

Popular Parables *of* Jesus

*The Good
Samaritan*

Sunday, March 9



Prelude & Confession

*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Most holy and merciful God,*

**C: we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

A: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

C: We diminish our respect and awe of You by not putting our relationship with you on the top of our priority list. We relegate You to being our god of convenience and comfort rather than the Creator of the Cosmos, and, in this way, we limit the power you have in our lives. Have mercy on us, O God.

A: We let other voices speak to us of fulfillment, hope and peace.

C: We have been tempted to turn away from the truth you offer us. We have doubted your presence, your power and your promise. Have mercy on us, O God.

A: We have shut our ears to your call to love and serve others with the same compassionate love and service Christ offers us.

C: We have not been diligent in staying keenly aware of how we can

be a source of comfort, hope and sustenance to those who suffer, or are in despair, or deprived of what they need to live. We have not shown hospitality to the sojourner. Instead, we find security in protecting and preserving our abundant blessings for ourselves. Have mercy on us, O God.

A: We misuse and abuse the role you have given us in and over creation.

C: We exploit and squander the earth's resources without inconveniencing ourselves with consideration for the sustainability of life in the future. We assume the power of gods, but fail to seek the wisdom of God in the use of our power, focusing too much on our satisfaction in this moment rather than comprehending the full scope of our actions. We privilege our lives over the lives of other creatures without respect for the depth of the interconnectedness of all life. Have mercy on us, O God.

A: We do not always own our own problems, nor do we take enough responsibility for working to solve them.

C: We scapegoat, we make excuses, we get distracted. We do not bring them to you and open ourselves to the Spirit's guidance through unexpected voices and resources. We become discontented because we resign to empty contentment. We default to following the norm rather than clinging to the distinction of being a Child of God. Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

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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.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, in his parables, your son, our savior, teaches us the truths of your kingdom. Through the characters of these stories, we are called to reflect on the faithfulness of our own character. Draw us as deeply into your Word as the lawyer in today's parable, that we will not take the evaluative point of view of the bandits or priests, but clinging to the compassionate promise of your grace to us, we will open our hearts as compassionate "Samaritans" to all our neighbors. Bless us as fruitful agents of your radical reality. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Leviticus 6

Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that Adonai, the Lord your God, charged me, Moses, to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy so that you and your children and your children's children may fear Adonai, the Lord your God, all the days of your life, and keep all God's decrees and God's commandments that I, Moses, am commanding you so that your days may be long. Hear, therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as Adonai, the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: Adonai, our God, Adonai is One!

Now you are to love Yahweh your God with all your heart, and with all your being, and with all your substance! These words, which I, myself, am commanding you today, are to be upon your heart. You are to repeat them to your children and are to speak of them when sitting in your house and when you are walking on the way, and when you are lying down and when you are rising up. . . . When your children ask you in time to come, "What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that Adonai, the Lord our God has commanded you?" then you shall say to your children, "We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, but Adonai, the Lord, brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. Adonai, the Lord, displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. God brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land

that God promised on oath to our ancestors. Then Adonai, the Lord, commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear Adonai, the Lord our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. If we diligently observe this entire commandment before Adonai, the Lord our God, as God has commanded us, we will be in the right."

L: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm

Psalm 90

*Adonai, the Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.*

*Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

**You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**

*You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.*

**For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.**

*You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.*

**The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

*Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.*

**So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.**

*Turn, O Adonai, the Lord,! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!*

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

*Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.*

**Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.**

**Let the favor of the Adonai, the Lord, our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands--**

O prosper the work of our hands!

Second Lesson

1 Peter

But our goal in all things must be unified in mind, sympathy, love for one another, compassion, and humbleness. We are not to be returning evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but blessing to all, because this is what we were called by God to do, so that a blessing we, too, might inherit a blessing. For it is written:

"Those striving to live life, love,
and those desiring to see good days,
keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit;
turning away from evil and doing good;
seeking peace and pursuing it.
For, the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

[Psalm 34:12-16]

And who will be mistreating you if you may become a good Zealot? But even if you are actually caused to suffer because of your righteousness, you are blessed. Remember, their fear is not your fear, never may it be your anxiety. Instead, sanctify the Lord Christ in your hearts, always with ready thoughtful responses to all those asking you about the Word in which you hope. Respond with gentleness and fear, having a good conscience, in order that when they try to slander you, it is they who will actually be put to shame by their mistreatment of you for your good conduct in Christ. For, suffering in doing good, if willed by the will of God, is far better than suffering for doing evil. For, Christ also suffered for sins once, for all, the righteous one for the unrighteous ones, so that you may approach God, having had your old self put to death, on the one hand, but having had your new self made alive, on the other.

L: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Verse

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Luke 9

One day while Jesus was teaching, a lawyer stood up to find out if Jesus really knew what he was talking about.

The lawyer asked Jesus, "Teacher, tell me, what must I have done to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "What has been written in God's law? What do you read there?"

The lawyer answered, "It says, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; [Dt 6:5] and your neighbor as yourself.'" [Lev 19:18]

And Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer. Do this, and you will live."

But not wanting to look like he had asked an obvious question, the lawyer thought he could really challenge Jesus by drilling down into his answer and ask, "Well, but, who is my neighbor?"

So, Jesus replied with a story. He said, "Once, there was a man who was walking on the road that goes from Jerusalem to Jericho. Along the way he was assaulted by robbers. They stripped off all of his clothes, beat him up badly, and left him on the side of the road, half-dead. Now, a little while later, a priest who, by chance, was also walking on the same road, came along and when this Priest saw the naked man laying half-dead, he made a point to pass by on the other side of the road. A little while later another priest, an even more important one, came past the same spot, saw the man beside the road and made sure to walk by on the other side. But then a Samaritan, someone who most people profile as really stupid about how life works and being faithful to what God is all about, came along with his donkey. Now, when this Samaritan saw the man on the side of the road, he went over to him, because the Samaritan was compassionate. The Samaritan immediately provided first-aid; bandaging the wounds, and sterilizing them by pouring oil and wine on them. Then the Samaritan put the injured man on the donkey and took him to an inn to provide more care for him. The next day the Samaritan had to continue his trip, so he gave the innkeeper a good amount of money and said, 'Please, take care of that man and when I come back in a few days, I will repay you whatever more you need to spend.'"

Then Jesus asked the lawyer, "Which of these three people on the road do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

The lawyer said, "The one who showed him mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Unison

1 They asked, "Who's my neigh - bor and whom should I love; for
 2 There once was a trav - el - er set on by thieves who
 3 A cer - tain Sa - mar - i - tan then came a - long to
 4 I know who's my neigh - bor and whom I should love, for

F/C Dm C C7 F C

whom should I do a good deed?" Then Je - sus re - lat - ed a
 beat him and left him to die; A priest and a Le - vite each
 bind up his wounds and give aid; He took him to stay at an
 whom I should do a good deed; For Je - sus made clear in the

sto - ry and said, "It's an - y - one who has a
 saw him in pain; but they turned a - way and walked
 inn un - til well, and for all the ser - vice he
 sto - ry he told, it's an - y - one who has a

Dm Bb F/C C7 F

need, yes, an - y - one who has a need."
 by, yes, they turned a - way and walked by.
 paid, yes, for all the ser - vice he paid.
 need, yes, an - y - one who has a need.

Apostles Creed

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C: We do with the help of God.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.


P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived of 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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**

The Prayers of the Church & Passing of the Peace Offertory



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - pair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray:

C: Accept, O Lord, these gifts that we bring in gratitude this day; offerings from the abundant blessings we have received. May they be pleasing in your sight, that you will continue to look kindly on us and our needs, and that they may serve the need of manifesting your Kingdom in this age. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

P: It is right . . .

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

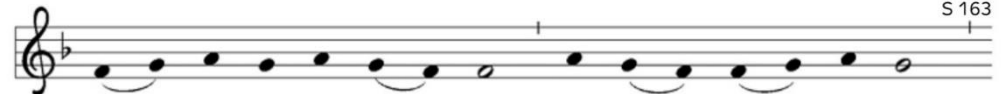


Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy God, we give you thanks and praise, for even in the midst of our turning away from you, you call to us . . .

The Lord's Prayer

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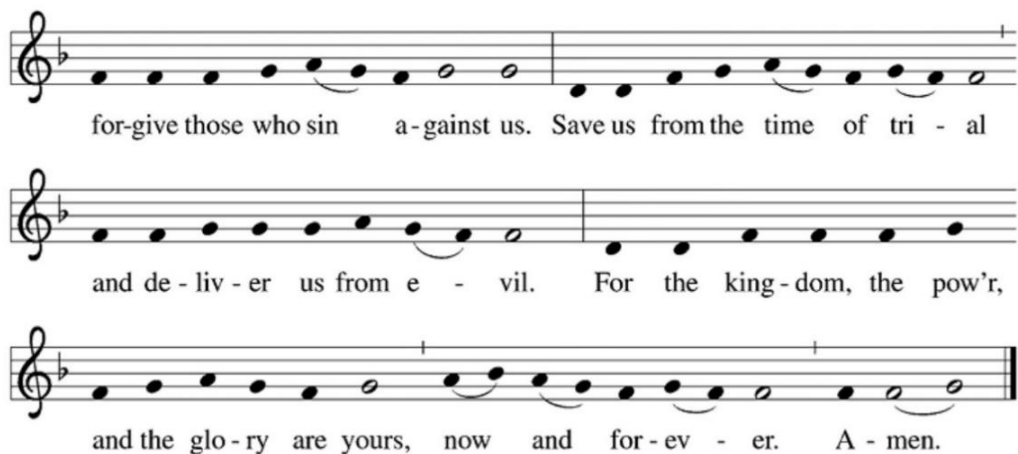
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al
 and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.



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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. A-men.

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Refrain

- 1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
- 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
- 3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
- 4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;

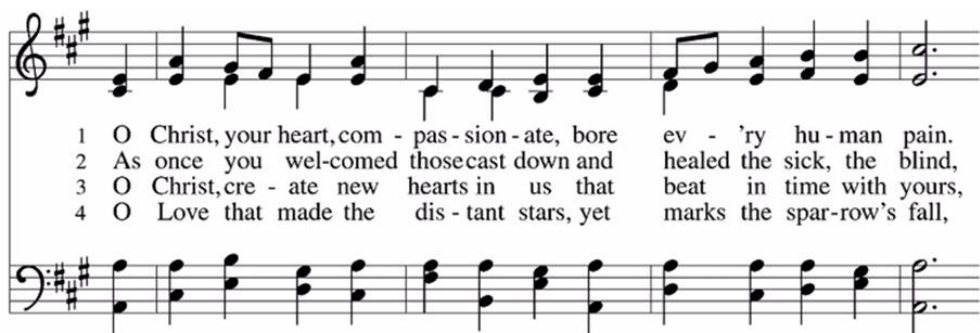


but sweet - er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
 a sweet - er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
 how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
 grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

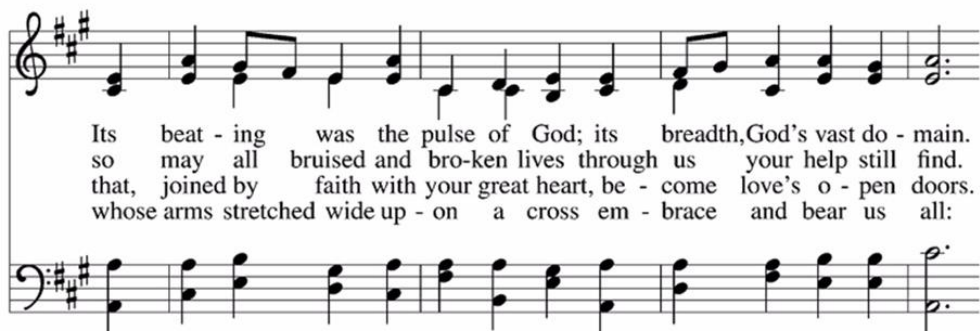


Post Communion Blessing & Prayer
Benediction & Recessional

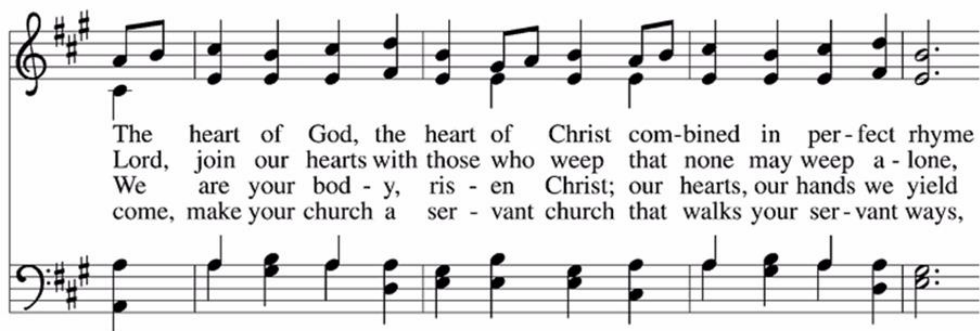
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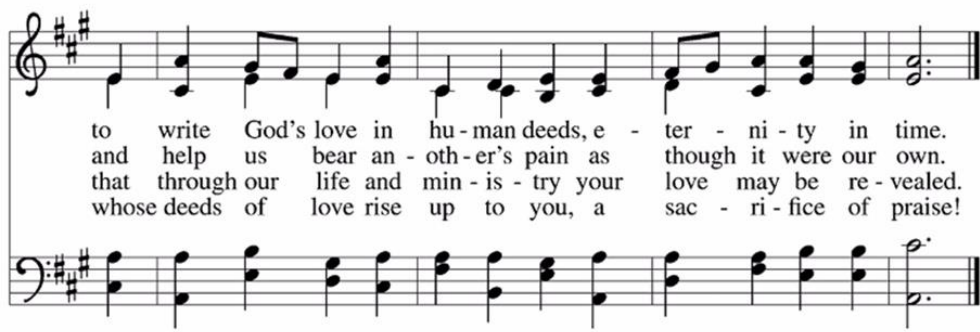
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Dismissal



Sunday, March 9th

First Sunday of Lent

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School &
Confirmation Classes

Monday, March 10th

7:00 p.m. Social Ministry/Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 11th

7th Anniversary of Pastor Chris' Installation

6:30 a.m. Bible Study & Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid

3:30 p.m. Bible Study Lite – 101 w/ Pastor Chris

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online

Wednesday, March 12th

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group

1:00 p.m. Grace Book Club Meeting

6:00 p.m. Bring-your-own dinner to the narthex

7:00 p.m. Mid-week Lenten prayer service

Thursday, March 13th

7:30 p.m. Digital Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 16th

Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes



**Lenten Wednesday Evening
Prayer.**

**Bring your own dinner at
6:00 p.m.**

**Worship at 7:00 p.m. in-
person or on-line**