur-dened.
2. Come to me, come to us, pil-grim or stran-ger,
3. Come to me, come to us, bro-ken or build-ing,
Come to the word, and come to the meal.
look - ing for change, or chal - lenge, or light.
Come with your chil - dren, your choic - es, your chains.
Come with-out ques - tion or pres - sure or price:
We are the peo - ple whose call - ing is care,
All are in - vit - ed to friend-ship or rest, to
Come, be em - braced by the bod - y of Christ.
bear - ers of mer - cy, nour - ished in prayer.
share in our strug - gle, our call and our quest.

Text: Rory Cooney, b.1952
Tune: Rory Cooney, b.1952
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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.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Living Spirit, you fill us with your presence so we might reject despair and live into the hope that knows you are always at work to bring new life in what seem to be the deadest of places. Open us to see beyond the ways we limit our imaginations, so we might create new realities of justice and joy. We pray in the name of the Jesus whose vision of the beloved community is now ours to make real. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading **Isaiah 55.1-9** (Contemporary English Version, inclusivized)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

[God calls out to the people,]

If you are thirsty, come and drink water!

If you don't have any money, come, eat what you want!

Drink wine and milk without paying a cent.

Why waste your money on what really isn't food?

Why work hard for something that doesn't satisfy?

Listen carefully to me,

and you will enjoy the very best foods.

Pay close attention! Come to me and live.

I will promise you

the eternal love and loyalty that I promised David.

I made him the leader and ruler

of the nations; he was my witness to them.

You will call out to nations you have never known.

And they have never known you,

but they will come running because I am the Lord,

the holy God of Israel, and I have honored you.

Turn to God,

who can still be found! Call out to Yahweh, who is near.

Give up your crooked ways and your evil thoughts.

Return to our God.

who will be merciful and forgive your sins.

Yahweh says:

"My thoughts and my ways are not like yours.

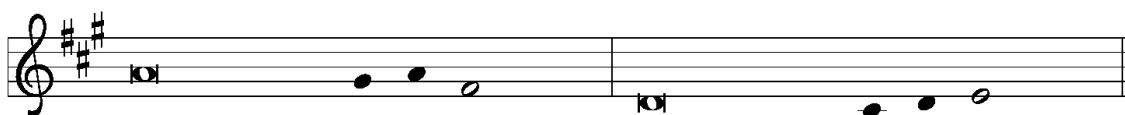
Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,

my thoughts and my ways are higher than yours."

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



Psalm 63:1-8



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O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary
land where there | is no water.

**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,
that I might behold your power | and your glory.**

For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.

**So will I bless you as long | as I live
and lift up my hands | in your name.**

My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

**when I remember you up- | on my bed,
and meditate on you in | the night watches.**

For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

**My whole being | clings to you;
your right hand | holds me fast.**

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the

Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der

faith - ful - ness of God.

Repeat optional

Gospel

Luke 13:6-9 (Inclusive New Testament)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told this parable: "There was a fig tree growing in a vineyard. The owner came out looking for fruit on it, but didn't find any. The owner said to the vine dresser, 'Look here! For three years now I've come out in search of fruit on this fig tree and have found none. Cut it down. Why should it clutter up the ground?'

"In reply, the vine dresser said, 'Please leave it one more year while I hoe around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine; if not, then let it be cut down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

EXPECTING REALITY TO SURPRISE US

Musical Reflection

Come to the Water

John Foley, arr. Jack Schrader
Senior Choir

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without price, why should you pay the price,
Except for the Lord, the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life,
Except for the Lord, the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
All who labor without rest. How can your soul find rest,
Except for the Lord, the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord.
Bring the children without might. Easy the load and light:
Come to the Lord, the Lord. Come to the water;
Come to the water; come to the Lord.

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, Mary Kennedy,
Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and
her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's
niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin and their son-
in-law Brandon James, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's
daughter Ellen Rose, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Eileene Welker,
Nancy Magargal's grandson Benjamin, Kelley Frank's mother
Charlotte Frank, Scott Steiner, Skye and Clay Andre on the death of their
grandmother; Laura and Terry Warren on the death of their nephew
For the people of Reformation Lutheran Church in Columbus
For Redeemer community members Seth and Thea Barbour Harms, Bryce
and Jackson Harms

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 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.*

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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Great Thanksgiving

The musical score is written for a Presider and a Congregation. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five 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 Presider's parts are marked 'Presider:' and the Congregation's parts are marked 'Congregation:'.

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.

It is indeed right and joyful to lift our voices in praise to you, loving God!

You answer fear with grace and encourage our wayward steps toward home. You make yourself present to all of creation, so your Spirit can work through us to help mend the broken, bring justice to the excluded, and welcome the forgotten.

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 to sing your steadfast love:

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. His commitment to follow your way led the powers of this world to put him on a cross. Yet human hands cannot destroy your love. You brought him to new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend. He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.

So we remember on the night his closest friends abandoned and betrayed him, he shared a meal with them in which 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 the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine 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! 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. Open us to recognize the living Christ in this bread and cup, and in one another. And open us to live the words Jesus teaches:

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

Whoever you are, from wherever you come, whatever you believe, you are welcome and invited to receive. Come! For all things are now ready.

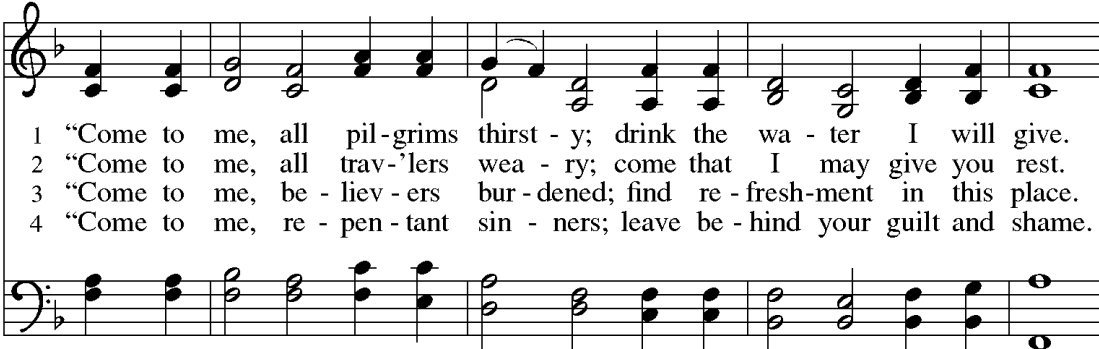
Please be seated

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

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

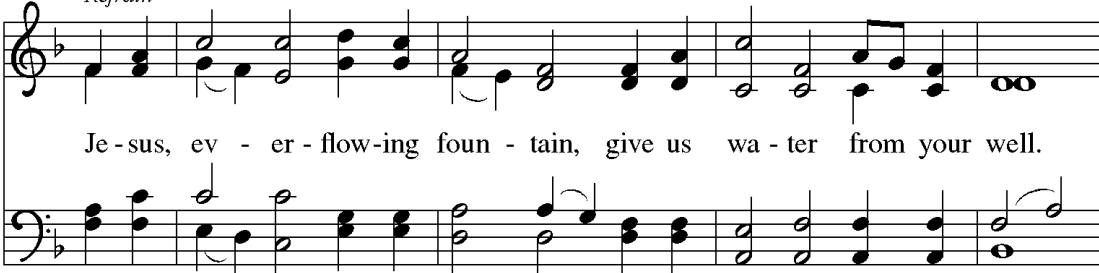


1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

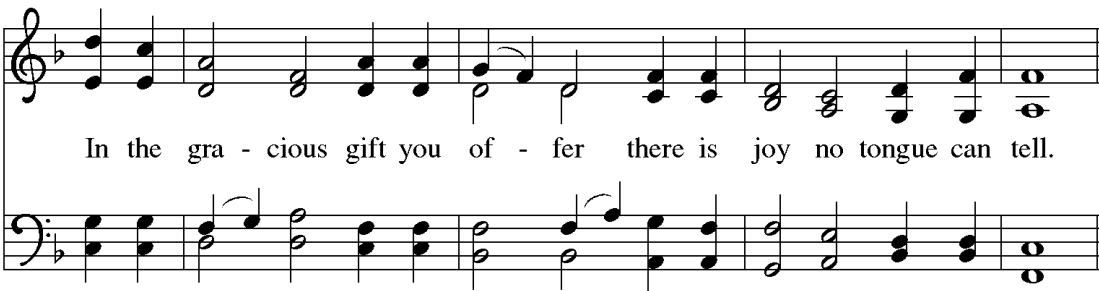


If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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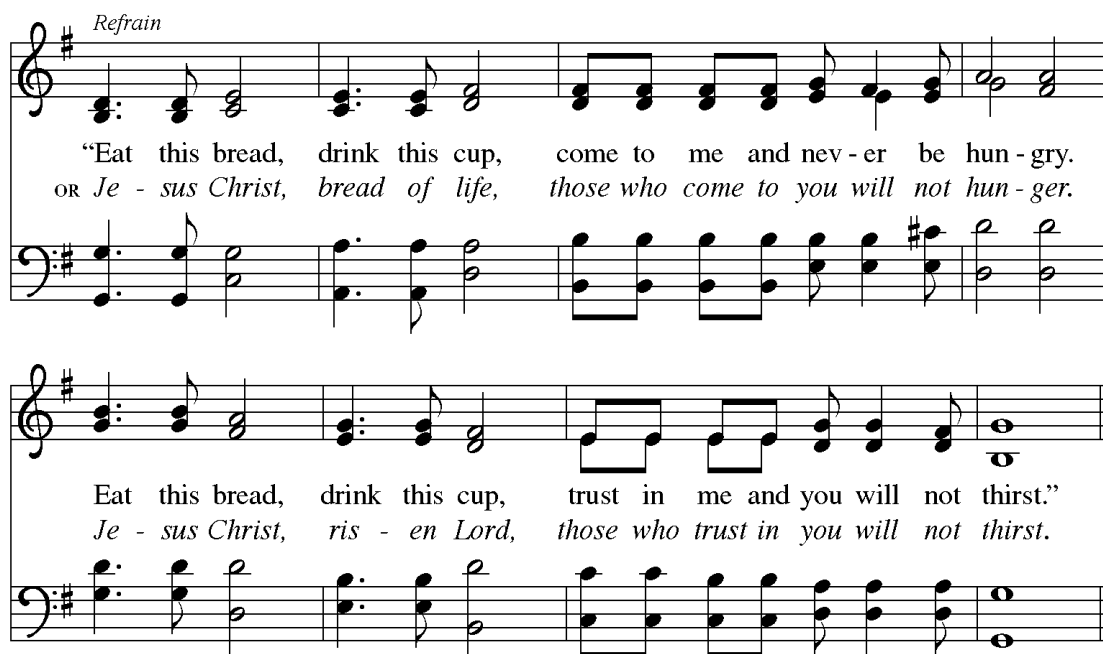
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Hymn

Eat This Bread

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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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 all creation, welcome in this community, and the promise of friendship with the Spirit who delights in us. **Amen.**

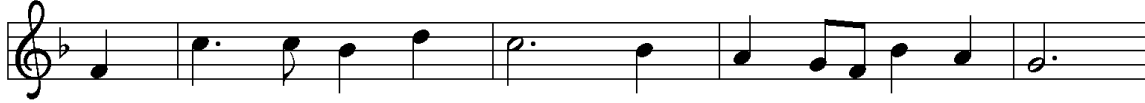


WE ARE SENT

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



- We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!
6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth, 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
the love, the word, the tide. with faith's bright songful voice!
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source, Announce the gospel to the world
praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain* and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Standing on the Promises,
Russell Kelso Carter, arr. Mark Hayes

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Adult Ed

Sunday March 23

11:15 a.m.

Death, Dying, and Grieving

--Emily Kent and Brad Binau--

March 23 - Grieving: Remembering Life

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83475541581?pwd=PEyYLFqECnuQBzf9bSbagxGY44GXcU.1>

Meeting ID: 834 7554 1581 = Passcode: 752230

Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



Tuesday Bible Study

The stories of Elijah and Elisha

Tuesdays + 1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom:

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*Easter Flower Orders
due TODAY!!
Envelopes on bulletin board*



*Journaling
Workshop
7:00 pm
March 25
In-Person - Outer
Pastor's Office*



*Lenten Soup and
Conversation
Wednesdays Noon – 1:00
March 12 – April 9
Narthex*



*Midweek Lenten Evening Prayer
Wednesdays March 12 – April 9
7:00 pm
In-Person and Livestream*

Sunday School



for all ages
**Sunday, April 13
11:15 am**

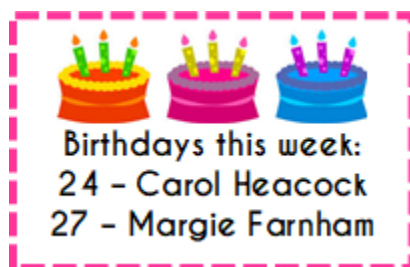
OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Emily Ott
Cantor	Connie Criswell
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Kathleen Zwanziger
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
Communion Prep	Wendy Stoica, Lynn Belhorn, Sunday School kids
Hospitality	Laura & Terry Warren

The Noisy Offering will go to CRIS [Community Refugee and Immigration Service]

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MARCH 23 – 30

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
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
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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