

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL  
& AFRICAN PALMS USA**

**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

**8am & 10:30am**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**



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# Welcome to St. John's Church

*We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents and invite you to join us. If you are visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Clergy. We have a small gift for you from the parish. If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.*



## **Please join us for Coffee and fellowship following the worship service**

If you are a guest with us today, please know that you are welcome to enjoy some fellowship, coffee, and tea with us in the Parish Hall following the service.

## **Children are welcome at all services**

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Doh, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.

**The Nursery is open from 8am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.**

### SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S

8am	<i>Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary</i>
9am	<i>Adult Forum: Book &amp; discussion group in the undercroft Meeting Room</i>
9am	<i>Choir Rehearsal in the undercroft Choir Room</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>
12-1pm	<i>Middle &amp; High School Youth Group in The Gathering Space upstairs</i>
12-1pm	<i>Hand Bell Choir in the undercroft Choir Room</i>

# HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM

Prelude: Danza

McChensney

*The people stand.*

10:30AM

Opening Hymn 409

The spacious firmament on high

*Unison or harmony*

1 The spa - cious fir - ma - ment on high,  
2 Soon as the eve - ning shades pre - vail,  
3 What though in sol - emn si - lence all

with all the blue e - ther - eal sky,  
the moon takes up the won - drous tale,  
move round the dark ter - res - trial ball?

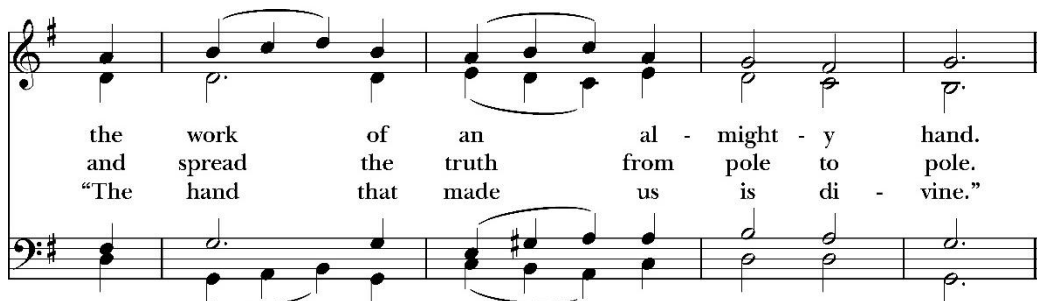
and span - gled heavens, a shin - ing frame,  
and night - ly to the lis - tening earth  
What though no re - al voice nor sound

their great O - rig i - nal pro - claim.  
re - peats the sto - ry of her birth:  
a - mid their ra - dianc orbs be found?

The un - wea - ried sun from that day to day  
whilst all the stars burn,  
In rea - son's ear they round her re - joice,

does his Cre - a - tor's power dis - play;  
and all the plan - ets in their turn,  
and ut - ter forth a glo - rious voice;

and pub - lish - es to ev - ery land  
con - firm the ti - dings, as they roll  
for ev - er sing - ing as they shine,



Words: Joseph Addison (1672-1719); para. of Psalm 19:1-6. Music: *Creation*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); adapt. *Dulcimer*, or *New York Collection of Sacred Music*, 1950, alt.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Kneel as you are able.*

## The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*The People stand.*

**8AM**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**10:30AM**

Gloria WPL 838

The musical score is written for a vocal part (soprano or alto) and a piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 3/2 time. The first system consists of two measures. The vocal line begins with a whole note B-flat, followed by a half note A-flat, and then a half note G. The piano accompaniment starts with a whole note B-flat, followed by a half note A-flat, and then a half note G. The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." are written under the vocal line. The second system also consists of two measures. The vocal line begins with a whole note B-flat, followed by a half note A-flat, and then a half note G. The piano accompaniment starts with a whole note B-flat, followed by a half note A-flat, and then a half note G. The lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." are written under the vocal line.

Music: Kevin R. Hackett (b. 1956), from *Hymn Tunes Mass*; based on *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johan Cruger (1598-1662), alt.  
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## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,

and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The people are seated.*

### **Exodus 20:1-17**

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.



You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*People*                      The Word of the Lord.  
                                    **Thanks be to God**

**8AM**

## **Psalm 19**

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
    and the firmament shows his handiwork.**
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
    and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
    and their voices are not heard,**
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
    and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
    it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
    it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
    and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
    nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.
- .

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**10:30AM**

**WLP #574**

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science  
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to  
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious  
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the  
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from  
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to  
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and  
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us  
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of  
 God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.  
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.  
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.  
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

*The people stand.*

## John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The religious authorities then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The religious authorities then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But

he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*People*                      The Gospel of the Lord  
                                 **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Nancy Stockbridge

*The people stand.*

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
    the Father, the Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
    the only Son of God,  
    eternally begotten of the Father,  
    God from God, Light from Light,  
    true God from true God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
    he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

Form IV BCP pg. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all  
who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love,  
and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and  
peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, and mind, or spirit; especially **Jim & Jane, Fiona & Tyrus, Patricia, Sam, Diane, Julie, Glenna, Sean, Brenda, Mary, Bishop Curry, Nancy, Joseph, Mark, Peter**, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Evans, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*People*                      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**



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*The people stand.*

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

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

*People*                   Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**8AM**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**



10:30AM

Sanctus S130

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven 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.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in a key of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the Treble staff. The score consists of four systems of music. The first system has two lines of lyrics. The second system has two lines of lyrics. The third system has two lines of lyrics. The fourth system has two lines of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his

disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,  
Que ton nom soit sanctifié  
Que ton règne vienne,  
Que ta volonté soit faite sur la  
terre comme au ciel.  
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre  
pain de ce jour.  
Pardonne-nous nos offenses  
Comme nous pardonnons aussi à  
ceux qui nous ont offensés.  
Et ne nous soumetts pas à la  
tentation, mais délivre-nous du  
mal, car c'est à toi  
qu'appartiennent le règne,  
la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles  
des siècles.  
Amen.**

*Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both hands, bread and wine or in just one. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To receive bread, put your hands out, to receive wine, please drink from the chalice. To receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

**8AM**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us  
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us  
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace**

10:30AM

Fraction Anthem: WLP 871

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

# The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The People are seated.*

## Communion Hymn 306 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest



1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;  
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,  
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,

nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand;  
one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;  
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest  
"This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:  
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,  
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;

in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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Let us pray.

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

Closing Hymn WLP: 746 God the sculptor of the mountains

1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,  
2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,  
3. God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,  
4. God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,

God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land:  
God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:  
God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:  
God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:

you are womb of all cre - a - tion, we are form - less; shape us now.  
 you are gate of all de - liv' - rance, we are sight - less; lead us now.  
 you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet us now.  
 you are host at ev - ery ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.

Words: John Thornburg (b. 1954). Music: *Sandria*, Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Interlude

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## TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

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*Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. If you wish to submit a name please contact the office at [accounting@stjec.org](mailto:accounting@stjec.org).*

*In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email [pastoralcare@stjec.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org).*

Jim & Jane Lawton  
Fiona and Tyrus Adams  
Diane  
Julie  
Glenna Miller  
Sean Miller  
Brenda Goodman  
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Patricia Jones  
Sam Whitaker  
Bishop Curry  
Nancy Winter  
Joseph Sears  
Mark Evans  
Peter McWilliams

*If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: [pastoralcare@stjec.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org).*



*Altar arrangements for today are in memory of our beloved parents,  
EDWARD & JULIA METCALF  
given by  
Lee and Julie Metcalf*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **Lenten Evening Prayer and a Meal of Soup and Bread** – Share a simple meal of soup and bread followed by the beautiful service of evening prayer. Wednesday evenings February 21-March 27 with dinner at 6:30pm followed by worship at 7:30pm. We need more soup and bread. Please sign up on the sign up genius.
- **Casserole Club Meeting Sunday March 17 @ 12:00pm - Parish Hall**  
Gather with other mourners in this informal, come as you are safe assembly of people joined by their experience of deep loss. Drop ins welcome.
- **St. John's Spring Clean Up!** To get ready for Easter, come join us to prepare the inside and outside of the church. We will come together for our spring cleaning after the 10:30 service (probably a little before noon) on **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**. We will spruce up the sanctuary and places needing a little TLC inside and outside St. John's. Lunch will be provided as we experience some good spring fellowship!
- **Women of St. John's Meeting ~ Getting Ready for Easter Sunday!** On Monday evening, **March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**, we will gather in the church meeting room. This year's theme is Creation Care so we will be preparing eggs for hunting and putting together small terracotta pots. Please bring Easter Candy to fill 75 small pots. A note will be coming out to all the women with particulars so **SAVE THE DATE!** We look forward to the fellowship and being together!
- **Food Pantry Needs for this Week** – Fruit cups, Large Shelf Stable Milk, Canned Chili, Beef Stew, Taco Kit, Canned Chicken, and Individual Cereal.

## LOOKING AHEAD

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### **SUNDAY March 3**

- Holy Eucharist @ 8:00am & 10:30am
- Choir Rehearsal @ 9:00am – Choir Room
- Adult Forum @ 9:00am – Meeting Room
- Holy Household @ 9:30am – Parish Hall
- Hand Bell Rehearsal @ 12:00pm – Choir Room
- Youth Group at Escape Room @ 12-2:00pm

### **WEDNESDAY March 6**

- All School Chapel
- Soup and Bread Supper @ 6:30pm
- Compline 7:00pm on Zoom
- Evening Prayer @ 7:30pm

### **SATURDAY March 9**

- Tending our Soil

### **SUNDAY March 10**

- Holy Eucharist @ 8:00am & 10:30am
- Choir Rehearsal @ 9:00am – Choir Room
- Adult Forum @ 9:00am – Meeting Room
- Holy Household @ 9:30am – Parish Hall
- Hand Bell Rehearsal @ 12:00pm – Choir Room
- Youth Group Service Sunday @ 12-1:30pm

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