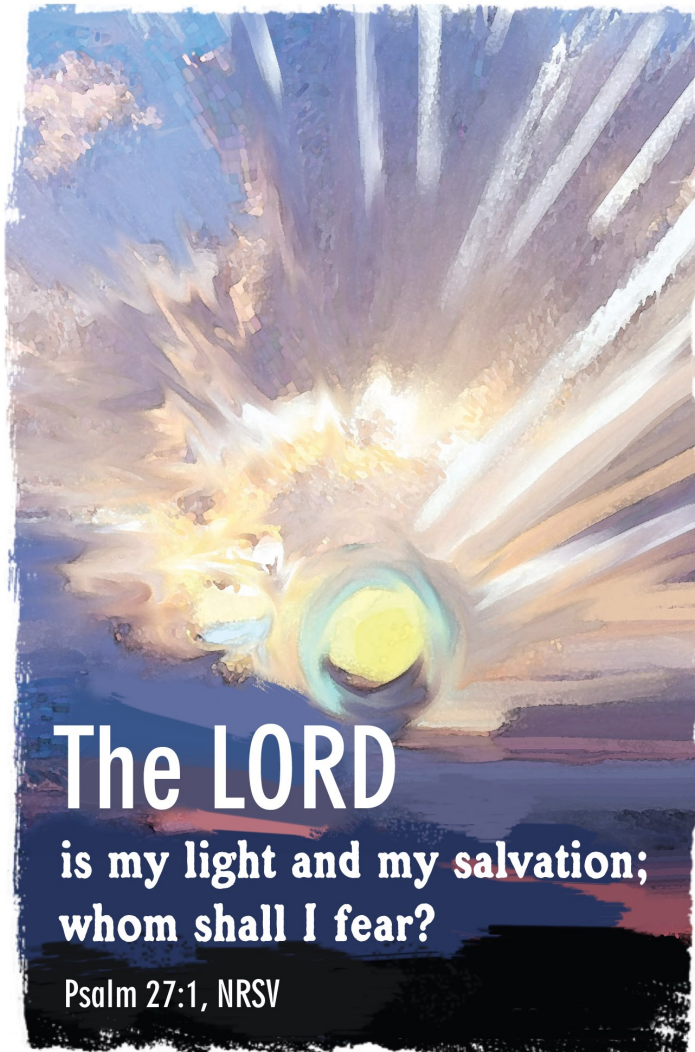


THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Second Sunday in Lent
Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA
March 16, 2025



Welcome

And thank you for worshipping with us today.

If you are a visitor, we are so glad you came! We hope that you will fill out a yellow or green card in your pew and either drop it in the offering plate or leave it at the *Welcome Place* as you leave today. We hope to see you again soon!

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service and will learn to participate at a young age if present. If your child needs to leave for all or part of the service, a fully staffed nursery is available at both services for infants through age five. The nursery is located in the lower level of the church. Please ask an usher if you need help locating it.

If you have a **prayer request** or would like a **pastoral visit**, please fill out a green card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

Adults and children who receive **Holy Communion** in their home church are invited to receive the sacrament with us. All others are invited to the table to receive a blessing. We use **grape wine** and **wheat bread**. Gluten free wafers are available (please let Pastor know when you come forward if you need one). The fullness of the sacrament is available in either form: if for reasons of health or conscience, you can only receive the bread or the wine, please let Pastor know.

After each morning service we invite you to join us for **refreshments and conversation** in the gathering area adjacent to the worship area.

In order to **prepare for worship**, please:

keep **silence** for 10 minutes prior to worship for prayer and meditation.

silence all electronic devices.

refrain from talking during the **prelude**, which is the beginning of our worship service.

Our Mission

As followers of Jesus Christ, we embrace, reflect and proclaim God's unconditional love.

Our Vision

To provide an active and visible Lutheran presence in the Lexington area by:

maintaining our doctrinal, spiritual, and liturgical heritage;

creating a community of disciples committed to growing in their spiritual lives;

engaging in a vigorous lifestyle of evangelism;

working to preserve the dignity of all God's people.

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* arranged by Larry Sue
Morning Bells Handbell Choir

We stand.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**
Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Almighty God, merciful Father:

I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy.

For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A - br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand
 3 The God of A - br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
 4 Your prom - ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
 shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



“I Am the One I Am”— by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
 You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
 I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
 and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
 and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

Musical Offering

Open, Open, Open Cathy Skogen-Soldner

(Open our eyes/hearts to the love of God)

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Children's Choir, William Middleton, piano

Children are dismissed for Children Worship and Wonder

Greeting

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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

Lenten Canticle ELW 329 *As the Sun with Longer Journey*



1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,
2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,
3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:



with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,
search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.
we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.
as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

Text: John Patrick Earls, OSB, b. 1935

Music: NAGEL, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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Prayer of the Day

We sit.

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 *The covenant with Abram and his descendants*

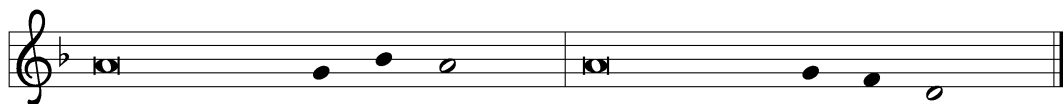
¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD,

what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.”⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.”⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.⁷ Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.”⁸ But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?”⁹ He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”
The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody Psalm 27



In the day of trou - ble, God will give me shel - ter.



The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

4 One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple. R

5 For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up-^l on a rock.

⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies^l who surround me.**

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music^l to the LORD.

⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD,^l when I call;
have mercy on me and^l answer me.

⁸ **My heart speaks your message—^l “Seek my face.”**

Your face, O LORD,^l I will seek. R

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser-^l vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of^l my salvation.

¹⁰ **Though my father and my moth-^l er forsake me,
the LORD will^l take me in.**

¹¹ Teach me your^l way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of^l my oppressors.

¹² **Subject me not to the will^l of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses^l breathing violence.**

¹³ This I believe—that I will see the goodness^l of the LORD
in the land^l of the living!

¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD^l and be strong.
Take heart and wait^l for the LORD! R**

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17—4:1 *If you confess that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved.*

^{8b} “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand with the presiding minister to greet the reading of the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



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.

*(cantor) The son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
(Repeat acclamation)*

Gospel

Luke 13:31-35 *I have desired to gather Jerusalem as a hen gathers her brood*

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sing the acclamation; then we sit.

Sermon Pastor Dana Lockhart

We stand.

Hymn of the Day ELW 597 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing less*



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Apostles Creed

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 of Intercession

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We share the peace of Christ with one another and then sit.

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Offering *Give Me a Clean Heart* Margaret J. Douroux, arranged by John Helgen
Parish Choir

Give me a clean heart so I may serve thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee. For I'm not worthy of all these blessings. Give me a clean heart and I'll follow thee.

I'm not asking for the riches of the land. I'm not asking for the proud to know my name. Please give me, Lord, a clean heart that I may follow thee.

Sometimes I am up and sometimes I am down. Sometimes I am almost level to the ground. Give me a clean heart so I may serve thee.

Offering Song ELW 188 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offering Prayer

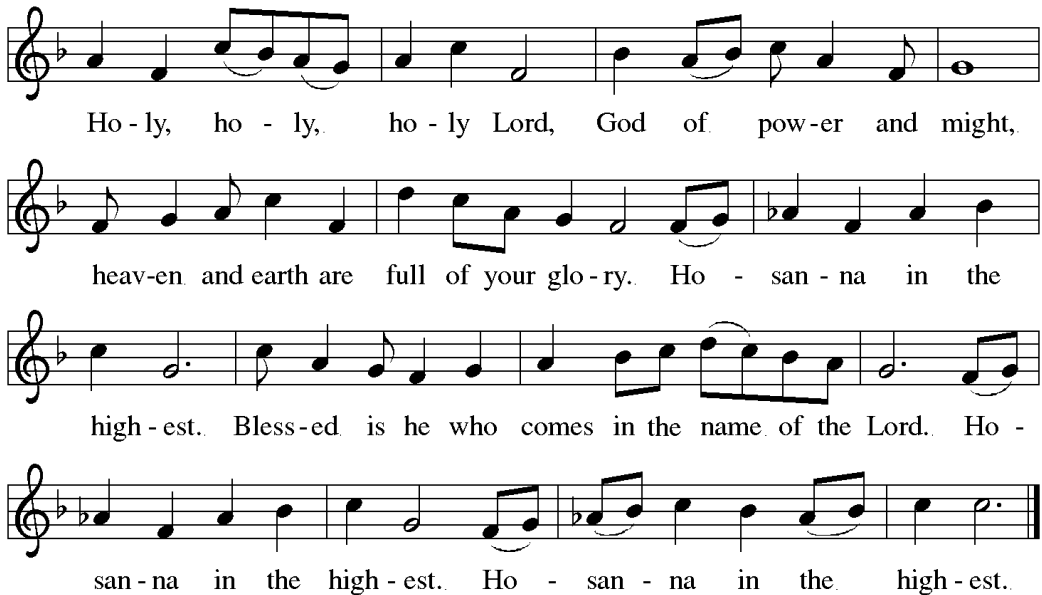
Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

It is indeed right...join their unending hymn:



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

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

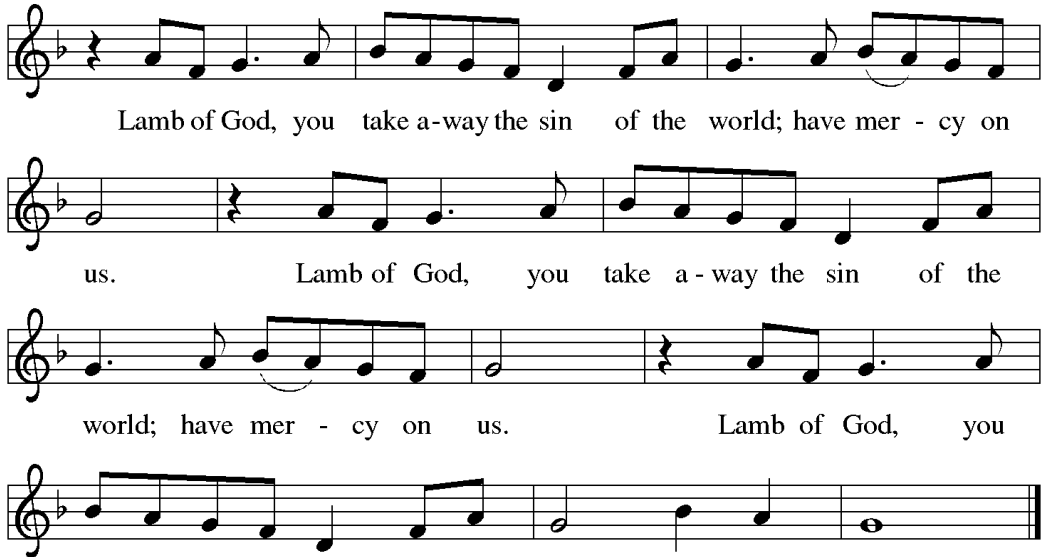
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

Music During Communion

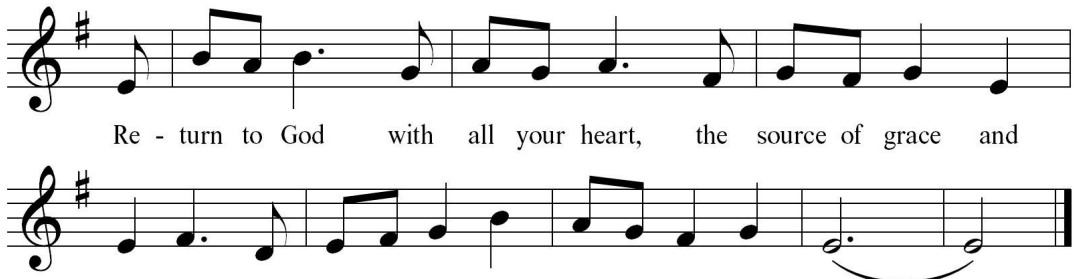
Lamb of God



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.

Return to God

Marty Haugen (*cantor sings verses, assembly sings refrain*)



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and
mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith-ful-ness of God.

After all have communed, we stand.

Post Communion Prayer

Charge to the People

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all

people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Blessing

Sending Hymn ELW 705 *God of Grace and God of Glory*



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Postlude in D Minor* Johann Ludwig Krebs (1682-1738)

Serving Today

Assisting Minister	Ray Hughes
Cantor	Sue Anne Lau
Organist/Pianist	Kathy Egner
Ushers	Carolyn Carden & Jim McGrath
Greeter	Gisela Atkerson
Sacristan	Jane Pettibone
Counters	Teri Applegate & Debbie Rosenberg
Livestream Operator	David Templar
Ministers	All Members of Faith
Pastor	The Reverend Dana Lockhart
Pastor Emeritus	The Reverend Ron Luckey
Parish Administrator	Amanda Nord
Director of Music	Kathy Egner
Youth Assistant	Paige Barricklow
Faith Learning Center Director	Courtney Hearld
Facilities Manager	Parker Taul
Sexton	Neil McComb

Worship Servants for Next Sunday (March 23)

	8:30	11:00
Assisting Minister	Richard Michel	Roland Born
Cantor	Emily Hayes	Emily Hayes
Ushers	Charlie Hamilton & Jim Knauss	Ellie Burnside & Gordon Grotrian
Greeter	Diana Shappley	Victoria & Bea Lockhart
Sacristan	Jim & Judy Knauss	Jane Pettibone
Counters	Teri Applegate & Carol Buchanan	
Livestream Operator		Helen Born



THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Sunday, March 16

- 10:00am In-Person/Livestream
Worship
- 11:00am Holy Cow Reception
- 3:00pm Kathy Johnson Artist’s Reception
- 5:00pm FLY St. Patrick’s Day Party
- 6:00pm In-Person Worship

Monday, March 17

- 6:15pm AA
- 7:00pm Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 18

- 10:00am LFMC
- 11:00am Tuesday Bible Study
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting
- 7:00pm Grace Notes

Wednesday, March 19

- 4:00pm Children’s Choir
- 6:00pm AA—Faith House
- 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper
- 7:00pm Lenten Evening Prayer
- 7:30pm Parish Choir

Thursday, March 20

- 7:15am Men’s Group (First Watch)

Saturday, March 22

- 9:30am Morning Bells

Sunday, March 23

- 8:30am In-Person Worship
- 11:00am In-Person/Livestream
Worship
- 5:00pm DYG—Youth Group First Presbyterian
- 6:00pm In-Person Worship

Egg My Yard



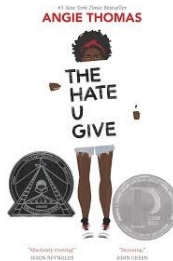
We recently launched our Spring “Egg My Yard” Fundraiser in which we stuff plastic Easter eggs with candies and stickers and then place them around people’s homes on the Saturday night before Easter so that their children can wake up to find them on Easter morning! (Some also include actual notes from the Easter Bunny!)

You can only imagine the children’s joy & excitement!! (Parents sometimes film this for us!)

We are looking for any donations of plastic Easter eggs and/or small candies & stickers from any members of our Congregation who would like to participate. If you are interested in donating, or



Lenten Soup Suppers will be held each Wednesday of Lent, March 12-April 9 at 6.00pm. This will be before the Mid-Week Lenten services. Come and enjoy a delicious bowl of soup and fellowship before the service.



Sophia Group

Sophia Book Group will meet Monday, March 24th at 7:00pm, at Carole Seibert's home. Kris Neese is hosting.

The book is *The Hate U Give*, by Angie Thomas.