

But to you who are willing to listen, I say,

**LOVE YOUR ENEMIES!
DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU.
BLESS THOSE WHO CURSE YOU.
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HURT YOU.**

- Jesus -
(Luke 6:27, 28)

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

February 20, 2022

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Setting Seven

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

Prelude

Joys & Concerns

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C. Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Most merciful God,

C. we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P. Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C. Amen

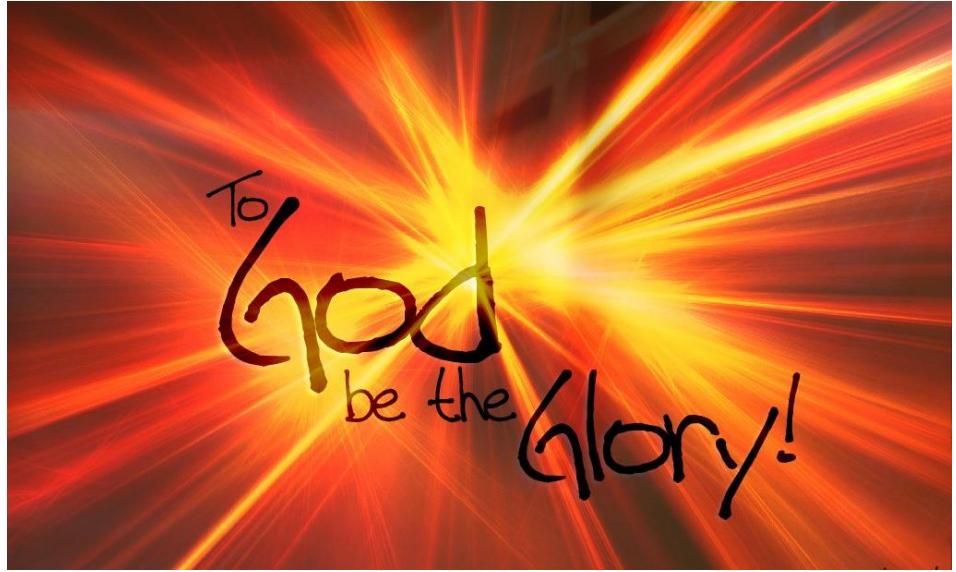
Gathering Hymn

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

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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.



Hymn of Praise

*Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria,*

*en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
glo - ry to God . . . on high!*

*Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria,*

*en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
glo - ry to God . . . on high!*

*Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra_a - que-llos que_a - ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple.*

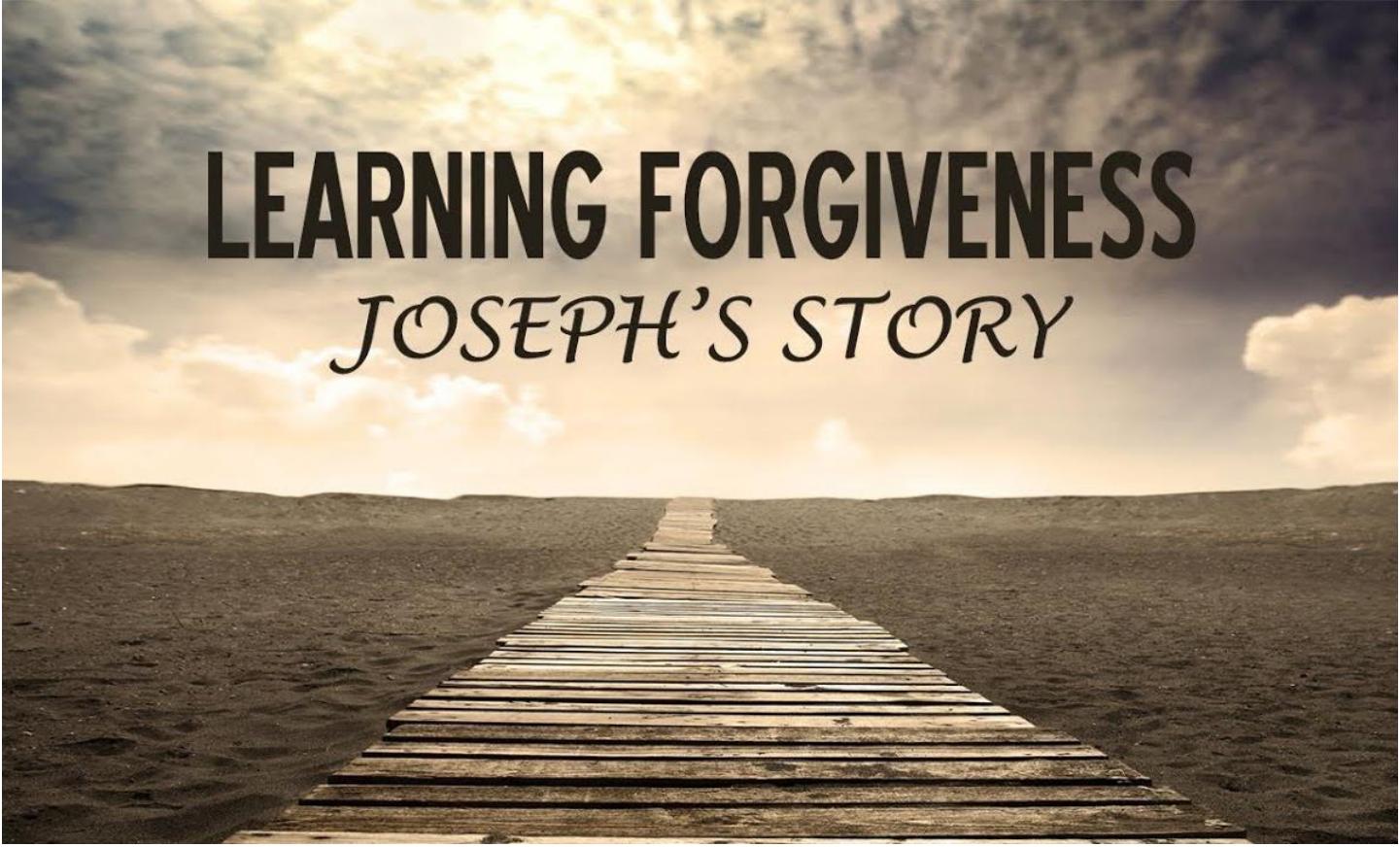
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Prayer of the Day

- A. Let us pray
- C. O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



LEARNING FORGIVENESS

JOSEPH'S STORY

First Reading**Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.



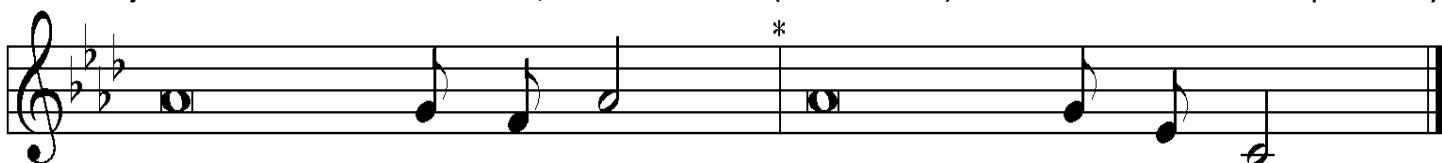
Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Psalm 37:4

Psalmody

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

(tone 4 LBW)

chanted responsively



Do not be provoked by ¹ evildoers;
do not be jealous of those ¹ who do wrong.

**For they shall soon wither ¹ like the grass,
and like the green grass ¹ fade away.**

Put your trust in the LORD ¹ and do good;
dwell in the land and ¹ find safe pasture.

**Take delight ¹ in the LORD,
who shall give you your ¹ heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what ¹ God will do.

**The LORD will make your vindication as clear ¹ as the light
and the justice of your case like the ¹ noonday sun.**

Be still before the LORD and wait ¹ patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in ¹ evil schemes.

**Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- ¹ ly to evil.**

For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- ¹ sess the land.

**In a little while the wicked shall ¹ be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will ¹ not be there.**

But the lowly shall pos- ¹ sess the land;
they will delight in abun- ¹ dance of peace.

**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from ¹ you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in ¹ time of trouble.**

You, O LORD, will help them and ¹ rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you ¹ they seek refuge.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

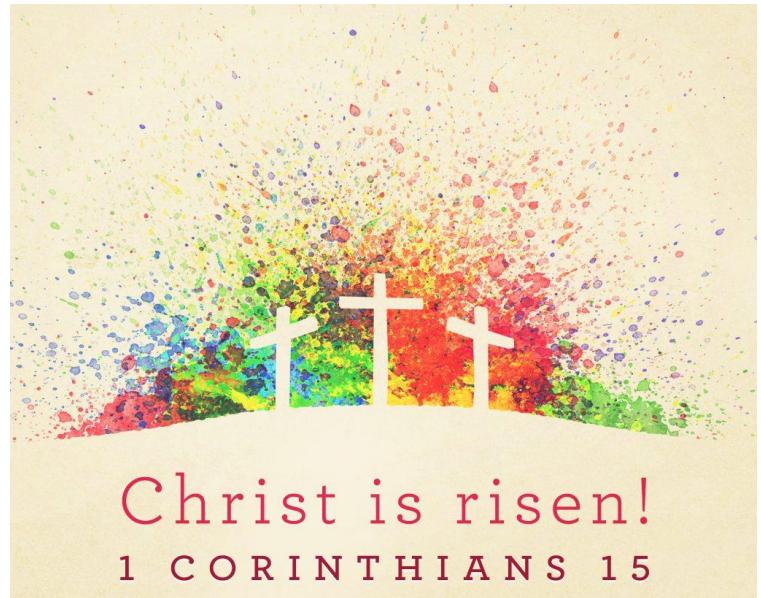
So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, common time, featuring a soprano vocal line. The lyrics are repeated in three parts, each ending with an exclamation point. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

iA - le - lu - ya, *a - le - lu - ya,* *a - le - lu - ya!*
Al - le - lu - ia, *al - le - lu - ia,* *al - le - lu - ia!*

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

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if

anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.



The Sermon

"That's the Whole Story"

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Hymn of the Day

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

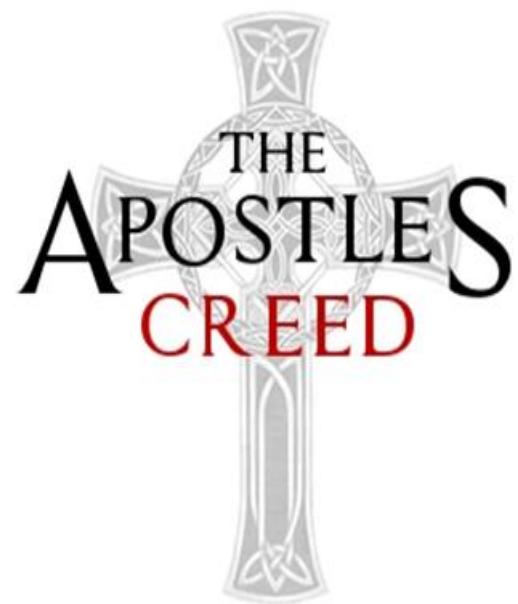
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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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

- A. The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace,

C. **hear our prayer.**

- P. Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.**



Anthem

Go Down, Moses ~arr. Norman Luboff

Choir

The Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182

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 the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

- A. Blessed are you, O God,
C. Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen

The 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 . . .



The Sanctus

San - to, san - to, san - toes el Se - ñor,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - toes el Se - ñor.
 God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

 San - to, san - to, san - to, san - toes el Se - ñor,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

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 Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
 earth. . . . Blest is he who comes in the

 nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
 name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

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Eucharistic Prayer

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. Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

C. Amen

O Lamb of God

The musical notation is in G major, 3/4 time. The lyrics are repeated in Spanish and English. The music features a steady eighth-note pattern in the bass line and a more melodic line above it. Measure numbers are present at the beginning of each staff.

1 Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

2 ten pie-dad de no - so - tros,
have . . mer-cy up - on us, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us.

3 Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

4 ten pie-dad de no - so - tros,
have . . mer-cy up - on us, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us.

5 Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

6 da - nos tu paz,
grant us your peace, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace.

Communion Hymns

<i>Bread of Life, our Host and Meal</i>	ELW 464
<i>Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive</i>	ELW 605
<i>God, When Human Bonds Are Broken</i>	ELW 603

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

Lord, Now You Let Your Servant Go in Peace

The musical notation consists of eight staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a staff. The lyrics are:

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace. Your WORD has been ful-
filled. My own eyes have seen the SAL-VA-TION which
You have pre-pared in the sight of ev'-ry peo-ple: a LIGHT, to re-
veal You to the na-tions, and the GLO-RY of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el!
Glo ry! Glo-ry to the FA - THER! Glo- ry! Glo-ry to the SON! And
Glo - ry! Glo - ry to the HO - LY SPI - RIT!
As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for -
ev - er, A - men. A - men. A - men.

Post Communion Prayer

P. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C. Amen

Blessing

P. God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, † bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C. Amen

Sending Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW 650

Dismissal

A. Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Brad Hunnicutt

Servers for Sunday, February 20th

Assisting Minister	Sylvia Lambert
Reader	Gale Isaacs
Altar Guild	Helen Holderman
Usher	Steve Brantley
Acolyte	Antonio Smith

Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.



Candles for the month of February are provided by Sylvia Lambert in loving memory of Ralph, Johnnie, Cora, and Stanley.

Flowers this week are given by Terry & Grace Barnes in celebration of their 24th Wedding Anniversary.

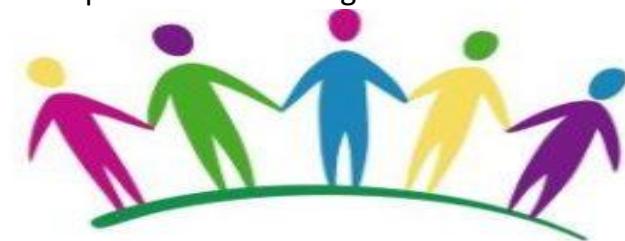
Honor a loved one by making a donation for candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.

COME JOIN US UPCOMING EVENTS...

Feb 23 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Feb 27 9:00 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Worship Service – Transfiguration of Our Lord

11:00 am



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Mar 1 6:30 pm



A Pancake Supper will be held in the fellowship hall on March 1st at 6:30 pm. There will be a freewill offering for World Hunger. Known also as “Mardi Gras”, Shrove Tuesday is basically the day of preparation for Lent. The tradition in the church of having pancake suppers and the secular tradition of just plain partying probably derives from the practice of feasting before the fast. It takes place on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent.)

ALL are invited to attend the Pancake Supper and join in our special celebration!

Mar 2 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship
 and Communion
 7:30 pm Choir Practice



Ash Wednesday — Lent Begins

Mar 4 7:00 pm Men's Group Meeting
 Women's Meet 'n Eat
Mar 6 9:00 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am Worship Service – 1st Sunday in Lent



Mar 9 5:45 pm Chime Choir Practice
 6:30 pm Simple Supper &
 Lenten Midweek Worship
 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Simple Suppers – will be held during Lent on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, prior to the Lenten Services, from March 9th thru April 13th. A sign-up sheet is on the board in the Fellowship Hall for those who can sponsor a meal.



March 13 9:00 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am Worship Service – 2nd Sunday in Lent