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Setting Five

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness:

"Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live."

The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us.

Thanks be to God!

Prelude



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.

Silence is kept for reflection. You may sit, stand or kneel for the Confession.

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.

Gathering Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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The Greeting

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

C. And also with you.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



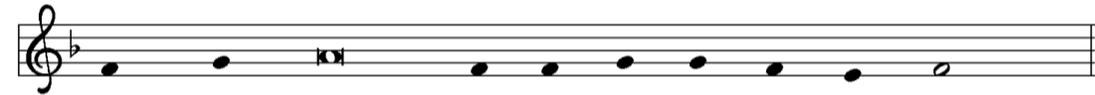
For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray

C. **Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations

that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

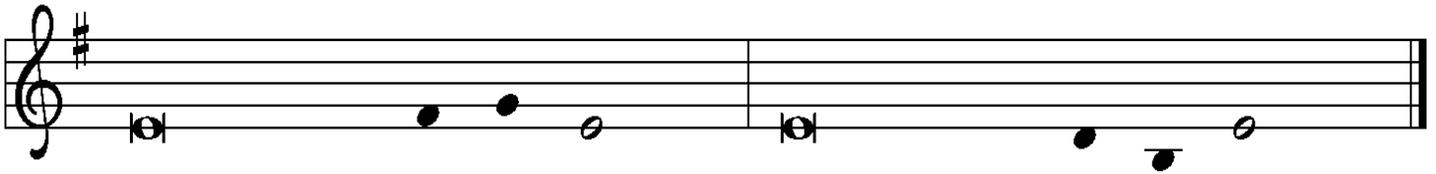
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

P. Word of God, word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**





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

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

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

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

My spirit is content, as with the rich-^lest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with^l joyful lips,

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

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

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

Second Reading

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is

Taking Heed Lest You Fall

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

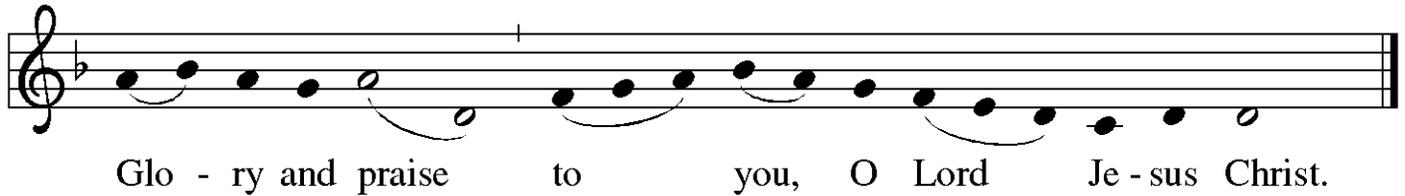


not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

P. Word of God, word of life.

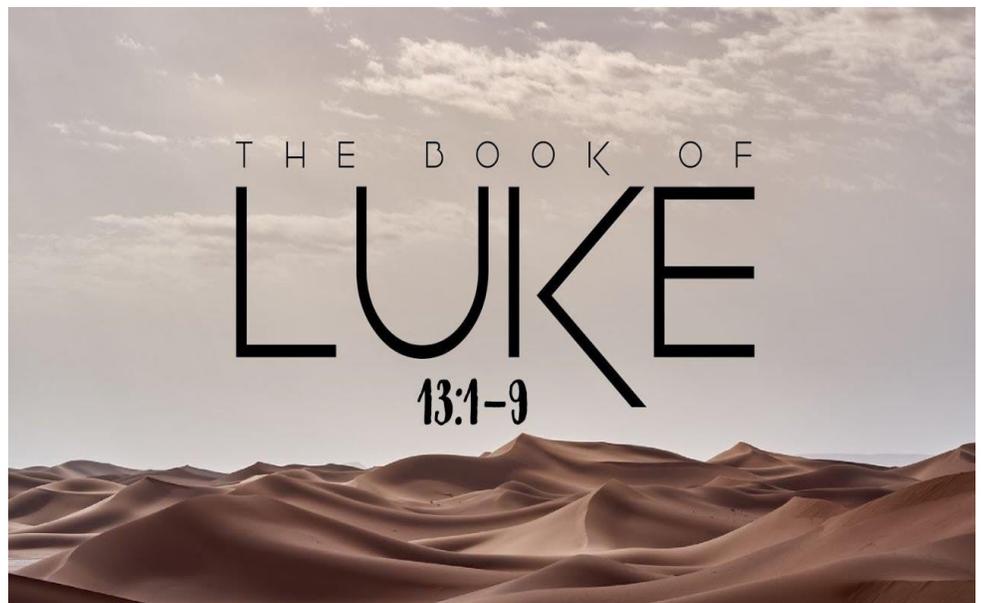
C. Thanks be to God.

Lenten Acclamation



P. The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter thirteen.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you



think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

"Higher Ways, the Ultimate Infrastructure"

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Hymn of the Day

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

ELW 321

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE

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 again 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 of Intercession

P. 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.

We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry.

Merciful God,

C. receive our prayer.

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

C. Amen.

The Peace

P. Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

C. And also with you.

The Offering

Anthem

Deep River

~ African American Spiritual

Choir

Offertory

As the Deer Runs to the River



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst-ing for your heal - ing grace.
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv-ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Offertory Prayer

- A. 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

P. It is indeed.....

The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

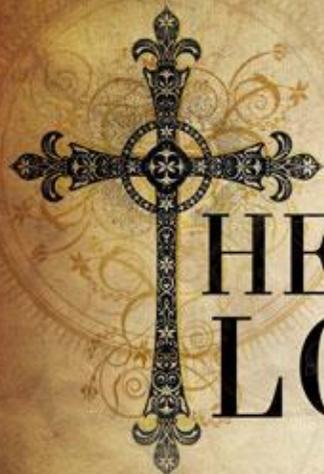
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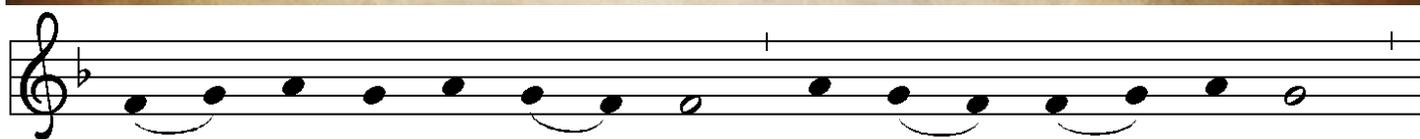
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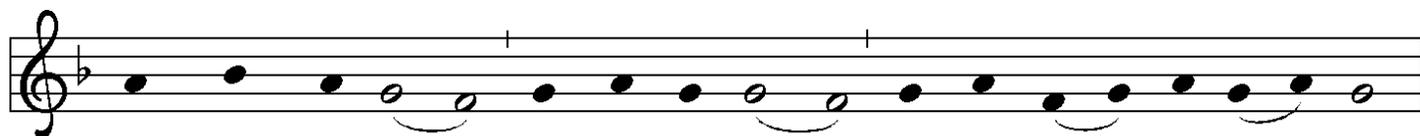
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THE LORD'S PRAYER



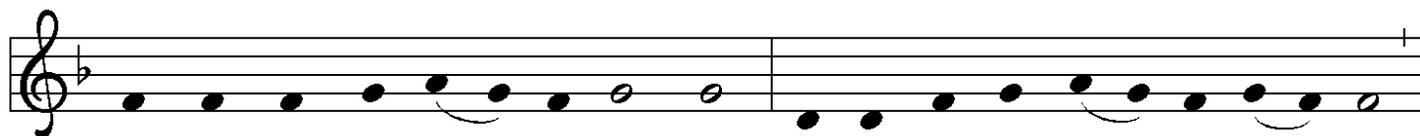
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,



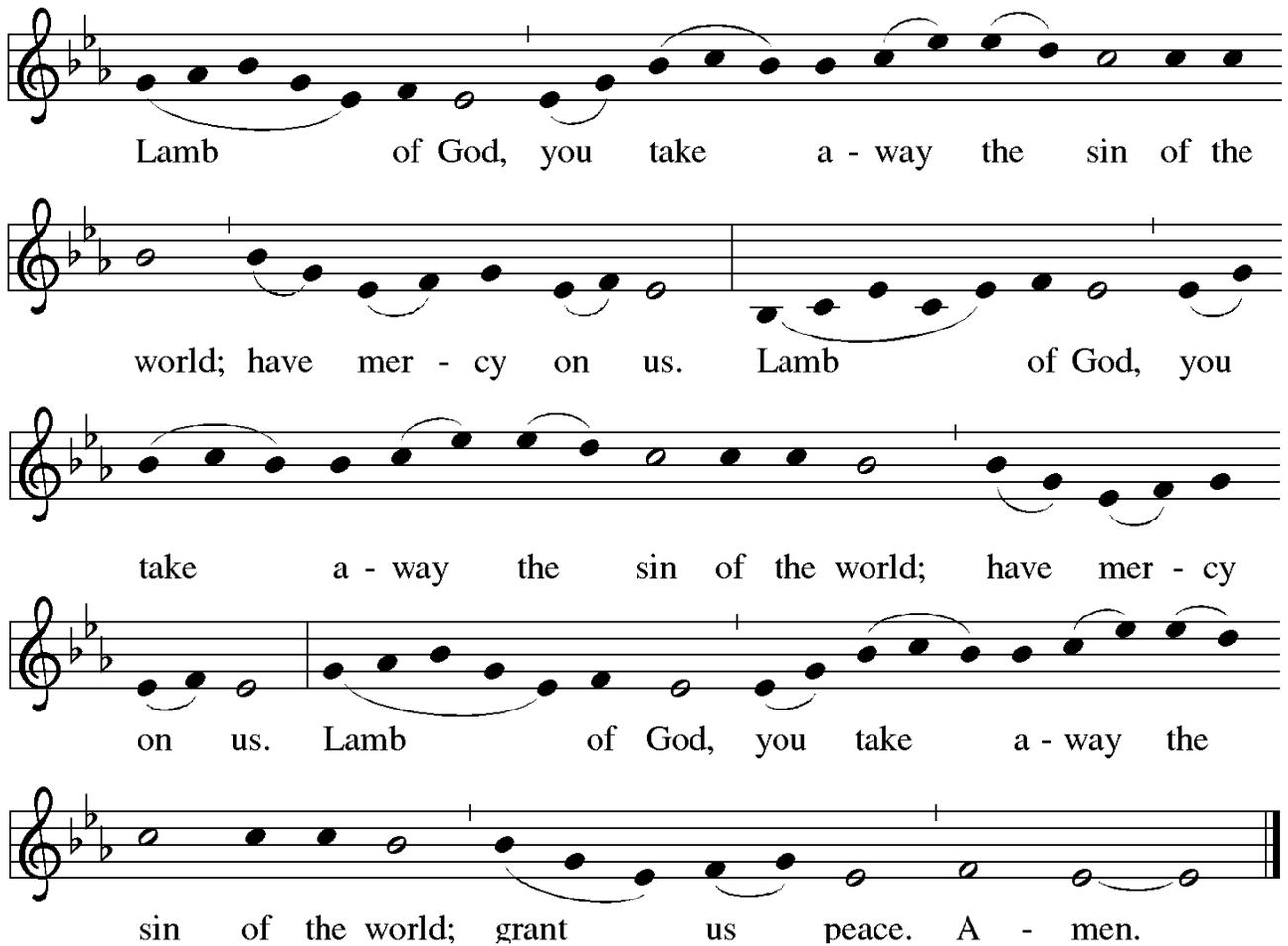
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Invitation to Communion

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

C. 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. A - men.

Communion Hymns

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense

Lord, Be Glorified



ELW 623

ELW 621

ELW 744

Post Communion Blessing and Canticle

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

C. Amen.

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be."

And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!

The second system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!"

Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;

The third system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;"

but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

The fourth system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign."

Post Communion Prayer

P. 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.

The Blessing

P. You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, † bless you this day and always.

God bless you † that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C. Amen.

Sending Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW 632

Dismissal

P. Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

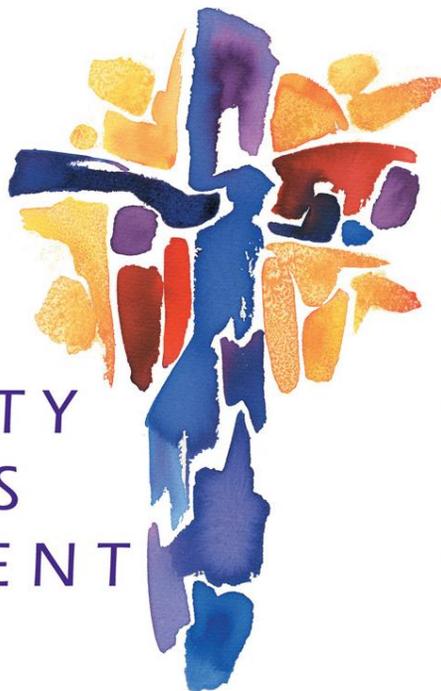
Brad Hunnicutt

*After Worship Fellowship
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Servers for Sunday, March 20th

Assisting Minister	Alecia Harrison
Reader	Shannon Thomsen
Altar Guild	Barbara Kyles
Greeters / Counters	Tim Clark / Sarah Watkins
Acolyte	Antonio Smith

THE
FORTY
DAYS
of LENT



RETURN
to the
LORD
YOUR
GOD



Mar 20	9:00 am 10:00 am	Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall Worship Service – 3 rd Sunday in Lent
Mar 23	5:45 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Chime Choir Practice Simple Supper Lenten Worship Service Choir Practice
Mar 27	9:00 am 10:00 am	Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall Worship Service – 4 th Sunday in Lent
Mar 28	7:00 pm	Worship & Music Meeting
Mar 30	5:45 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Chime Choir Practice Simple Supper Lenten Worship Service Choir Practice
Apr 1	7:00 pm	Men’s Group Meeting
Apr 3	9:00 am 10:00 am	Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall Worship Service – 5 th Sunday in Lent
Apr 6	5:45 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Chime Choir Practice Simple Supper Lenten Worship Service Choir Practice
Apr 10	9:00 am 10:00 am	Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall Worship Service – Palm Sunday



Please join us each Wednesday during Lent for a simple supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Candlelight Lenten Service at 7:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the board in the Fellowship Hall for those who can sponsor a meal.