



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

**Prelude:** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. by Jeffrey Bjorck/John Wyeth

### **Welcome to Worship and Announcements**

#### **\*Confession and Forgiveness:**

P In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy One,

C **we confess that we have wandered far from you:**

**we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C **Amen.**



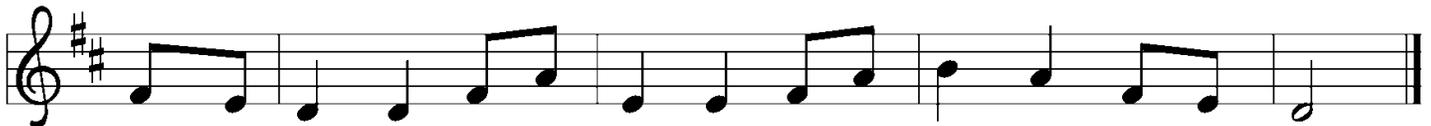
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

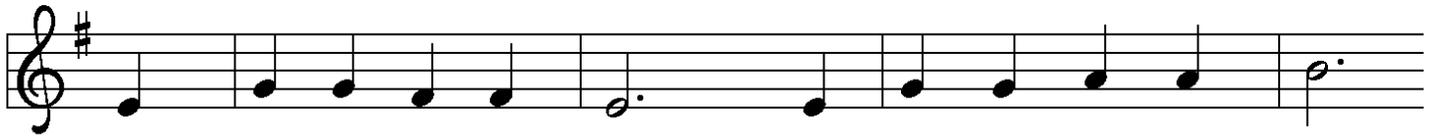
**\*Greeting:**

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

C **And also with you.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*Kyrie**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

**\*Prayer of the Day:**

**All God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Kids Word:** Pastor Jerry O'Neal

**Our first reading is from Joshua 5:9-12**

*By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.*

<sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup>While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

**L** Word of God. Word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Psalm 32:** (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**Our second reading is from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

*One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

**\*Gospel Acclamation:** (setting 10 in ELW)



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

**\*Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

*Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup>"There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

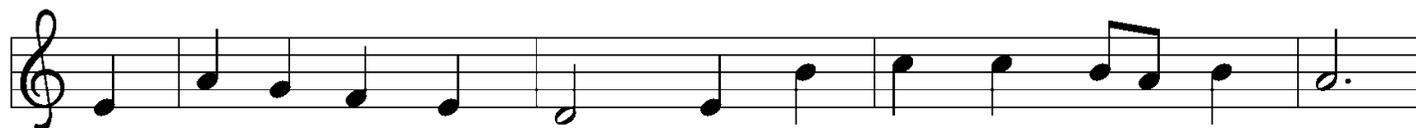
\*Please stand as you are able.

\*Hymn of the Day: "Our Father, We Have Wandered" ELW 606

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1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;  
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,  
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.  
com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,  
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,  
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.  
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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**\*Apostles' Creed:**

**P&C 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.**

**\*Prayers:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "Merciful God," and your response is, **"receive our prayer."**

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead your church to be a community marked by forgiveness, hospitality, and celebration. Send us to transform a world plagued by fear and condemnation. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You make the land to produce a harvest that sustains your entire creation. Equip farmers and farm workers who till the soil. Nourish the earth with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Heal grounds tainted by pollution or misuse. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Countries are divided and leaders often harbor grudges. Reconcile nations that experience conflict. Act quickly to bring an end to war. Anoint peacemakers trained in the art of diplomacy and foster a spirit of collaboration among political rivals. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Your people cry for help in times of distress. Resolve disagreements among family members. Save those experiencing financial hardship. Hear our prayers for those who are sick or grieving especially to those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). Console us with the promise that everything can become new. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Your love comes to us when a table is set and a feast is prepared. Bless our Open Hands feeding ministry. Bring an end to hunger in our community and around the world. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You bring new ministry and mission opportunities to the world. Bless the new Stephen Ministry program at Holy Trinity. Equip our future Stephen Ministers for the work of caring for your people. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

The one who was dead is alive again. We give thanks for those who have died, confident that steadfast love surrounds them. Shelter them in your love until we are gathered at your heavenly banquet. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**\*Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**Offering:**

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**Offering Music:** "Gymnopedie No. 1" from Trois Gymnopedies. arr. by Erik Satie

**\*Offertory Hymn:** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ELW 884

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the offertory hymn. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are as follows:

- Staff 1: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (half), G4 (half), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter).
- Staff 2: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (half), G4 (half), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter).
- Staff 3: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (half), G4 (half), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter).

The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

**\*Offering Prayer:**

L Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

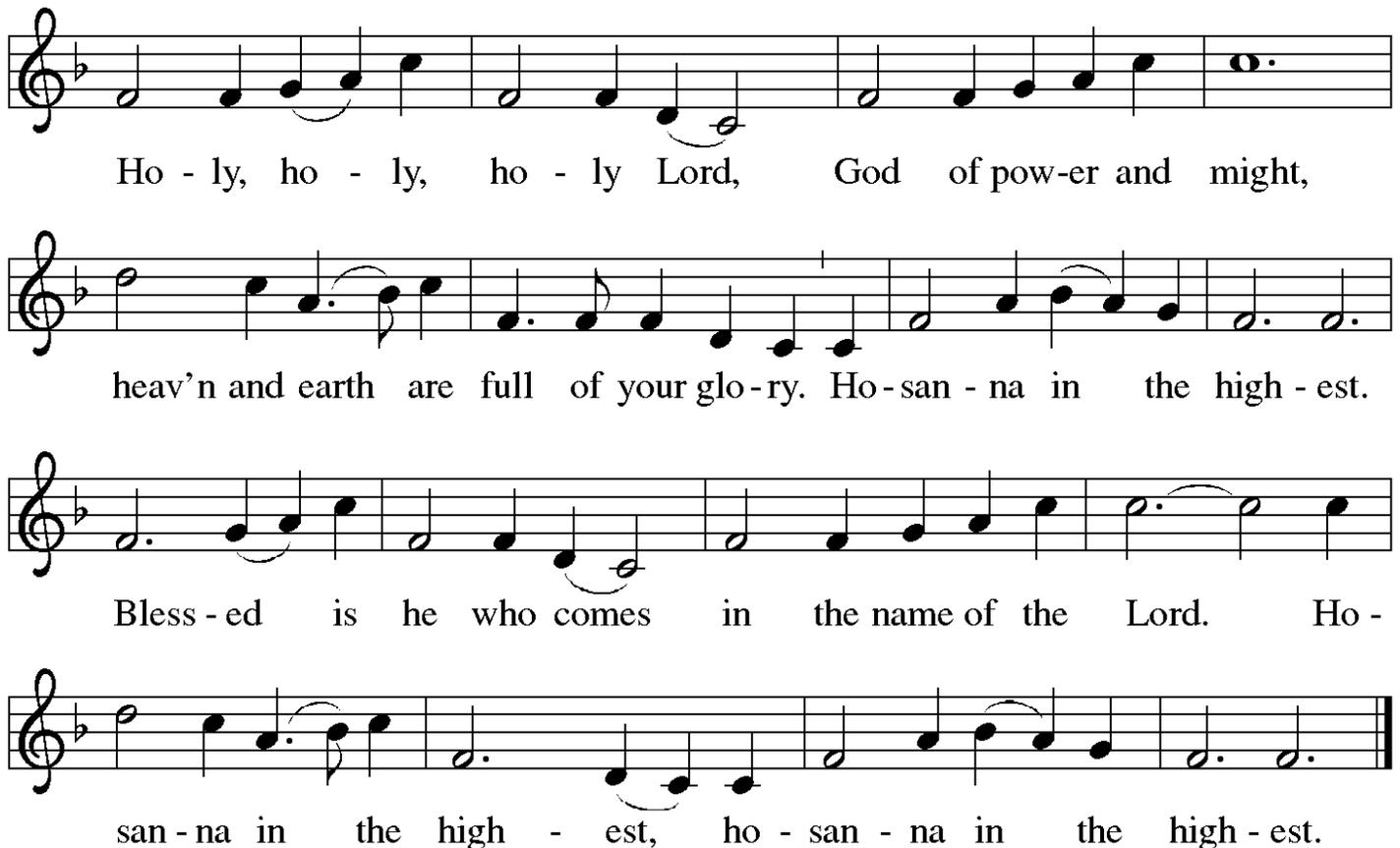
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n 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.

\*Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

*(The Words of Institution will be said in Spanish, then English.)*

P La noche en que fue entregado,  
nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias;  
lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:  
Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes.  
Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa,  
dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo:  
Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre,  
derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado.  
Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you,  
O God, Author of life,  
Word made flesh,  
Power of the Most High, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**\*Lord's Prayer:**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)

**All 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.**

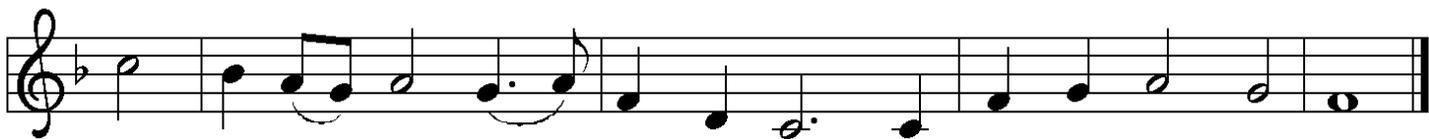
**\*Invitation to Communion:**

P Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

**Communion Hymn: "Lamb of God" (setting 10)**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**Distribution:**

*This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. Communion is continuous as we kneel at the altar. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine. Communicants come to the altar down the center aisle, fill in the communion rail from left to right and return by the side aisles.*



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;  
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.  
 Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

**\*Post Communion Blessing:**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
All **Amen.**

**\*Post Communion Prayer:**

L Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

C **Amen**

**\*Sending Call and Response:**

L God's work!

C **Our hands!**

L God's love!

C **Our hearts!**

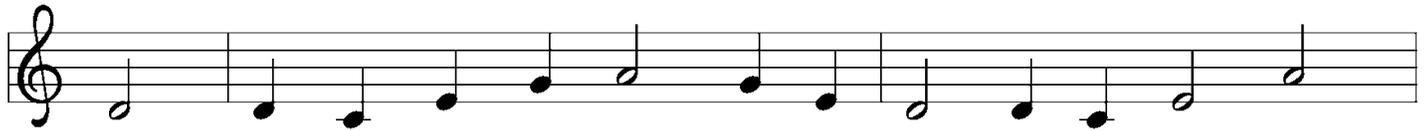
L God's story!

C **Our voices!**

**\*Benediction:**

P "Barocha" - Michael Card

C **Amen.**



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

**\*Dismissal:**

L Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Announcements for March 27, 2022

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries for March 27 - April 2, 2022:**

Birthdays:

March 30 - Bonnie Haynes

March 30 - Steve Strong

Anniversaries:

April 1 - Ben and Jenni Sanderfer (No Joke!)

April 1 - Richard and Stephanie Thompson

April 2 - Richard and Kate Leigh

### **Flowers at the Altar:**

The bouquet of flowers are given to the glory of God.

*(If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)*

**This week's Prayers:** Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Dorothy Ashby

John Carlson

Marla Suding

Arlene Murphy, Mike Metzcar's sister

Jessica Cummings

Dan Haynes

For all who are sick and suffering

Roberta Debolt

Sue Metzcar

John Paul Metzcar

Liam, 2 year-old great grandson of Nancy Brown

Stephanie and Rich Thompson

Tim Stanley, friend of Toni Rowray

Dennis Dail, Jan Segedy's brother

Mary Broughton

For all who are suffering with Covid and especially the doctors, nurses and medical technicians who are working hard to help those patients heal. The frontline workers need to be remembered. Their work is far from over and they have been at it since the beginning of the pandemic.

### **Bible Study, Monday Mornings at 10:00am:**

You are invited to join us on Monday mornings at 10:00am in-person or on Zoom (the link is below). Each week we study the lectionary for the upcoming Sunday service. We look forward to seeing you there!

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/6616571423?pwd=b3NqMldPTXkxS0RuOXZ3RVNabC9rUT09>

### **Time to Socialize After Church:**

On **April 3** and **April 10**, immediately after the service, we'll have the coffee pot on and some cookies to munch while you are socializing with fellow members. It's time to get back together! See you in the Lounge.....finally!

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Serving in Worship Today:****Lay Worship, Lector, and Communion Assistant:** Becki Bergs**Acolyte:** Micah Smith**Usher:** John Huff and Jim Suding**Greeter:** Shirley Foster**Altar Guild:** Diane Scholer and Kathy McCauliff**It's Back! Free Chair Yoga Class Starts Tuesday, March 29 at 5:30pm:**

Once again, Karen Wenger is offering a free chair yoga class on Tuesdays at 5:30, **starting March 29<sup>th</sup>**. There will be six 45 minute sessions this Spring, held in Fellowship Hall. Tennis shoes are required. Chair yoga is a safe way for seniors to exercise but is good for all ages. No exercises on the floor. Sign up by calling the church office.

**Offering Cards and Envelopes:**

There is a supply of offering cards and envelopes on the devotions shelf outside the sanctuary and on the table outside the church office that you can pick up at your convenience. Please put your giving number on your check or offering card to help with the counting process. If you need to know your giving number, please contact Jenni in the church office. If you would like us to mail you a supply of cards and envelopes, please contact the church office.

**Lenten Mid-Week Study:**

Beginning March 9 at 7pm, we will be gathering with our brothers and sisters from nearby congregations for our annual midweek Lenten study. This year we will be reading the book "Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer" by Rowan Williams. Williams is a former Archbishop of Canterbury and has written several excellent books on the Christian life. You can get a copy of Williams' book through Amazon or other online retailers. The Zoom link is below. I hope you will join us! Shalom, Pastor Jerry

Lenten Mid-Week Study Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84697088317?pwd=bi8xOVQ0Z01DOHYzVTYxMEhPbE9wQT09>

**It's Tea Time:**

Mark your calendar for a LADIES' TEA at HTLC on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 (tea time, of course). We'll invite our daughters, grand-daughters, nieces, aunts, mothers, and sisters to have tea and crumpets with us while we listen to our guest of honor, Elizabeth Rowray, speak. Elizabeth is not only an elected representative to the Indiana legislature, she is CEO of Muncie/Delaware County Chamber of Commerce. She's also Toni Rowray's daughter-in-law. Tickets are \$5 each and will be available at the church office or after services on Sunday. Invite your guests now, so that they'll save-the-date. Fancy dress and hats are fun, but optional. Space is limited.

**Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars!**

April 14 – Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00pm

April 15 – Good Friday Service – 7:00pm at High Street UMC, 219 S. High St.

April 17 – Easter Sunrise Service – 7:00am (Outdoors on the East lawn. Bring your lawn chairs.)

April 17 - Easter Breakfast - 8:30am, free will offering

April 17 – Easter Service – 10:00am (Indoors in the sanctuary. Baptism of Ezra Summers.)

April 24-April 30 - Back Bay Mission Trip

May 21 - Ladies Tea, 4 pm (Tickets on sale beginning March 20 for \$5 each)

Sept 18 - Neighborhood BBQ, 5 pm

Sept 25 - Quilt Blessing during service

\*Please stand as you are able.

## EASTER FLOWERS

Please help us decorate the church for Easter. If you would like to order Easter Flowers for your loved ones and friends, please fill in the form below and bring or mail it to the church office along with your payment of \$13.25 per flower by Sunday, April 10. Special envelopes are located in the lobby. You may take the flowers home after the Worship Service on Easter Sunday.

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

Flower Choices: Lily \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth \_\_\_\_\_ Tulip \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_ flowers

\*Please note that payment needs to be made a the time of placing the order.  
We will not order the flower(s) if payment is not received. Thank you.

