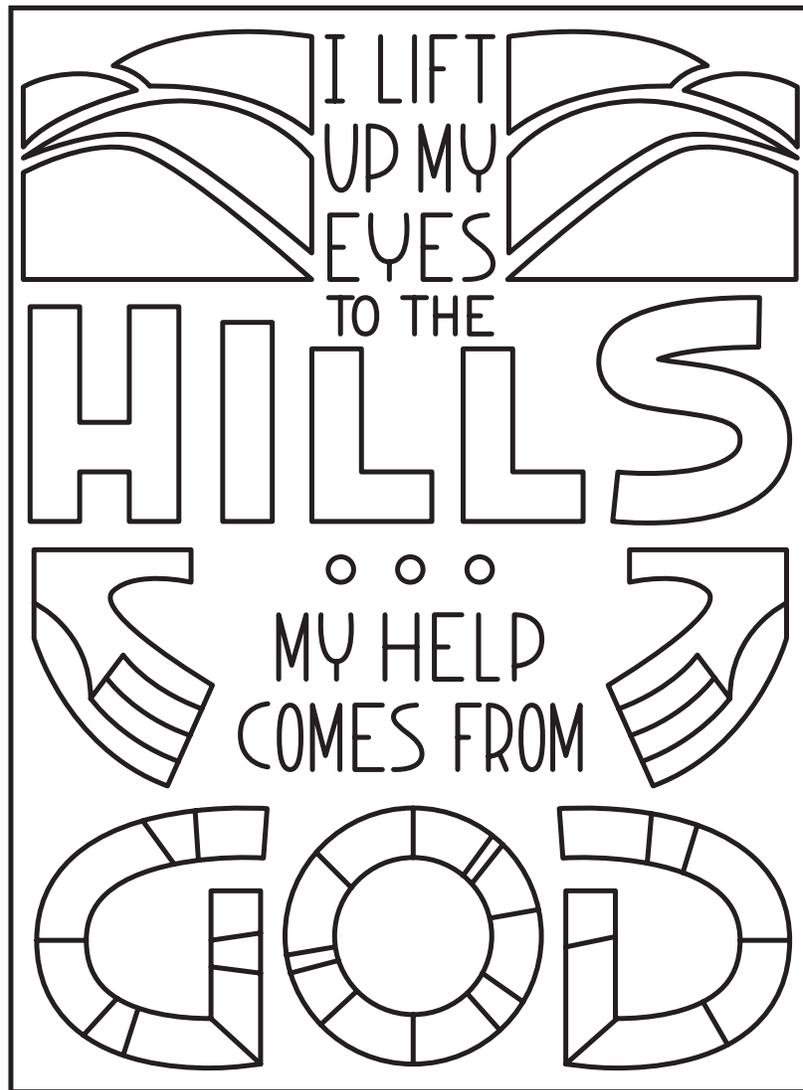


HOPE CHURCH



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 1, 2026

Thanks for worshipping with us today! We know that stepping through the doors of a new church is a vulnerable and courageous act. We see you. Whatever the reasons that brought you here, we pray that during our worship the Spirit of God brings you rest and healing.

Here at Hope, we talk a lot about belonging, what it is to settle into your belovedness in God, and to be a part of an ever-widening community of people trying to grow into the grace and love of Jesus Christ. The invitation that we offer you is the same that Jesus offered his early disciples, "Come and see."

As an Episcopal church, we believe that our worship is the primary way that we experience the life-changing presence of God. The prayers we pray, the Scripture we read, the actions and symbols you see around you are some of the same ones used by the early church—some even before much of the New Testament was written. And we believe that all generations—in all our human diversity—have a place in our worship; our elders, grandparents, aunts and uncles, middle-agers, teenagers, fidgety kids, and squawking toddlers. Our table is big enough for all.

So come. Settle in. Rest your weariness. Stumble through these prayers with us. Eat the bread and drink the wine. And let's feast on the love of God together.

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGICAL PARTICIPANTS

The Very Rev. Jared Moore; *Celebrant and Preacher*

Bruce Ward; *Eucharistic Minister*

Jackson Gelsthorpe; *Lector*

Dave Miller; *Usher*

Bobbi Reese; *Organist and Choir Director*

Bethany Barr, Heidi Hoffman Brown, Bobby Donnelly, Jennifer Holtmann,

Lauren Johns, Meredith Kessler, Drake Nagle, Joanne Owen, Vicki

Thompson, John Waller, Kaye Weerts; *Musicians*

Kathy Joslin, Carol Link, Carie Kennedy, Mary Miller,

Kaye Weerts, Wendy Wirkus; *Altar Guild*

Barry Schenck, Mark Dinzler, Chris Sturgeon, Bob Stirling; *Videography*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

Hymn 637
verses 1–3

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant Blessed be our God, who leads us besides still waters.
People **Blessed be our God for we shall not want.**
Celebrant Blessed be our God, who restores our souls.
People **Blessed be our God our shepherd and guide.**
Celebrant Blessed be our God, who walks with us through the valleys of the shadow of death.
People **Blessed be our God for ever and ever. Amen.**
Celebrant Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
People **for we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.**
Celebrant Create in us a clean heart, O God,
People **and make us a new creation. Amen.**

THE DECALOGUE

Celebrant 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.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8,9)

CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

Celebrant Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

People **We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.**

Celebrant Our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
People **We confess to you, O God.**

Celebrant Our self-indulgence, and our exploitation of other people, our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People **We confess to you, O God.**

Celebrant For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People **Accept our repentance, O God.**

Celebrant For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

People **Accept our repentance, O God.**

Celebrant Restore us, good Lord, and let your mercy embrace us;

People **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Celebrant May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen..**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;*
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord,*
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved*
**and he who watches over you
will not fall asleep.**

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel*
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you;*
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day,*
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;*
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out
and your coming in,*
from this time forth for evermore.



In Genesis 12, God speaks a powerful blessing and prophecy over Abram. Unscramble the words to find out what God promises!

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M E N A E R A G T ' O S Y U O
T W L L E B A S B I L N E G S '

THE EPISTLE: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

So what are we going to say? Are we going to find that Abraham is our ancestor on the basis of genealogy? Because if Abraham was made righteous because of his actions, he would have had a reason to brag, but not in front of God. What does the scripture say? Abraham had faith in God, and it was credited to him as righteousness. Workers' salaries aren't credited to them on the basis of an employer's grace but rather on the basis of what they deserve. But faith is credited as righteousness to those who don't work, because they have faith in God who makes the ungodly righteous.

The promise to Abraham and to his descendants, that he would inherit the world, didn't come through the Law but through the righteousness that comes from faith. If they inherit because of the Law, then faith has no effect and the promise has been canceled. The Law brings about wrath. But when there isn't any law, there isn't any violation of the law. That's why the inheritance comes through faith, so that it will be on the

basis of God's grace. In that way, the promise is secure for all of Abraham's descendants, not just for those who are related by Law but also for those who are related by the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us. As it is written: I have appointed you to be the father of many nations. So Abraham is our father in the eyes of God in whom he had faith, the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that don't exist into existence.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn

My Faith Looks up to Thee

Hymn 691

THE GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

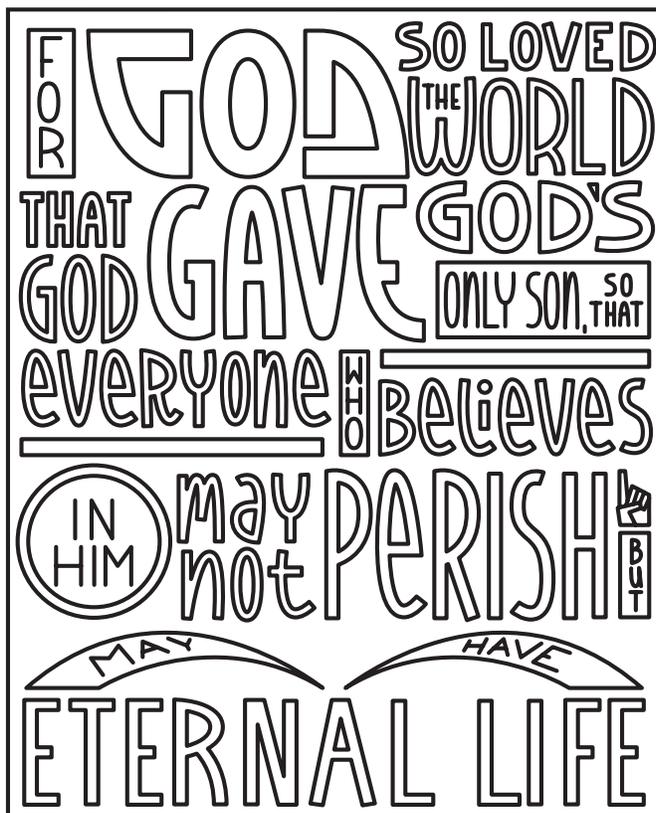
There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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



THE SERMON

Father Jared

Following the sermon, a brief period of silence is observed.

THE NICENE CREED

All

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Beloved in Christ, what cares and concerns do we bring before God today?

The people offer prayers of intercession aloud or in their hearts.

Leader We pray to the Lord for courage to give up other things and to give ourselves to Christ this Lent.

Leader Give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself and to give more time to your mission in the world. May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation. Lord, meet us in the silence,

People **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Leader Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred, and to seek peace. May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world. Lord, meet us in the silence,

People **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy in our families, neighbourhoods and communities. May the presence of the risen Jesus, his body once broken and now made whole, bring peace and direction as we live with one another. Lord, meet us in the silence,

People **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care and comfort to the sick. May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their rooms. Lord, meet us in the silence,

People **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice with those who have died in faith. May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory. Lord, meet us in the silence,

People **give us strength and hear our prayer, here and in eternity. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another with the Peace of God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

Please be seated.

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Offertory Music

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, God of everlasting covenant, for your promises are steadfast and your provision is sure. Through the forty years of your people's desert wanderings you were constant in fire and cloud; with manna and mercy you sustained every step. You made Jesus' temptation of forty days a theater of truth where your Word stood strong.

In every age you have shaped your people through times of wilderness and wandering, of temptation and trial, and brought them into the land of promise and the life of covenant. And so we give you humble thanks for your forgiveness and our new life, joining with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven in proclaiming your unending praise.

SANCTUS *(spoken)*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Enduring God, as you sustained Jesus in hunger and thirst, through this meal strengthen us to keep our Lenten fast. Send your Holy Spirit upon us as we remember Jesus' saving passion; transform our insatiable desires into hunger for the feast of this table. Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ;

Who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to this disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant

Forgiving God, in this season of repentance, make your mercy sufficient for every need. Come to your children who are in their own wilderness and make their wanderings holy paths of learning your truth. Strengthen all who face the threshold of temptation or the tumult of trial. Seek those whose hearts are contrite and meet them with grace.

Come alongside your children who suffer under the sin of another and give them the power to live as your beloved sons and daughters. Renew your church from the depths of your heart, where justice and mercy meet. Bring us, with blessed Mary, blessed Paul and all your saints to the day when all who watch and pray for your kingdom behold your salvation and meet you in your resurrection.

Infuse your church with Spirit and truth, walk with your beloved people as they seek security, companionship and freedom in your world, and fill your saints with the hope of eternal life, that all may come to praise your name, and every grain of sand and star in the sky be stirred with the wonders of your grace.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant

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

All

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant

Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI *(spoken)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God!

A consecrated gluten-free wafer may be requested from the Presider.

Please be seated.

Communion Music

PRAYER FOR SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

If a Eucharistic visitor is to be sent, the following prayer is said. If no Eucharistic visitor is sent, the service continues with the Postcommunion Prayer.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Loving God, light of hope and promise of peace.

People **We give you thanks.**

Celebrant For the body and blood of Christ our Savior.

People **We give you thanks.**

Celebrant For the journey ahead and what we do not yet know.

People **For your presence, and your challenge, and the joy we cannot yet imagine, we offer ourselves. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

THE BLESSING

Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Hymn 473

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant will offer words of dismissal.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIS WEEK AT HOPE

Wed 3/4	9:30 am	Yoga with Heidi
	4:00 pm	Women's Study Group
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
Thu 3/5	6:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Sun 3/8	9:00 am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:00 am	Worship Service

NEXT SUNDAY

Lessons:

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Serving:

Eucharistic Minister: Dave Miller
Lector: Ceana Sturgeon
Usher: Carol Link

TODAY WE PRAY FOR:

- Those who need strength and healing: Ellie Burd, Evie Morgan, The Rev. Fred Breitfeld, The Thorpe Family, Katrina Schreiber, Donna Bahr, Alexandra Link, Larry Ward, T. J. Guffey, Roger Koch, Robert Wright, Patricia Joslin, Adelaide Marie Casavant and her Family, Judi Duncan, Paul Hacunda, Mara Oien, Rhett Schenck, Mark & Lisa Hehner, for Marion Lyons' family and friends as they recover from the hurricane in Jamaica, Jeff Brueckman, David Westfall, Josh Marion, Amy Bartelink, Alex Courier, Bob Blankenheim, Canon Desiree Brattin, Kathy Joslin, Justin Dirisio, Tim Holtmann, Peter Stirling, and Alexander Currier
- Our church family who are homebound: Dru Rees, Mark & Linda Dinzler, Lois Wade, Bobbee Ross, Pam Finch, Jack Thompson, Nancy Fleming, Marthel Taylor
- Our Episcopal Church: The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop; The Rt. Rev Deon Johnson, our bishop; The Very Rev. Jared Moore, our priest.
- In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for Episcopal Church of St. John & St. James in Sullivan and Jim, their Lay Associate Minister.
- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Mission of the Epiphany (Misión La Epifanía) in Maricao.
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

Please make a prayer request by filling out a prayer request card located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate.

LENT ACCOUNTABILITY CREW CHECK-IN

As we enter the second week of Lent, remember that you don't have to walk alone. Some things you might discuss with your accountability crew could include successes you've experienced, challenges you've encountered, or things you've learned about your spiritual growth so far.

If you are not currently part of a prayer group but would like to join one, please let Julie Nguyen or Father Jared know.

YOGA WITH HEIDI

Join us here on **Wednesdays at 9:30 am**. This is a gentle yoga practice. Newcomers are always welcome! Mats and other props are available. There is no cost but a donation to the church is greatly appreciated. You may access Heidi's past classes through our website: hopestl.church.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

The Women's Study Group meets at **4:00 pm the first and third Wednesdays** of the month. We meet for friendship and spiritual discussions at Mike Duffy's, 1024 Schnuck's Woodsmill Plaza. All are welcome to attend regularly or sporadically. If you have questions or need more information, contact Lesley McIntire at 314-341-0816.

YOUTH NEWS

Join us for **Sunday School** every Sunday at 9:00 AM! We started a new Sunday School series: "Pieces of the Cross" helps the youth walk through Lent by focusing on pieces of the crucifixion and their importance to the Easter story.

👉 Please have students bring their Bible, a notebook, and a pen.

Youth Group meets on the **first and third Wednesday** of each month at the rectory (6:00–7:30 PM)! These nights are full of fun, connection, and faith.

Thank you so much for your continued support and encouragement. ❤️

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Don't forget, we deliver to Circle of Concern for you! Bring your non-perishables and toiletries with you on Sunday! Current URGENT needs are: dinner helpers, pasta sauce, condiments, lotion, pull-ups, diapers, mouthwash, razors.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Do you have an occasion you would like to commemorate? A person you would like to honor or remember? Sponsor our Sunday morning fresh flowers! We will purchase and arrange the flowers and include your occasion/honor/remembrance in the Sunday bulletin for \$50.00. Contact Kathy Joslin at 636-341-7694.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Do you have an announcement for the bulletin? Send your submissions to bulletins@hopestl.church by Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

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