



**March 17, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
*8:00 a.m. Worship Service w/ communion*  
*10:30 a.m. Worship Service*

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The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

# GATHERING

[congregation reads bold]

**Bell**

**Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Seed That in Earth is Dying* -Harald Herresthal, setting by Philip Gehring

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

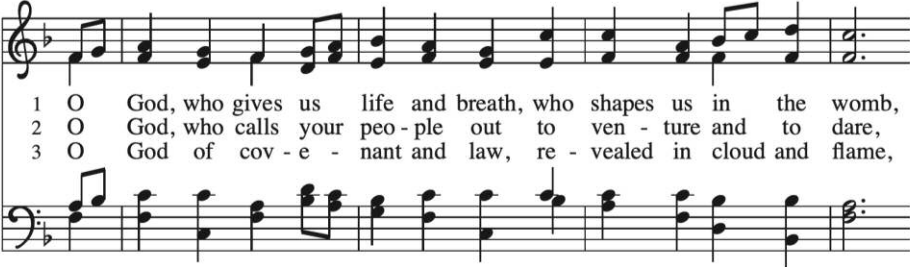
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ.

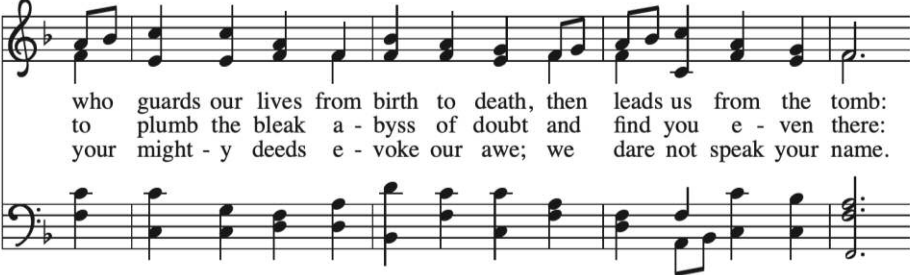
**Amen.**

# Gathering Hymn

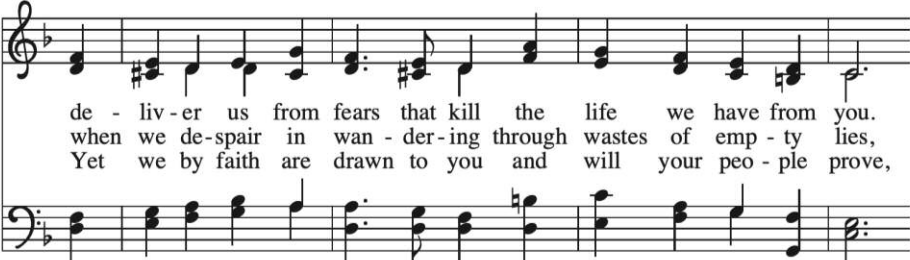
## O God, Who Gives Us Life



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,  
3 O God of cov-e-nant and law, re-vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
to plumb the bleak a-byss of doubt and find you e-ven there:  
your might-y deeds e-voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de-liv-er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
when we de-spair in wan-der-ing through wastes of emp-ty lies,  
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo-ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir-it still is mak-ing all things new.  
re-fresh us with the liv-ing spring of hope that nev-er dies.  
as on our hearts you write a-new the cov-e-nant of love.

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

Music: NOEL, English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

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## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*All may be seated*

### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.  
*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God. (Ps. 51:10)*

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

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,**  
**and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know **my offenses,**  
and my sin is **ever before me.**

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born **steeped in wickedness,**  
a sinner from my **mother's womb.**

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,**  
**and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I **shall be clean;**  
wash me, and I shall be **purified than snow.**

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;**  
**that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face **from my sins,**  
and blot out **all my wickedness.**

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,**  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away **from your presence,**  
and take not your Holy Spirit **from me.**

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation**  
**and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10**

*Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.*

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

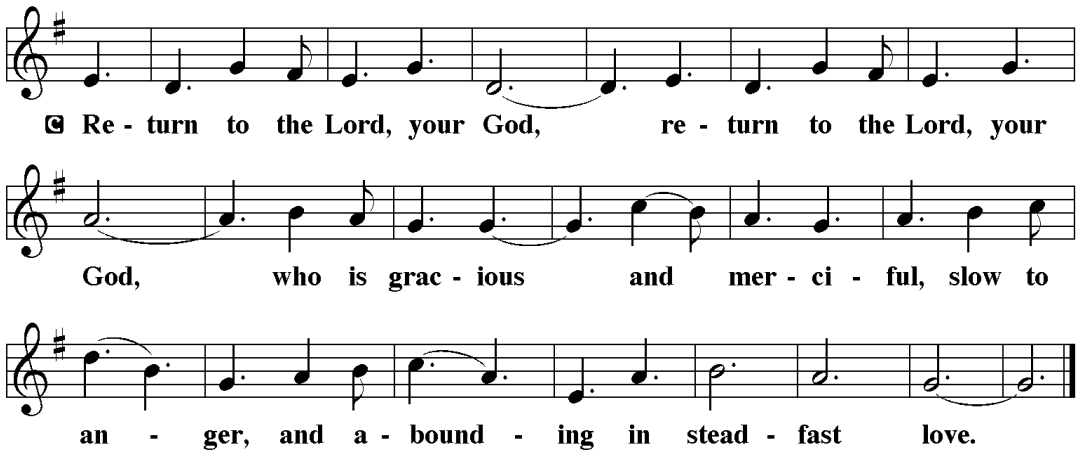
“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. *The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## The Gospel Verse



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## The Holy Gospel: John 12:20-33

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told

Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All may be seated*

**Children’s Sermon**

**Miss Stephanie**

**Sermon**

**Time of Silent Reflection** *(remain seated)*

*All who are able are invited to stand*

**Hymn of the Day**

# As the Winter Days Grow Longer

1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;  
 2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,  
 3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,

as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light—  
 lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer—  
 quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.

yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:  
 Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.  
 Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.

God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!  
 God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!  
 God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody; arr. hymnal version

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## Nicene Creed

In the words of the Creed, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill, *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Dean, Lester, Nat, Lori, Lisa, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Rumpun, Donna, Nancy, Kathy, Carolyn, Robin, Hope, Jenan, Roger, Kris, Roger, Connie, Remy, Kathy, Ed, Sonny, Sally, Phyllis*. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week, *Dominick, Eva, Darrell, Teresa, Richard, Jim, Lucas, Andrea, Gretchen, Rachael, Terrie*. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ in neighboring congregations. May your light shine brightly for all, sharing in your love and your peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray especially for Zion, Northampton. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**The Peace** – *Please share the peace in any manner comfortable to you.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Offertory:** (8:00) *In Sacred Memory*  
(10:30) *Seed That in Earth is Dying*  
-The Jordan Chorale


-Donald Lee Moore  
-Harald Herresthal, arr. Bradley Ebbingboe

## **(8:00) Offering**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*After the offering is gathered, all who are able are invited to stand.*

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## **(8:00) Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray for this in your name. Amen.**

## (10:30) Offering

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*After the offering is gathered, all who are able are invited to stand.*

### We Give Thee but Thine Own



- 1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 Hearts still are bruised and dead, and homes are bare and cold,  
4 To com - fort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
and lambs for whom the Shep - herd bled are stray - ing from the fold.  
to tend those lost in lone - li - ness, is an - gels' work be - low.

- 5 The captive to release,  
the lost to God to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace—  
it is a Christlike thing.

- 6 And we believe thy word,  
though dim our faith may be:  
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,  
we do it unto thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, Mason and Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

## (10:30) Offering Prayer

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**[The 10:30 service continues on p. 15 with The Lord's Prayer]**

# THE MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

## Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy Holy

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.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

[The 10:30 service continues here]

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Lord taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
hallowed be thy name  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread;**  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

[The 10:30 service continues on p. 19 with The Sending]

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

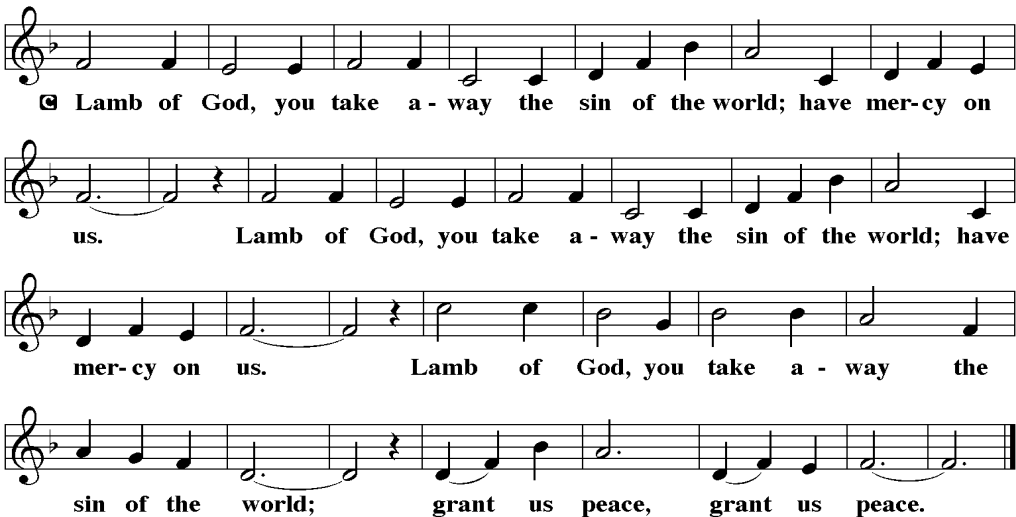
Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

*All may be seated*

### Communion

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ, shed for you." And each person may respond, "Amen."*

### Lamb of God



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# The Distribution (Altar Rail Distribution)

## Communion Hymns

### Seed That in Earth Is Dying



1 Seed that in earth is dy - ing grows in - to ears of  
2 We were bap - tized in Je - sus, in - to his death and  
3 Seed that in earth is dy - ing ris - es to bear much



grain.  
grave,  
fruit.  
Grapes that are crushed in the ves - sel  
to res - ur - rec - tion's prom - ise:  
Christ, as we meet at your ta - ble,



turn in - to gold - en wine. God, through this mys - ter - y grant us  
praise and e - ter - nal life. Heav - en's own prais - es be - gin here  
give us the bread of life. Lord, we do thank and a - dore you!



faith in our deep - est dark - ness, life in our night and death.  
where you your - self are near us, deep in our night and death.  
Un - ceas - ing praise of the a - ges ris - es from night and death.

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Music: Harald Herresthal, b. 1944

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# 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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After all have returned to their places  
*All who are able are invited to stand*

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen,  
keep and unite us, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Song after Communion



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

## Prayer after Communion

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**Amen.**

[The 10:30 service continues here]

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### Blessing

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### Sending 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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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* -Wolfgang Dachstein, setting by James Biery

## EASTER TRIBUTES

To honor or memorialize a loved one, please fill out this form and return it (along with your check or cash) to the church office or place in the offering plate no later than Palm Sunday. All tributes will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletins. Additional forms are available in the foyer or church office.

Palm Sunday  
is March 24th

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number or email \_\_\_\_\_ Env. No. \_\_\_\_\_



\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Flowers (\$12.00 per memorial flower)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hunger Donation  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Fund Donation  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Pantry Donation  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total



*One tribute per form, please*

In honor of (living)

\_\_\_\_\_  
In memory of (deceased)

By \_\_\_\_\_

For office use only – do not detach

### Easter Tributes

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. or EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ENV. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Please check:    ☐ Flower (F51)    ☐ Hunger Fund (F849)    ☐ Memorial Fund (F700)    ☐ Pantry (F600)



### *Mid-Week Lenten Service*

*(Holden Evening Prayer)*

February 21 thru March 20

6:00 p.m. Soup Suppers in the Memory Room

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

### *Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24*

March 24 at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. w/communion

### *Maundy Thursday*

Service with Holy Communion

March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

### *Good Friday*

Tenebrae Service

March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

### *Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt*

Saturday, March 30, at 10:00 a.m.

in the Family Center (rain or shine)

### *Easter Sunday, March 31*

*The Resurrection of Our Lord*

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

Outdoors at the cemetery, weather permitting

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Services with Holy Communion

- Saint Patrick -



**The Lord's Table** at Jordan Church is an open table. If you are a baptized Christian of any church, believe in the Lord's presence in the sacrament and have received the sacrament before, you are welcome to receive with us. If you are not able to receive, please come forward for a pastoral blessing. To come forward, simply follow the direction of the ushers.

**Distribution method** is noted in the order for worship.

**ALTAR RAIL DISTRIBUTION:** As you come forward, please take an empty cup with you to the altar rail. If you choose not to consume wine, grape juice is available. Come to the altar rail without a glass and a communion assistant will offer you the grape juice in a pre-filled glass.

**INTINCTION DISTRIBUTION:** Come forward and receive a wafer. Then dip it into either the wine (the cup in the center of the bread plate) or the grape juice (in the separate cup held by the second assistant). If you want additional time at the altar, please step to center of the altar rail out of the flow of other worshippers. You are invited to kneel if you wish.

**Gluten-free wafers** are available – please indicate your need to the communion assistant.

You are asked to fill out **communion cards** clearly and completely, one card per person. Visitors are asked to fill out the address of their home church (if you identify with one) so we may forward the card there. Take a moment also before leaving to sign our guest book, located in the entrance area.

If it is necessary to **leave the sanctuary** during worship, please refrain, if possible, from doing so during the reading of scripture or the Eucharistic prayers so as not to distract other worshippers.

The use of **electronic devices** during worship is discouraged. Please turn off cell phones or place on vibrate before the start of the service.

**Hearing assistance** is available for members and visitors to Jordan. Please see an usher to arrange to use a receiver. A Koala Bear **baby changing station** is located in the handicapped restroom across from the church offices (in the new section). Children's welcome bags and bulletins are located in the narthex. Please ask ushers for help.

**Restrooms** are located through the left side doors of the chancel; then left through the french doors; restrooms located in the foyer on the right.

**Children in grade 9 and younger** are asked to remain in the Memory Room when consuming refreshments during the fellowship hours.

**Please be sensitive** to the fact that many people are allergic to or bothered by **strong scents** (perfume, aftershave, etc.), particularly when many people are gathered closely together, as for **worship services**.

**For Parents of young children:** We are grateful that God has blessed Jordan with so many young children. Worshiping with young children is a special privilege and joy for all of us. We enjoy the sounds of children in our worship. However, if you sense the need for a "calming break" feel free to take him/her to the Memory Room or Nursery (located through the doors on the left side of the altar) where you can continue to hear and be involved in the worship.

If you are interested in **becoming a member of Jordan**, please speak with the pastor following the service or call the church office (610-395-5912).

**Announcements** for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office before 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. Deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.



## TODAY (17)

-8:50am, Cherub Choir  
-9:15am, Sunday School & Circle of Faith  
-9:30am, Chorale  
-6:30pm, AA Meeting

## MON (18)

9-10 am PANTRY  
-6:30pm, Jordanians Bowlers  
-7:00pm, Boy Scouts  
-7:00pm, Groundhog mtg., Memory Room  
-5:00pm, Lacrosse, Family Ctr.  
-7:30pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

## TUES (19)

-1:30pm, Game Day, M6/8  
-5:00pm, Brownies, Social Hall  
-5:30pm, Basketball, Family Ctr.  
-7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.



## WED (20)

-9:00am, Prayer Shawl  
-5:00pm, Lacrosse, Family Ctr.  
-6:00pm, Lenten Soup Supper, Memory Rm.  
-6:15pm, Friendship Ringers  
-6:30pm, Canon Choir  
-7:00pm, Mid-Week Lenten Service  
-7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

## THU (21)

9am-4pm, Rising Roots Homeschool  
-7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall  
-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## FRI (22)

-4:00pm, Youth Badminton, Family Ctr.  
-5:00pm, Jr. Gyros  
-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.  
-9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## SAT (23)

-10:00-12:00, DAR, Memory Rom.  
-1:00pm, Lacrosse, Family Ctr.

**Clothing collection continues.** Drop off times: Sunday mornings before worship or Monday - Friday, 10 am - 3 pm. Next pick up date is April 6th. Proceeds benefit Jordan youth.



## Attendance

3/10/24

8:00 - 35

10:30 - 37

Wed. 3/13 - 45

## Sponsors

Altar flowers are given in memory of Leroy & Dorothy Stettler, by Bruce Stettler, Louise & family. (T)

2024 marks the 290<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jordan! We are looking for interested people to form a committee to come up with ideas to celebrate this milestone. If you'd like to be a part of it, contact Glenn Hahn at 610-597-8038 or [gandk5124@verizon.net](mailto:gandk5124@verizon.net)

## Outreach

**Reorganizational Meeting** will be held on Sunday April 7th at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room. This is an opportunity to see what Outreach is all about and the things we have done in the past. Please consider attending and joining the committee. For more info or if you are interested but unable to attend on April 7th, please contact Pastor Dody.

Average weekly expenses: \$8,259  
Current annual surplus/(deficit): (\$4,503)

Weekly collections	
Feb 11-17	\$5,594
Feb 18-24	\$6,465
Feb 25-Mar 2	\$6,808
Mar 3-9	\$7,355

*Say a Prayer & Send a Card & Pay a Visit*

**Fellowship Community:** Lillian Semmel, Donald Laudenslager

**Lehigh Commons:** Janet Stettler

**Cedar Crest Post Acute:** Reed Klotz

**Parkland Manor:** Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

**Heather Glen:** Sonny Laudenslager, Anna Bieber

**Home:** Margaret Smith, Dale Gogel, Richard Seltzer, Roger Schoemaker, Carolyn Flemish

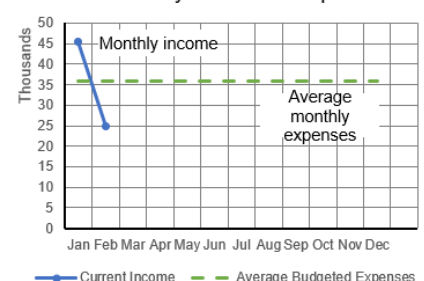
**Please keep these people in your prayers:** Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Nat Hager, Lori Kocher, Lisa Williams, Kim Friend, Bethany Friend, Jon Conrad, Rumpun Heller, Donna Stark, Nancy Troutman, Kathy Attieh, Carolyn Flemish, Robin, Hope Grace, Jenan, Roger Shambough, Kris, Roger, Connie, Remy Sedlock, Kathy Lutterschmidt, Ed Rabenold, Sonny Laudenslager, Sally Crowe, Phyllis German

**Birthdays this week:** Dominick DiMaggio, Eva Wood, Darrell Correll, Teresa Laudenslager, Richard Semmel, Jim Wagner, Lucas Heberling, Andrea Russell, Gretchen Wagner, Rachael Webb, Terrie Weidman

**Anniversaries this week:** [none]

**Look for Easter Tribute forms in the literature racks and included with bulletins and your March newsletter.**

2024 Monthly Income vs Expenses



## SPONSORSHIPS

**Altar Flowers:** Mar. 31; May 19, 26; June 2, 9, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 28

Altar flowers may be sponsored for \$40/2 vase, or \*\$20/1 vase\*; Bulletins for \$20.

**HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS:** Contact Donna Hahn at 610-295-9148 or [dhahn16@gmail.com](mailto:dhahn16@gmail.com) with your choice of dates(s) and sponsorships(s). Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the last service or want them taken to shut ins. If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut ins.

Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate.

**SPONSORSHIP POLICY:** Flowers and other sponsorships may be reserved no earlier than one year from the chosen date. If you wish to reserve the same weekend for the following year, you may do so the day after the current year's sponsorship. No dates will be held; the first request for a date (within the one-year limit) will be taken regardless of the previous year's sponsor.

## Worship Assistants

DATE	3/17	3/24	3/31	4/7
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:00-C Rabenold 10:30-K Leonard	8:00-L Daniels 10:30-C Heilman	8:00-L Daniels 10:30-C Heilman	8:00- 10:30-
<b>Lector</b>	8:00-M Peters 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-M Peters 10:30-J Kurtz	8:00-R Shafer 10:30-J Boscia	8:00- 10:30-
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:00-I Strohl 10:30-N Heckman	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-D Dreisbach	8:00-L Epting 10:30-N Heckman	8:00-B Epting 10:30-C Wozniak
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00- 10:30-B & L Hendricks	8:00- 10:30-J Steiner, J Weremedic	8:00- 10:30-Boscia family	8:00- 10:30-Stettler & Jensen fams
<b>Bell Toller</b>	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-J Siegfried	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-J Steiner	8:00-D Stark 10:30-S Hamil	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-B Stettler
<b>Video</b>	10:30-D Clark	10:30-O Wozniak	10:30-D Dreisbach	10:30-O Wozniak
<b>SAT</b>	8:00-K & D Mancke 10:30-D Clark	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-D Clark	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-

**Please look at the dates we have no one scheduled and give a call to the name listed below for the area(s) you can help with!**

**Altar Guild**/Lynn Daniels [ljd2167@yahoo.com](mailto:ljd2167@yahoo.com) // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia [Julie.boscia@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.boscia@gmail.com) // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman [sgarbeglio@yahoo.com](mailto:sgarbeglio@yahoo.com) // **Ushers** /John Weremedic [miner70@ptd.net](mailto:miner70@ptd.net) // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil [hamilsre@gmail.com](mailto:hamilsre@gmail.com) // **SAT**/Doug Clark [d.clark854@gmail.com](mailto:d.clark854@gmail.com) // **Video**/Tom Daniels [tkdaniels@ptd.net](mailto:tkdaniels@ptd.net)

### ***Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration, Saturday, March 30, 2024***

Registration at 9:30 am, event begins at 10 am in the Family Center for children 12 and under. Activities for children include crafts, jellybean and candy guessing, children's skit, goody bags and prizes! Invite your friends and neighbors too!



#### ***Egg Hunt prep needed***

Help is needed, **Sunday, March 24**, between the worship services to stuff eggs, prepare jellybean bags and goody bags for the upcoming egg hunt. Volunteer opportunities are also needed the day of the egg hunt, during the event to help at table stations and after to clean-up. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Memory Room to indicate your participation. Next week, 3/24, is the last day to donate Egg Hunt candy and gift cards. Please donate individually wrapped candy bags by Sunday, March 24, in the Drop Box in the Memory Room. Gift card donations are to be placed in an envelope marked "Egg Hunt" in the offering plate. Thank you!

#### ***Readers Needed for Palm Sunday***

We need several people to take the smaller parts for the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday. Most parts are only a few lines. Teens and older Sunday School students are welcome, too! It's a meaningful way to help our congregation prepare for Holy Week. Call or email the church office.



#### ***Sunday School Fundraiser***

to help Gress Mountain Ranch, therapeutic ranch and forever home to 50+ rescue animals, located in Orefield, PA. **Needed items:** Pine shavings, pelleted horse bedding, Senior Horse food, 50 lb. bag of popcorn, canned pumpkin, monetary and gift cards highly encouraged.

**Gift cards:** Tractor Supply, Bird Mania, Quakertown Vet, Weis, Costco, Albright's Mill, Mill in Germansville

**Additional items:** Desktop computers, Gatorade Zero, Pot-bellied pig food, Mazuri Rabbit and Guinea Pig Food

**Donations will be collected in the Memory Room, April 7th - 28th.**

### **Dates to Save**

**Mother's Day Brunch** - Saturday, May 4th - 10 am - Empty Nest Crafters, presenters - Memory Room  
*Sign ups begin in April – look for sheet in Memory Room*

**"Faith Night" Iron Pigs Baseball Game** - Friday, June 7th - 7:05 pm - Coca-Cola Park, Allentown  
*Ticket order forms available in the literature racks, on our website, or in the April newsletter*

**Vacation Bible School** - June 17 - 21, from 9am - 11:45 am - Family Center