

Grace Church in the Mountains

March 17, 2024 | 8:00 am



Fifth Sunday in Lent

WELCOME! / ¡BIENVENIDOS!

We are honored by your presence as we gather as God's people to worship in the "beauty of holiness" through our ancient liturgy, contemporary prayers, and vibrant community.

Audio aids available. Ask an usher for assistance.

Children are welcome. We have a special children's area up front. Nursery care is also available for children ages 0 – 5.

Following the service, please join us in Thatcher Hall for coffee and fellowship.

Celebrating that Christ is all and in all

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Seeking Inviting

Belonging Serving

Reverencing God's Creation

PENITENTIAL ORDER p.319 *stand or kneel*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY p.325

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

³¹ The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. ³² It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the LORD. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ They will no longer need to teach each other to say, “Know the LORD!” because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119: 9-16 (*Read by whole verse, alternating sides of the church, beginning with the lectern side.*)

⁹ How shall a young man cleanse his way? *
By keeping to your words.

¹³ With my lips will I recite *
all the judgments of your mouth.

¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you; *
let me not stray from your commandments.

¹⁴ I have taken greater delight in the way of your
decrees *
than in all manner of riches.

¹¹ I treasure your promise in my heart, *
that I may not sin against you.

¹⁵ I will meditate on your commandments *
and give attention to your ways.

¹² Blessed are you, O Lord; *
instruct me in your statutes.

¹⁶ My delight is in your statutes; *
I will not forget your word.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews

⁵ In the same way Christ also didn't promote himself to become high priest. Instead, it was the one who said to him,

You are my Son.

Today I have become your Father,

⁶ as he also says in another place,

You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.

⁷ During his days on earth, Christ offered prayers and requests with loud cries and tears as his sacrifices to the one who was able to save him from death. He was heard because of his godly devotion. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he

learned obedience from what he suffered. ⁹ After he had been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him. ¹⁰ He was appointed by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²⁰ Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: "Sir, we want to see Jesus." ²² Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. ²⁴ I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me.

²⁷ "Now I am deeply troubled. What should I say? 'Father, save me from this time'? No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

²⁹ The crowd standing there heard and said, "It's thunder." Others said, "An angel spoke to him."

³⁰ Jesus replied, "This voice wasn't for my benefit but for yours. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world's ruler will be thrown out. ³² When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me."

(³³ He said this to show how he was going to die.)

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Joslyn Schaefer

Please stand.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*kneel or stand*)

Deacon: Let us pray for the church and for the world, responding as written:

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer I p. 333

COMMUNION

A Note About Communion: All are welcome at God's table! You may receive the bread and sip from the cup or just receive the bread, which is considered a full communion. If you wish intinction, that is the bread dipped in the wine, the clergy will be happy to do that for you. Please **do not** dip the bread yourself. If you only wish to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. Ushers will direct you forward. Gluten-free wafers are available.

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR (When scheduled)

Deacon: In the name of our parish family, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that {N.} to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: (stand or kneel) – p.339

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Presider continues...

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen**

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses us into the world.

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Offering QR



JOIN US FOLLOWING THE SERVICE IN THATCHER HALL FOR COFFEE HOUR.

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild: Melanie Walt & Georgia McManus

Counters: David Nedved & Joe Root

8:00 | Lector: Donna Buckner | EMs: Mary Beth Dorgan & Patrick Johnson

10:30 | Lectors: Tom Lasley & Betsy Stecher | EMs: Jody Hadley & Kim Kranker

Acolytes: Susannah Schaefer & Emily Claire Smith

Ushers: Daniel Atterholt, Jim Dohms, & Chas Lawrence

Eucharistic Visitor: Tom Steffel visiting Gloria Moe

Vestry Members of the Day: John Turley & Georgia Raines

Coffee Hour: Marthas Group

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members of Grace:	John Culp, Betty Smith, Carl Matthews, Valerie Pratt, Carol Ploch, Paul Daniel, and our Home-Bound Members: Bill Edwards, Melissa Van Noppen, Gary Clarke, Gwen Breese, Gloria Moe, Becky Prevost, Elizabeth Weber, & Katherine Calhoun. And for Kelly McCarter and all those preparing for Holy Baptism.
Friends of Grace:	Maureen Jones, friend of Hill Champion and Donna Weaver; Nelson Phinney, cousin of Donna Culp; Blanche Sibbald & Maureen Belleza, sisters of Natalie Bayless; Laura Willis, friend of Michael Boss; Dean Corn, friend of Joyce Brooks; Joy McGratty, friend of Betty Harrison; John Greene, friend of Betty Harrison; Alison Parsons, sister-in-law of Marie Shaginaw; Sally Morgan, friend of Kathryn Church; Rhonda Kram, friend of Elise Greenberg; Hezekiah, grandson of Sue Volgas; Jamie Justice, friend of Chris Smith.
For Those Who Have Died:	Louetta "Mickie" Cantrell, mother of Donna Culp; Chad Smith, friend of Diane Reid; Jesse Bower, Susan Clarke's cousin; Kenn Caterlin, Joe Root & Natalie Bayless' brother-in-law.
In Our Cycle of Prayer:	The Church in Wales St. Joseph's Chapel and students, staff, & faculty of Christ School

HAPPENING TODAY

- Sunday Forum: The Apostle's Creed – 9:15 in Thatcher Hall
- Prayer Partner Meetup (Georgia Raines' Group) – ~ 11:50 in the Martha's Room
- Daughters of the King Meeting – 12:00 in the Library
- Youth Group – 5pm @ FUMC
- Clean & Green – 5pm @ FUMC
- Deadline to RSVP for Seasons of Life: Are You Aging Well? – 3/21 | 9am | FUMC Gym

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come to Dinner: One final Wednesday Evening Prayer in Lent – join us this Wednesday, 3/20 at 5:45pm for lay-led Evening Prayer, followed by a simple meal and program "Meeting God in Mark...and How to Read Scripture!"

Sunday Forum 3/24: Making Easter Flags: Our children have been learning about the events of Holy Week throughout Lent. On Palm Sunday, they are invited to come at 9:15 to make Easter Flags that we will display on Easter Sunday. As we make these, we will remember the last week of Jesus' life and look forward to resurrection life which will burst forth on Easter like a beautiful butterfly. This is for ALL AGES.

Take a Dip (Get Baptized or Renew Your Baptismal Vows): Lent is the time to review and renew your identity as a child of God! We will offer Baptismal preparation on Sundays at 9:15 during Lent and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, 3/30 at 8:00 pm.

Outdoor Clean & Restore Day: Join us on Saturday 3/23 from 9:30am – noon to help make our building and grounds clean and tidy. All ages & abilities are welcome as we have jobs requiring all levels of skill. Wear old clothes & bring your tools. We will have jobs in the kitchen, building interior, & on the grounds. Come for the entire time or stay for as long as you are able. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP with Tom Steffel: Tsteffel51@hotmail.com

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

*indicates open to all

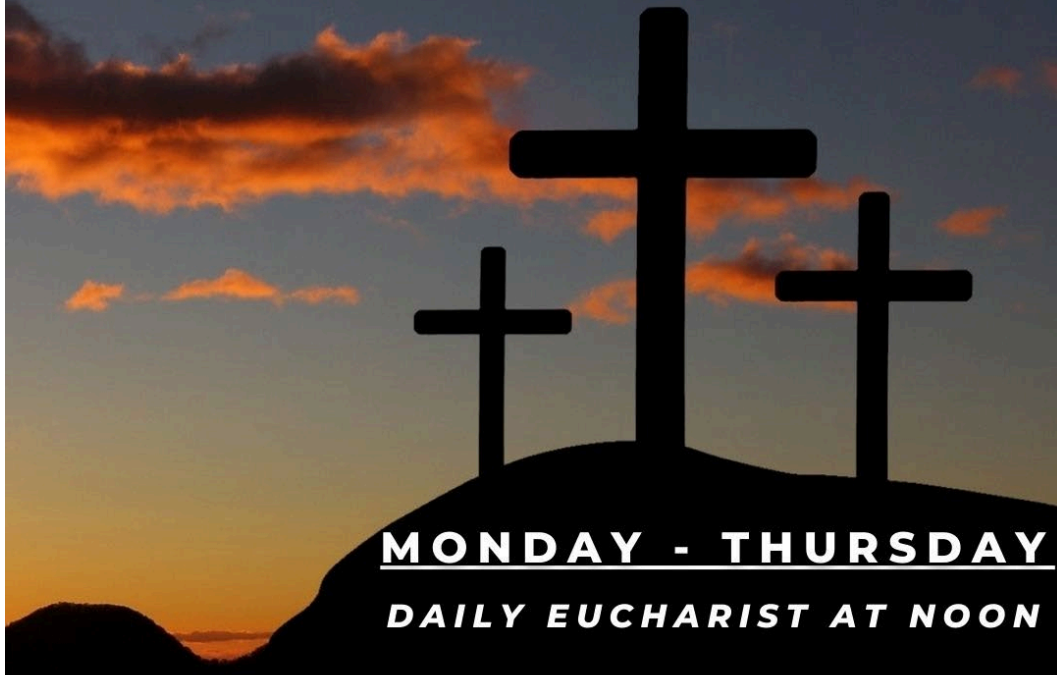
Mon March 18	12:15	Yoga in Thatcher Hall*
Tues March 19	8:00	Lectionary Bible Study in the Library and on Zoom - link on website*
	Noon	Deadline for announcements*
	6:00	Outreach Committee Meeting – Marthas Room
	6:00	Vestry Meeting - Library
	7:00	AA Meeting - Community Room
Wed March 20	9:00	Chime Choir Rehearsal*
	Noon	Eucharist & Healing Service*
	12:30	Senior Fellowship Luncheon
	5:45	Evening Prayer followed by meal & program*
	7:15	Choir Rehearsal*
Thurs March 21	9:00	Seasons of Life: Are You Aging Well? – FUMC Gym
	10:00	Marthas Knitting Group*
	10:00	Sew Graceful Quilt Class – Community Room
	5:30	Overeaters Anonymous - Community Room
Fri March 22	11:00	Caregivers Support Group - Library
Sat March 23	9:30	Building & Grounds Cleanup – Outside/Inside – RSVP with Tom Steffel

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

PROCESSION & WORSHIP - 8 & 10:30AM

**MAKING EASTER FLAGS - 9:15AM
(ALL AGES)**



MONDAY - THURSDAY

DAILY EUCHARIST AT NOON

MAUNDY THURSDAY

**DINNER | FOOTWASHING | EUCHARIST
5:30PM**

GOOD FRIDAY

**COMMUNITY CROSS WALK - 10:45AM AT 1ST
PRESBYTERIAN**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 3PM

SOLEMN LITURGY - 5:30PM

EASTER VIGIL

SATURDAY - 8PM

BEGINS AT THE FIREPIT IN BACK

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

8AM & 10:30AM

BREAKFAST POTLUCK AT 9:15AM

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