

# *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

March 30, 2025 9:30AM



**Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church**

*As a community called by Christ, we live our faith by loving and  
serving all creation*

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**Prelude**  
**Welcome**

*Please stand as you are able*

**GATHERING** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.  
Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.  
We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives**

**and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

. . . You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

**"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

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**Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Kyrie**



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **B** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **B** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **B** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## Prayer of the Day

. . . one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**WORD** *God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song*

## Reading

**Joshua 5:9-12**

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The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

**Psalm 32**

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.**

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;**

**I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

**Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.**

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,

and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

## Anthem

**And I Did Nothing**

**Choir**

## Children's Message

*Please stand as you are able*

## Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 15

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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## Gospel Response

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Sermon

**Pr. Linda Winkelman**

**Silence for Meditation** *We pause in contemplation of God's word, preparing to respond with song*

*Please stand as you are able*

**Message Response**

**"Our Father, We Have Wandered"**

**#606**

**Baptism**

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**Baptism Song**

**"Borning Cry"**

**#732**

**Prayers**

Petition response: **receive our prayer.**

. . . who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

**MEAL** *God feeds us with the presence of Christ*

**Offerings** Place offerings in the plate at the sanctuary entrance, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App. Thank you for your financial support of our ministry.

*Please stand as you are able*

**Presentation of Gifts**

**"Create in Me"**

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**Offering Prayer**

Gracious Provider,

**you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.**

**As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to**

**sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

. . . and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

**Words of Promise**

## Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

*Please be seated*

## Communion

Communion Hymns	"Softly and Tenderly"	#608
	"Restore in Us, O God"	#328
	"Amazing Grace"	#779

*Please stand as you are able*

## Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

. . . Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

## Blessing

God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Bell Toll

Sending Hymn	"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"	#763
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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

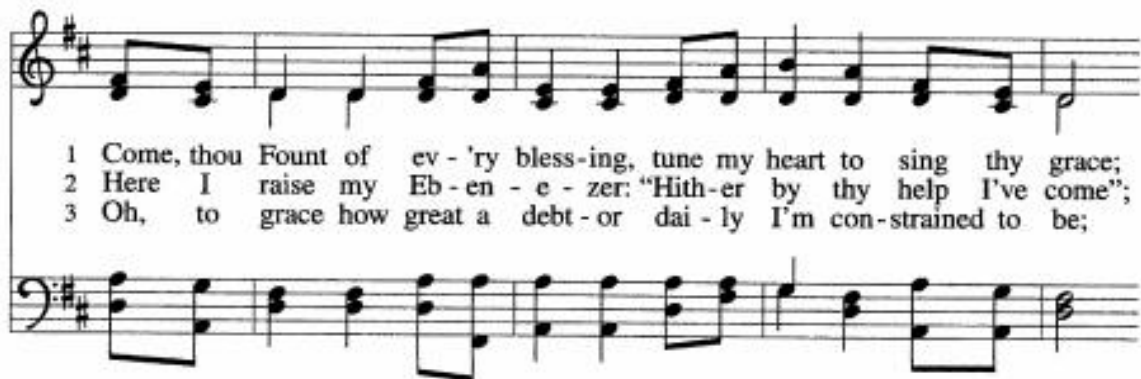
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## Worship Leaders

Lucy Dack & Steve Winkelman – Ushers/Greeters  
Kris Sanderson – Reader  
Jacob Heeren & Henry Morelock – Acolytes  
Steve Mentele – Choir Director  
Richard Dowling – Organist  
Linda Winkelman - Pastor

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 807



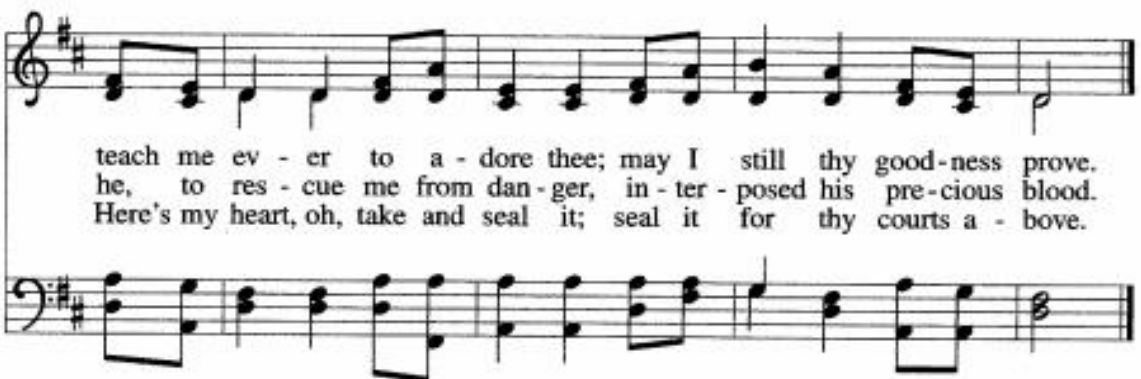
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.  
 Music: J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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# Our Father, We Have Wandered

1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;  
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,  
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,

in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.  
 com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,

But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,  
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,  
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.

as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.  
 in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

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# Borning Cry

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- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
 When the eve-ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."



# 608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

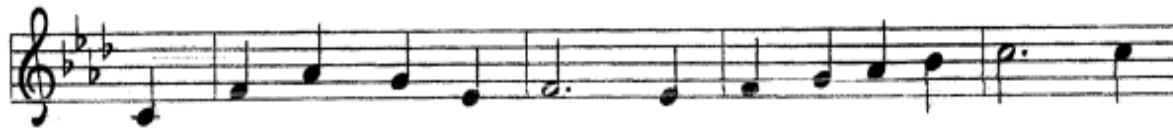
*Refrain*  
 watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

# Restore in Us, O God

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- 1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944  
Music: Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933  
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Alternate tune: SOUTHWELL

# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 779

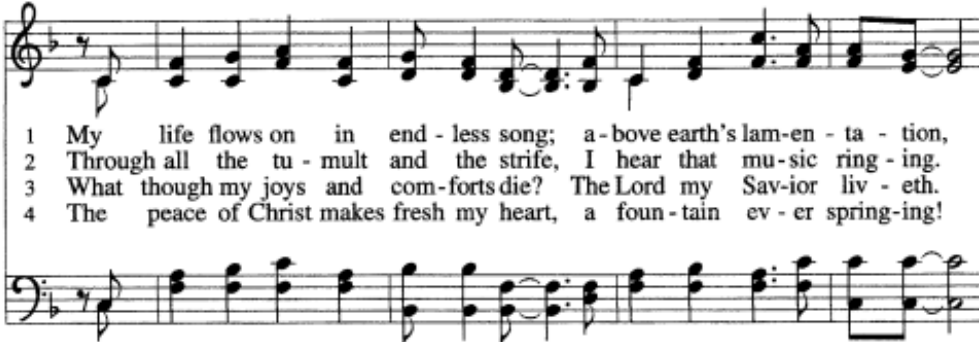
1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

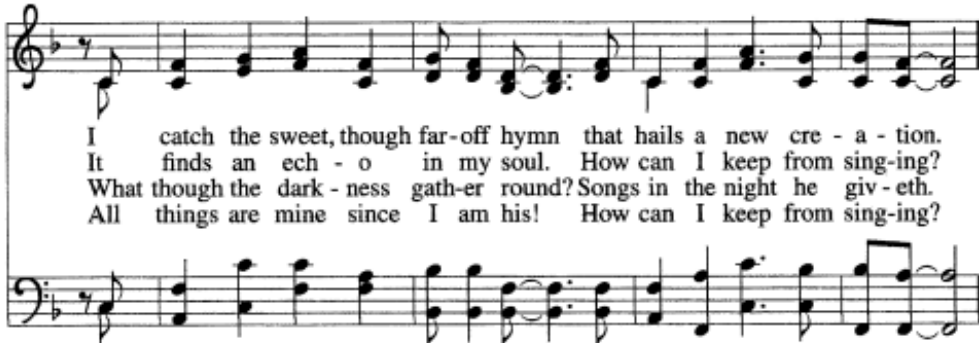
now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

# My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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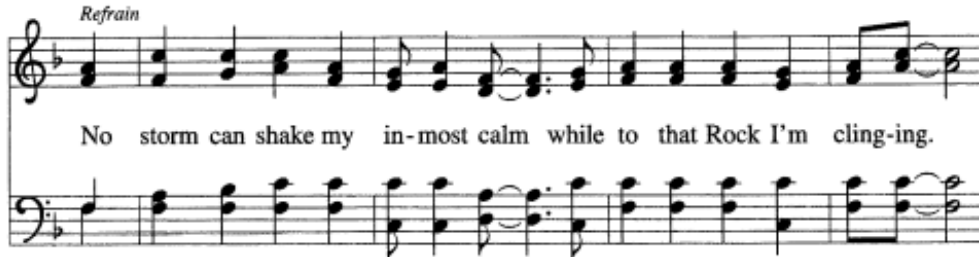


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

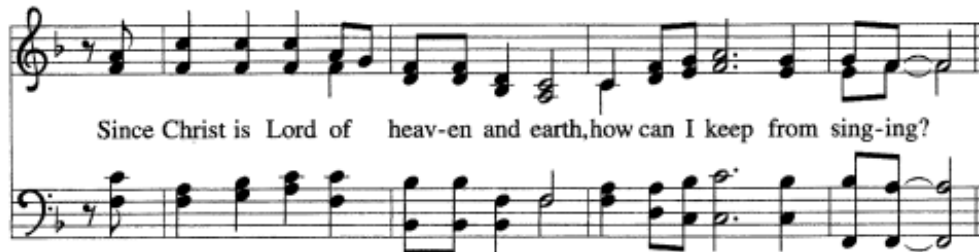


I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899  
 Music: Robert Lowry, alt.

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING  
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## Announcements for March 30, 2025

**Welcome!** We are happy to have you worship with us today!

- **Large Print Bulletins and Hymns** are available in the narthex in a red binder. Ask the ushers!
- **Activity Bags for young children** are available in the narthex. Take one for use during the service.
- **Visitors:** Please fill out a visitor card located in the narthex. Pick up a visitor's bag!

**Keep in prayer:** Judy Clark (sister-in-law of Bill Clark), Darlene (friend of Robin Hoefer), Tammy Eckley (sister of Teresa Sommers), Owen Nelson, Brad Pfaff (son-in-law of Mary Jane Tracy), Lynn Tracy, Mary Jane Tracy, and the family of Jim Thompson who died on March 25.

**We rejoice** today in the baptism of Oliver Jackson Peterson, son of Theo and Rose Peterson. We welcome you into God's family!

**Mid-week Lenten Worship** is held each Wednesday at 7pm through April 9. Join us for Holden Evening Prayer and monologues from characters of the story of Jesus' Passion. Services are livestreamed.

**New Member Information Meeting** for anyone interested in becoming a member of Jefferson Prairie will be held following worship TODAY. Contact Pastor Linda if interested.

**Easter Flower Order Forms** are due by **TODAY**. Forms are located in the narthex. Please place completed form along with payment in offering plate.

**April Prairie Light** newsletter is available in the narthex.

**Mid-week Lenten Suppers** are Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, prior to worship. Donations support youth and are greatly appreciated! **Menu** - Apr 2: BBQ; Apr 9: Burgers/Hot Dogs/Brats

**Mission Offering** during Lent supports World Hunger through **God's Global Barnyard**. Boxes are available in the narthex. Pick one up and collect coins and dollars to help those in need. Lent is traditionally a time of remembering the poor and hungry. Return your box by Easter, April 20. Make checks out to: God's Global Barnyard.

**Cemetery Spring Cleanup!** Please remove all items from grave sites in the East and West cemeteries **before April 5<sup>th</sup>** for the upcoming mowing season. New items may be placed on or after Mother's Day, May 11.

**Job Opportunity:** Our church secretary has decided to retire. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Terry Pearson or Pastor Linda. Position is 12 hours per week and requires computer skills.

**Clinton Community Historical Society Rummage Sale:** May 16-17 at Cobblestone House in Clinton. Consider donating household items. Contact Joyce Splan (608) 289-9475 or Teresa Sommers (608) 295-8435.

Sign-up sheets for **Livestreaming** and for **Readers** are on the connecting room board. Sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall to provide food/coffee for **Fellowship**. Please consider serving in these ways!

**Sharing Your Offering:** Thank you for your generosity that supports our ministry here at Jefferson Prairie and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering.

- **Offering plates** are located on stands by the entrance to the sanctuary.
- **Give online** at [www.jplchurch.org](http://www.jplchurch.org). Click on the GIVE tab at the top to be directed to Tithe.ly.
- **Use the Tithe.ly App.** Click on GIVE on our website [www.jplchurch.org](http://www.jplchurch.org), download the Tithe.ly App at the bottom of the screen. Once installed, search for Jefferson Prairie and start giving using the App.
- **Mail** your check to church: 23184 Bergen Rd. Poplar Grove, IL 61065

**Online worship** available at: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonprairie/live/> and [www.jplchurch.org](http://www.jplchurch.org) homepage. Click on Sermons on the website to watch previous worship services. The bulletin is under Sermon Notes.

**NOTE:** This worship service is being livestreamed.

### This Week's Calendar

Tuesday, April 1	9am	Quilting
Wednesday, April 2	5:30pm	Lenten Supper: Potato Bar
	7pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
Sunday, April 6	9:30am	Worship/SS/Fellowship