

RESPONSE: "Lamb of God" *Agnus Dei (Vasile)*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us, O grant us your peace.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

One: ...The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

* PEACE RESPONSE: (To the tune of "My Lord, What a Morning")

Peace be with my sisters.
 Peace be with my brothers.
 Oh, peace be with all people,
 For we all need peace at last;
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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME.

Children may follow the teachers to Godly Play. When you pick up your children after the service from the second floor, please sign them out or provide other pick-up instructions.

* HYMN #52: "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land" *Spiritual*

THE TORAH: Exodus 17:1-7 p. 64 OT

THE EPISTLE: Romans 5: 1-11 p. 155 NT

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE: "Want."

"...the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us, or not?'" Ex. 17:7

* GLORIA PATRI:



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit: as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for- ever. Amen, A - men. A - men!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

One: When we give, we do not sound a trumpet before ourselves,

All: **but we give quietly, and our Father in heaven sees.** (Matt. 6)

OFFERTORY: "Stand By Me" Moses Hogan

* DOXOLOGY:



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow.

Praise Christ, all crea-tures here be - low.

Praise Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more!

Praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *from the Confession of 1967*

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to us commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering, so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces

of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

* HYMN #509: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" *Holy Manna*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION.

We invite you to come forward down the center aisle to receive communion, holding out an open palm to receive bread and leaving your cup in the cup racks at the back of each pew. If you wish to have communion brought to you, please indicate this by raising a hand to the servers walking in the aisles. All are welcome to receive communion at Christ's table.

COMMUNION MUSIC.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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, Amen.

* HYMN #686: "God of Our Life" *Sandon*

* BENEDICTION.

* CONGREGATIONAL AMEN:



A - men, A - men, A - men.

POSTLUDE: Allegro Maestoso F. Peeters

Please join us for fellowship time in the narthex following the service - serving snacks and coffee, but most of all friendship.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- **Today in Adult Ed:** We will continue our discussion of the Lenten devotional book, *The Desert of Compassion*, with Pastor Cindy. We will focus on ways in which we might reach out with compassion more often as well as what can make that difficult to do. All are welcome to this class led by Pastor Cindy. Please join us in Dodds Hall at 11:25
- **Lenten Soup Supper:** Join us Wednesday evening for our Lenten Soup Supper: a simple meal with fellowship and a time to share stories about wilderness and compassion. No advance notice needed—just come! 6-7:30, Dodds Hall.
- **Congregational Meeting: Next Sunday**, during 10am worship, we will hold a brief congregational meeting for the purpose of electing a last member to Session, prior to ordinations and installations.
- **Next week in Adult Ed:** Join DCE Mylika Selah for a Teachers Coffee and Conversation meeting. We will discuss the new plan for the Sunday School and Youth Group programs as well as engage in important conversations about safety and classroom management.
- **March 26- April 9 Easter volunteers** needed to stuff and hide eggs. Speak to or email Mylika to volunteer.
- April 1-2 **"Food Fight" Lock-in:** Youth will gather to learn about food insecurity by playing games and solving puzzles. Then they will host Adult Ed to share their takeaways about food insecurity with the congregation.
- **Prayer Community** – You may not have heard much about our Prayer Community. It is a quiet but powerful ministry. Composed of members of the congregation, our staff, and our pastors, the Prayer Community is here to pray for you. Should you have any concerns about which you would like more prayers than your own, please let the pastors know, and we will send an email to the Prayer Community asking for prayers for you. And, as always, new pray-ers are always welcome in the Prayer Community.
- **New emails:** Please note the new email addresses for staff on the back of the bulletin.

Our greeters today are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Harrison Faulkner

Our ushers today are:

Jeanette Miller, Sandra Greene, Stella Martz, and Harrison Faulkner

Our Communion servers today are:

Micah Beck, Sandra Greene, Kathy Lipinski, and Christina Mead

Our flowers this morning are given by:

Stella Martz
"In honor of my husband, Harris Faulkner's birthday."

We hold in our prayers: Ann Cedarholm; Harris Faulkner; Tom Hurst; Betsy Mann; Gayle Park; Vivian Russell; Mark Radice; Jim Van Sickle; and Bill Kelly with his church family in Marlton, NJ, which will be closing its doors following Easter services this spring.

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 12:

9:00 am Youth Group
9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am Nursery Available
10:00 am Worship with Lenten Communion
10:15 am Sunday School (Children's Church)
11:00 am Fellowship Time
11:20 am Adult Education, Youth Choir

MONDAY, MARCH 13:

3:00 pm Kendal Communion
7:00 pm Monday Evening Study Group (Zoom)

TUESDAY, MARCH 14:

4:00 pm Adult Education Committee Mtg (Zoom)
5:30 pm WMSL Committee Mtg (Zoom)
6:30 pm Tai Chi—Narthex
7:00 pm AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15:

2:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
6:00 pm Soup Supper and Discussion
7:00 pm Personnel Committee (Zoom)

THURSDAY, MARCH 16:

6:30 pm JPIC (Zoom)
6:30 pm Community Game Night—Dodds
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MARCH 17: GOOD NEWS DUE

7:30 pm Theology on Tap

SATURDAY, MARCH 18.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19: INSTALLATIONS AND ORDINATIONS

9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am Nursery Available
10:00 am Worship with Lenten Communion
10:15 am Sunday School (Children's Church)
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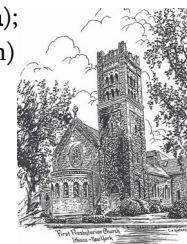
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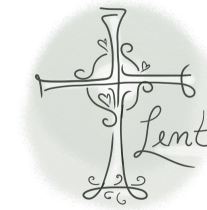
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MARCH 12, 2023: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

This service is being livestreamed! You can view services on our website.

Please share your name in the Friendship Pads at the end of each pew.

PRELUDE: Tallis Theme R. Vaughan-Williams

WELCOME: Rev. Kirianne Weaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95 Liturgist: Sylvia Reeves

One: The Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: In God's hand are the depths of the earth;

One: the heights of the mountains are God's also.

All: The sea is God's, for God made it;

One: and the dry land also, which God's hands have formed.

All: O come, let us worship and bow down,

One: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

All: For this is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture,

One: and the sheep of God's hand.

All: O that today we would listen to God's voice!

Our acolyte today is Moo Eh Soe Mya Soe

* HYMN #50: "Deep in the Shadows of the Past" *Shepherd's Pipes*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Rev. Cynthia Weaver

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

We have offended against your holy laws.

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done that which we ought not to have done.**

We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

Time for silent confession.

* Sitting or standing is a matter of custom and preference but not a requirement.
You are invited to participate in whatever way makes you most comfortable.