

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR MARCH 3, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *His Eye is on the Sparrow* arr. Mark Hayes
INTROIT 402 *Thou Lovely, Lord* (vrs1) MERLE'S TUNE

Gathering Around The Word

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from John 12:26*

One: From water to wilderness:
All: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

One: On stone and in hearts:
All: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

One: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:
All: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

One: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,
All: for where he is, we would be also.

***HYMN 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) *from Ps. 19:12-13;*
Merciful God, how fickle we are; *Exod. 20:2, 4-5, 8-17*

we sin against you without even knowing it.
Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin,
and save us from willfully ignoring your way.
Let your commandments rule and guide us.

Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything
except you; keep us faithful.

Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships—
with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors.
Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness,
rather than words that belittle or destroy.
Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness.

Forgive us for thinking everything depends
on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us,
led us out slavery,
and has brought us into the community of faith.
Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from Rom. 4:24*

One: Siblings in Christ, it is in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and
coming again, we are forgiven and set free to live in
faithfulness with God and with one another!

All: Thanks be to God.

**for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

***PASSING THE PEACE**

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

***RESPONSE 581**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD *from Ps. 19:1-4;*
1 Cor. 1:21

FIRST READING *EXODUS 20:1-17*
(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* SHOWALTER

SECOND READING *JOHN 2:13-22*

SERMON *Rev. Dr. Tim Noel*

Responding to the Word

***HYMN 175** *Seek Ye First* FAFFERTY

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS *See prayer concerns list, back page*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *page 35 in hymnal*

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

from John 2:16

The house of God is not a marketplace for buying and selling.
It is a house of prayer, a place of healing and restoration,
a place where we bring before God our provisions
to be used for present needs.
Let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

OFFERTORY *His Eye is on the Sparrow* arr. Mark Hayes

***THE DOXOLOGY 606**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *from Exod. 20:2-4, 17*

God Sends Us Forth

***HYMN 24** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* HOLY MANNA

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***BLESSING**

HYMN *Irish Blessing* *inside back cover of hymnal*

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!
You can scan this QR code with your
smartphone to fill out our online form.
We would love to get to know you better!



This Week

Tue., March 5 @ 5:00pm - Christian Education Meeting
Wed., March 6 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice
Thur., March 7 @ 4:00pm - Worship Meeting
Thur., March 7 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer
Sat., March 9 @ 10:30am - Needle Workers Group

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Naomi Judy
Ushers.....Marshall Judy & Laura Kamperman
Audio.....Paul Guffey
Video.....Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Cindy Fountain

First Reading—Exodus 20:1-17

¹Then God spoke all these words,
²“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴“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. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve 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 ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷“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. ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹For 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. ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Second Reading—John 2:13-22

¹³Then the Pharisees said to him, “You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid.” ¹⁴Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵You judge by human standards; I judge no one. ¹⁶Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid, for it is not I alone who judge but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. ¹⁸I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf.” ¹⁹Then they said to him, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” ²⁰He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.
²¹Again he said to them, “I am going away, and you will search for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.” ²²Then the Jews said, “Is he going to kill himself? Is that what he means by saying, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come?’”

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Mo. Chris Brannock; The family of Bill Brinkley; Jenny Gilmore’s niece, Carrie Abbott; Lynn Cain; Ed & Joyce Mick; Autumn Brock; Barbie Cooper; Autumn Brock’s mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec’d month of Feb.	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$8,563	\$11,985	\$18,478	\$23,971
Non-Pledged	\$5,103	\$3,289	\$9,339	\$6,577

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Christie Adams
Next Week.....Marshall Judy

Assisting in Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Mary Jones
Ushers.....Linda Bonardel & Erin Stephens
Audio.....Terry Randall
Video.....Richard Wright
Coffee Plus.....Marci Randall
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Interim Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Deacons:

Paula Burlew	Eileen Stockham	Carol Prater
Cindy Fountain	Mary Beth Waller	Sue Guffey
Marshall Judy	Marci Randall	

Elders:

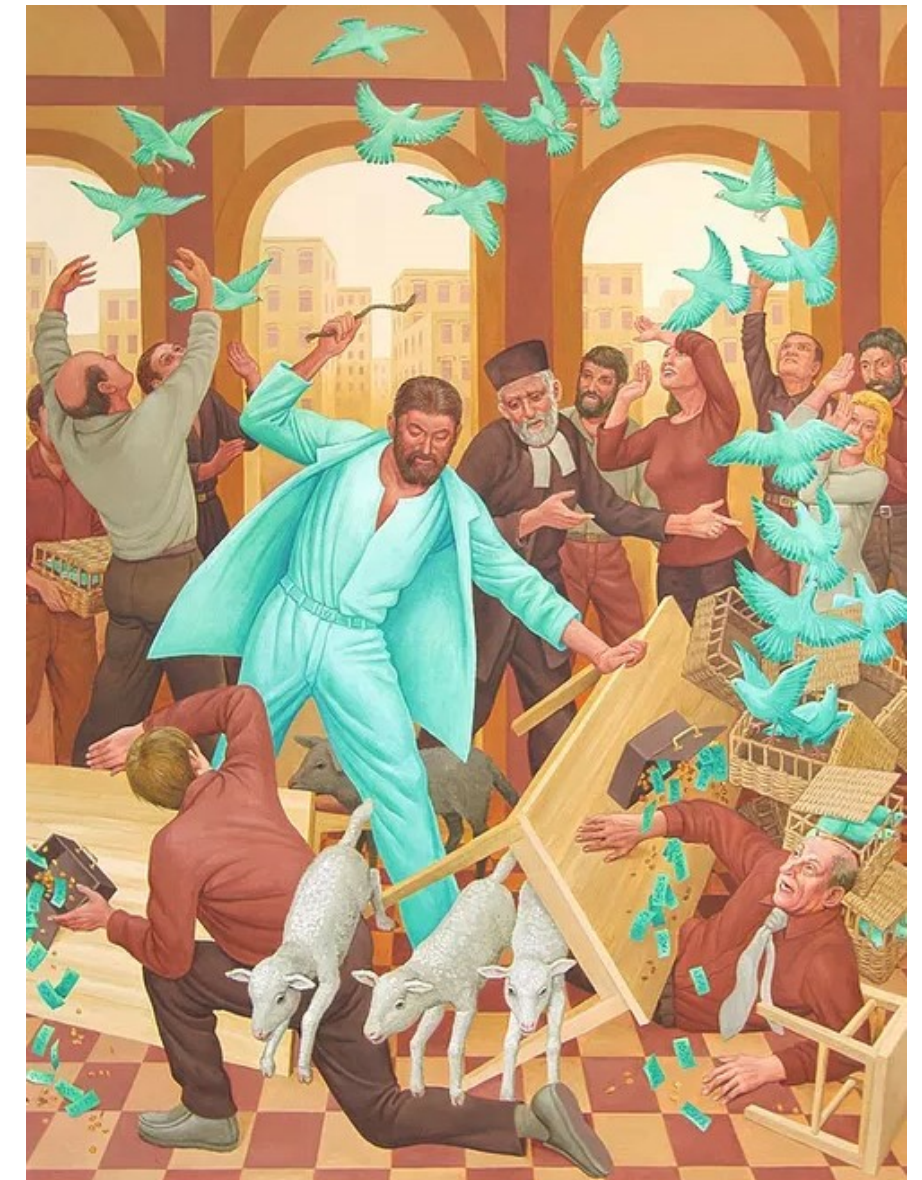
<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
Zack Vaught	Perry Waller	Laura Wright
John Wright		

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March 3rd, 2024

The Third Sunday in Lent



Koenig, Peter. Christ Overturns the Tables of the Moneylenders, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58520> [retrieved February 29, 2024]. Original source: Peter Winfried (Canisius) Koenig, <https://www.pwkoenig.co.uk/>.

People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ’s peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.