



Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

Prelude: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" arr. by Gregg Sewell

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 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872

Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

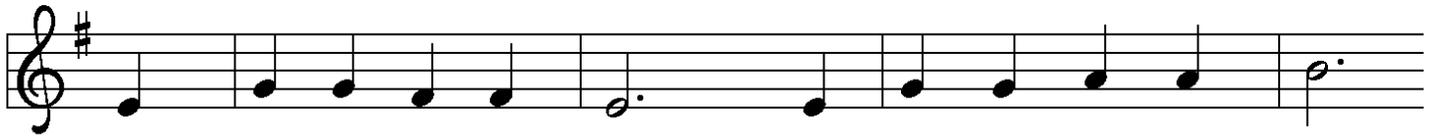
***Greeting:**

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 Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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 Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126: (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Our second reading is from Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

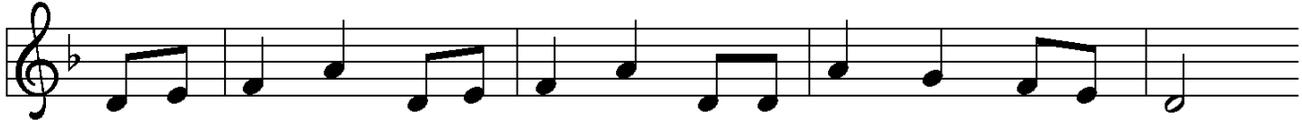
⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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: John 12:1-8**

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 12th chapter.

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

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: Pr. Jerry O'Neal



1 Ho - ly wom - an, grace - ful giv - er, proph - et,
 2 How the fra - grance filled the dwell - ing! How the
 3 Lov - ing - ly Christ stilled the scoff - er who would
 4 Though dis - dained or though con - test - ed, acts of



ser - vant, and be - liev - er, Mar - y with the oint - ment
 act of beau - ty well - ing blest all those with - in the
 grasp - ing guard the cof - fer, point - ing to a hid - den
 love are nev - er wast - ed: beau - ty is a face of



jar, sought by Christ, by scorn un - daunt - ed, knelt in
 place! How the act of pure de - vo - tion, whis - p'ring
 trove: not all trea - sures gain and pro - fit, feed the
 God. Grace - ful Mar - y, by your giv - ing, you have



love, his feet a - noint - ed for his com - ing bur - ial
 of his com - ing pas - sion, blest the heart of Christ with
 poor, and feed the spir - it acts of beau - ty, acts of
 shown a way of liv - ing: acts of beau - ty, love, and



hour, for his com - ing bur - ial hour.
 grace, blest the heart of Christ with grace!
 love, acts of beau - ty, acts of love.
 good, acts of beau - ty, love, and good.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
 Music: ALABASTER JAR, Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960
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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.

Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick especially to those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued. Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Do a new thing for ministry and mission opportunities in 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.

Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. 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:

If you would like to give electronically, you may

1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Play or Apple Store, or

2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.

3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

Offering Anthem: "Soon Ah Will Be Done" arr. by William L. Dawson

HTLC Choir

***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, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4.
- Staff 2: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4.
- Staff 3: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4.

The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, 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

*Please stand as you are able.

***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.**

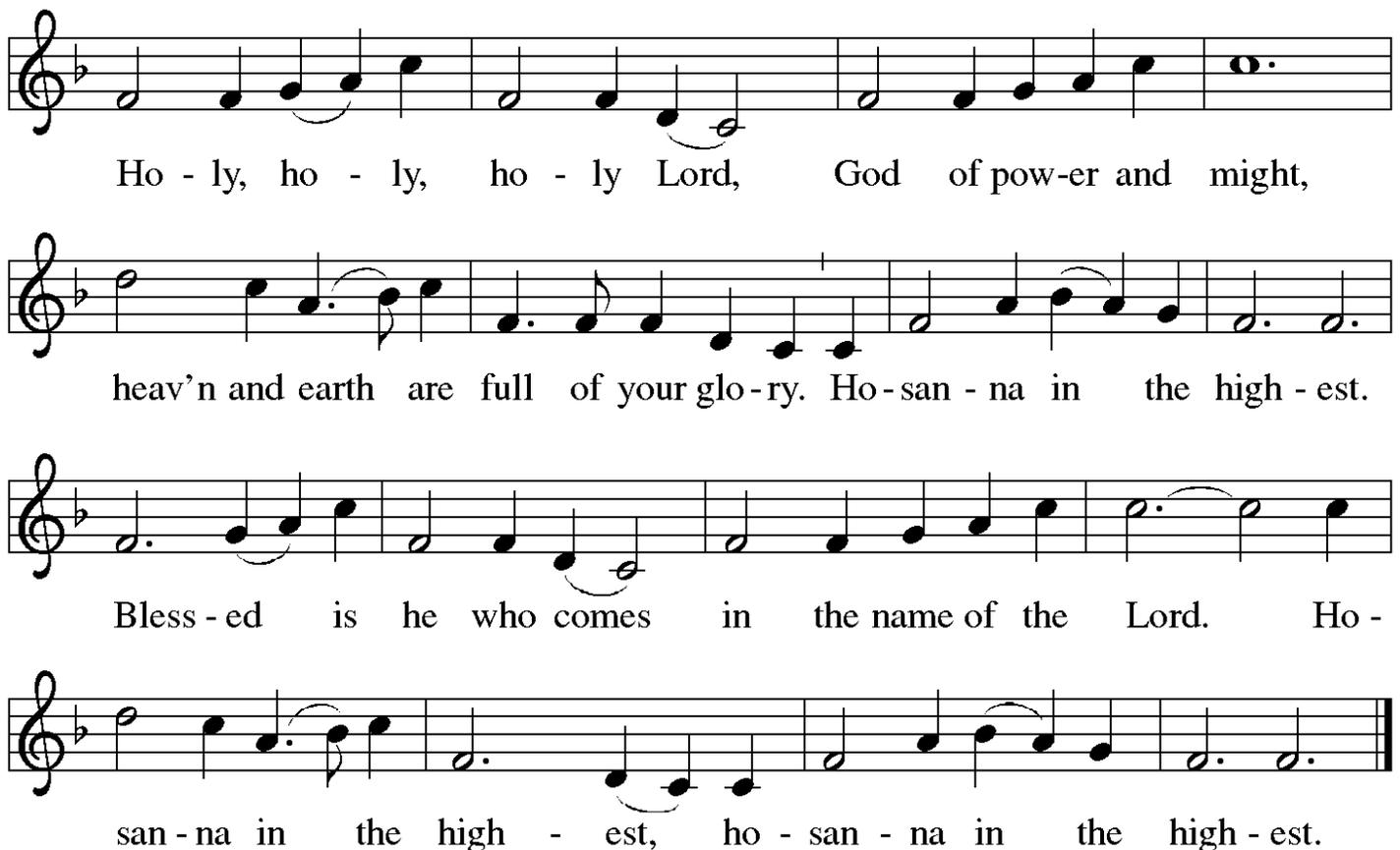
P Lift up your hearts.

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.

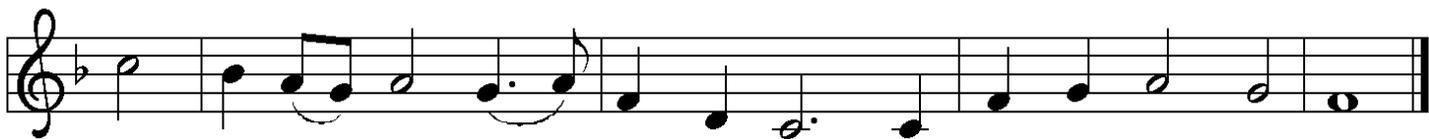
***Invitation to Communion:**

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.

Communion Hymn: "Holy God, Holy and Glorious" ELW 637

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1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,
2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,
3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,
4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,
5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,



glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us
pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;
beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;
wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:
life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,



in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.
emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.
scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.
God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.
dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: NELSON, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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***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.

***Sending Hymn: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" ELW 335**

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1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

***Dismissal:**

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

Announcements for April 3, 2022

Birthdays and Anniversaries for April 3 - 9, 2022:

Birthdays:

No birthdays on record.

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries on record.

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:

Naomi and Logan Owens, Betty Haffner's sister-in-law and brother

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!

Serving in Worship Today:

*Please stand as you are able.

Lay Worship, Lector, and Communion Assistant: Ann Santoni

Acolyte: Adrian Collins

Usher: Tom Collins and John Huff

Greeter: Dawn-Marie Oberly

Altar Guild: Diane Scholer and Kathy McCauliff

Free Chair Yoga Class on Tuesdays at 5:30pm:

Once again, Karen Wenger is offering a free chair yoga class on Tuesdays at 5:30. These are 45 minute sessions, 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:

The last Lenten Mid-Week study will be this Wednesday, April 6 at 7pm, we will be gathering with our brothers and sisters from nearby congregations. This year we are reading the book "Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer" by Rowan Williams. 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 21st 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

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.

