



**First Sunday in Lent  
February 18, 2024  
10:00 a.m. Worship**

**Our Mission is to share the life, love and joy of Jesus Christ with all**

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3025 CHURCH ROAD  
LAFAYETTE HILL, PENNSYLVANIA**

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*Please stand*

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

*Pastor:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

*Assembly:* **Amen.**

*Pastor:* Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

*Pastor:* Holy God,

*Assembly:* **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

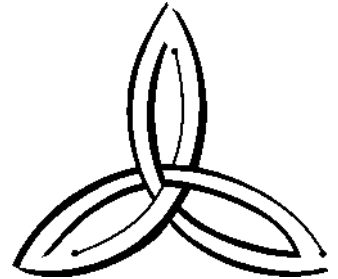
**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Pastor:* Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

*Assembly:* **Amen.**



Opening Hymn:

*“Oh, Love, How Deep”*



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er  
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of  
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion  
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.  
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

Text: Thomas á Kempis. 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb. 1819–1885, alt.  
Music: DEO GRACTAS. English ballad, 15th cent.



*Pastor:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*Assembly:* **And also with you.**

**Kyrie:**

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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**The Salutation:**

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly:* **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day:**

*Pastor:* Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Assembly:* **Amen.**



saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,<sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

**Gospel:** **Mark 1:9-15**

*Pastor:* The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

*Assembly:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Assembly:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

**Message:**

Pastor Suloff

Please stand



**Hymn of the Day:**      *“O Lord, throughout These Forty Day”*

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.  
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930  
 Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison. *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003  
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## **The Apostles Creed:**

*Pastor:* With the whole people of God, let us profess our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**Assembly:** I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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:**

*Pastor:* Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Please kneel or be seated

*(The Prayers of the Church are said)*

*Pastor:* Hear us, O God; ***Assembly:* Your mercy is great.**

*Pastor:* Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

***Assembly:* Amen.**

Please stand

*Pastor:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***Assembly:* And also with you.**

Please be seated

## **Offering:**

### **Musical Offering:**

Please stand



**The Offertory:**

***“Create In Me”***



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.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen. 1670–1739

**Offering Prayer:**

*Pastor:* Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.  
Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.  
Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.  
We pray this in your name.

*Assembly:* Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God.

*People:* And also with you

*People:* We lift them to the Lord.

*People:* It is right to give God  
thanks and praise.

*Pastor:* 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'r and might,



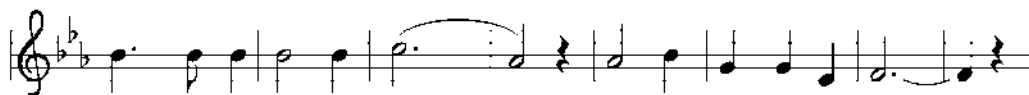
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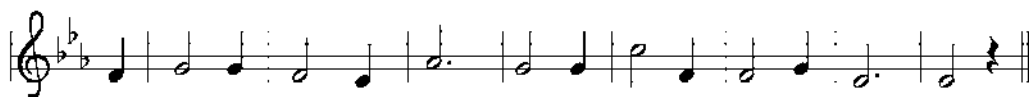
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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.

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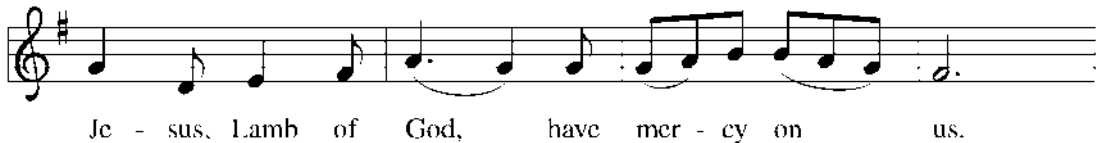
## Words of Institution

*Pastor:* 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.

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.



*Pastor:* Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.**



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### **The Distribution:**

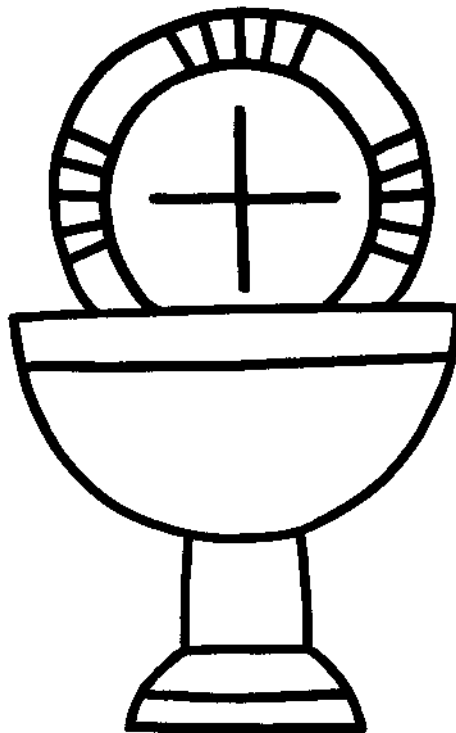
*All those who believe in the presence of the Lord at the table, are invited to share in the sacrament. If you would like to receive Communion or a blessing from the pastor please join the line in the middle aisle of the sanctuary, receive the bread, and then move to the chalice and dip your wafer in the wine. If you prefer to remain in your pew or are joining us for worship online please take the individual Communion Cup or the elements of your choosing and share them with one another and with the community. If young children are present who have not yet received their First Communion please bring them forward or take a moment and share a blessing with them. Be the community of Christ with all those gathered near and far. All are welcome at the table of the Lord.*

*Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.*

*(At this time receive the bread, cracker, or that which you are using as the body of Christ)*

*Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

*(At this time receive the wine, juice, water, or that which you are using as the blood of Christ)*



Please Stand

*Pastor:* May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

*Assembly:* **Amen.**

**The Post-Communion Prayer:**

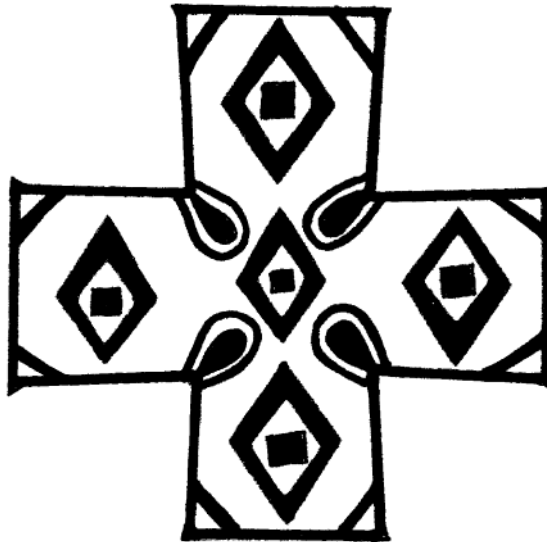
*Pastor:* Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

*Assembly:* **Amen.**

**The Benediction:**

*Pastor:* The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

*Assembly:* **Amen.**



**Closing Hymn:**

***“Be Thou My Vision ”***



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

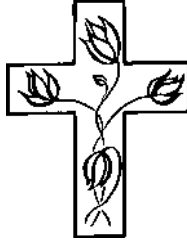
**The Dismissal:**

*Pastor:* Go in peace to share the life, love, and joy Jesus Christ with all.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Flower Dedication

*If you would like to dedicate flowers for the altar please contact Lisa in the church office.*



## HELP US KEEP THE PRAYER LIST CURRENT:

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list please contact the church office at office-assist.splh@gmail.com or simply use the Prayer Request Form that can be found on the church website.

Please remember in your prayers those members, family and friends on our prayer list:

The Barnhardt Family	The Headley Family	Sue Sauerman
Ellis Barr	Ted Hyczko	The Scherer Family
David Beyer	The Kortrey Family	The Schultz Family
The Chamberlain Family	George Kulczycky	Steve Schultz
Grayson B. Clarke	Rose Letouille	Ursula Schwartz
Debbie Davis	The McKevitt Family	William Scott
Marge Devitt	Melissa Mooran	The Shacklett Family
Robert Emberger	Frank Munafo	Karen Specos
Bernadette Fisher	Lindsay Peterson	Karen Speers
Sister Ger	Julie Proll	Jackie Strauss
George Ginther	Leigh Richard	Teresa Weber
	Ben Ridder	The Winfree Family

# Worship has ended, let the service begin!



## St. Peter's Statement of Welcome

All people are created by God. We affirm with the apostle Paul, that in Christ “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female” (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one. In keeping with our mission statement “to share the life, love and joy of Jesus Christ with others”, we welcome all people regardless of characteristics which might cause exclusion or discrimination outside of St. Peter’s.

We affirm that all people share the worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God. All people are welcome within the membership of this congregation upon making the same affirmation of faith as all other members make. Members of this congregation are expected and encouraged to share in the sacramental and general life of this congregation.

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