

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offering

Please fill out a Communication card and put it in the offering plate every week

Offertory *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. John Ferguson

*When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died.
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most I sacrifice them to His blood.
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine; that were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

++ Doxology 607[GTG] *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

++HYMN 167[GTG] *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

++BENEDICTION

++BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS 306[GTG]

*(Please join hands while the entire congregation sings)
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

++POSTLUDE

Please join us in Litten Hall (downstairs) for a time of fellowship.
Fair Trade coffee and tea are served to enjoy and also are sold for your take-home pleasure!

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 1, 2020 10:00 a.m.

1st Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*In order to maintain our worship environment, please turn your cell phone off.
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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Botting

Leader: We do not live by bread alone,
People: so we gather to feast on God's sustaining Word.
Leader: We come at the Spirit's leading
People: to offer ourselves in service to Christ.
Leader: Come, find strength for the journey.
People: Let us worship the one, true God.

++HYMN 618[GTG] *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you call us to worship and to serve only you. Yet, when other things demand our attention, we stray from the path Jesus tread. We serve powers that privilege the comfort of some over the well-being of many. We serve a culture that values competition over collaboration. We serve our own desires without considering the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us, Lord. Send your Spirit to guide us back to you. Free us from the clutches of sin and death and draw us close, that we might respond to the grace we know in Christ and follow the ways of justice and righteousness... (silent prayer)

The Word of God's Grace

++ Response to the Good News 602[GTG] *Holy Lamb of God*

Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. (2x)

Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Share the passing of the peace with those near you.

Be still and know that I am God (sung three times)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7 pg. 2, OT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* arr. Rollo Dilworth

*I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along this pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me. In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When the shades of life are falling, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4:1-11 pg. 3, NT

SERMON *In The Wilderness*

++HYMN 724[GTG] *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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Leader: ... who forever sing to the glory of your name

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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.

Leader: ... Let us proclaim together the mystery of faith:

The Mystery of Faith (**unison**)

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: Invocation of Holy Spirit

Lord's Prayer (**unison**)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choral Amen

Amen

Pastor: Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Responsive Prayer after the Supper

Leader: You have given yourself to us, Lord;

People: Now we give ourselves for others.

Leader: Your love has made us a new people;

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 1

1st Sunday in Lent

- 10:00 a.m. Worship/ Communion/ Deacon's Offering received
11:00 a.m. Education for 4 yrs. thru 12th Grade
Fellowship Hour – Litten Hall
11:20 a.m. Adult Forum – Reception Room
3:00 p.m. Lansing Symphony Concert - Chapel

Monday, March 2

- 10:00 a.m.-3 Soul Food lunch - Kitchen/Litten Hall
10:00 a.m. Staff meeting – Library
6:00p.m.-9 Global Institute of Lansing class
6:45 p.m... Bells of First 4ehearsal

Tuesday, March 3

- 12:10 p.m. Yoga
5:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee – Library
6:00 p.m.-9 Global Institute of Lansing class
6:30 p.m. Bagpipers rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Book Group – Parlor
7:00 p.m. LanSingOut rehearsal – Chapel

Wednesday, March 4

- 10:00 a.m.-3 Soul Food lunch - Kitchen/Litten Hall
10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study – Library
Noon Boomers and Beyond lunch- Parlor
2:30 p.m. B&G Committee meeting - Library
4:15 p.m.-6:45 Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
5:30 p.m. Vital Congregations meeting- Global Institute of Lansing room
6:00 p.m. Mid-Michigan Photo Club meeting – Litten Hall
6:00 p.m. Yoga
6:00 p.m. Mission Committee meeting– Library

Thursday, March 5

- 11:00 a.m-1 NorthWest Initiative Food Distribution- Kitchen
5:00 p.m. Global Institute of Lansing Board meeting- Library
5:00 p.m. Yoga

Friday, March 6

- 10:00 a.m.-3 Soul Food lunch - Kitchen/Litten Hall
Noon Women's Lenten Bible Study- Parlor
6:00 p.m. Yoga

Saturday, March 7

Sunday, March 8

2nd Sunday in Lent

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. Education for 4 yrs. thru 12th Grade
Fellowship Hour – Litten Hall
11:20 a.m. Adult Forum – Reception Room
11:30 p.m. Finance Committee meeting – Library
1:30 p.m. Bagpiper rehearsal – Litten Hall

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Greg Botting
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Videographer	Rich Blankenship
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins

Concerns of the congregation:

In care facilities:	Jerry Bockes (Eaton County Health and Rehab)
	Peg Whitman (Grandhaven Living Center)
	Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)
	Jean Hopkins (Story Point of Grand Ledge)
	Betty Bailey (Grandhaven Living Center)

HEARING ASSISTANCE (The devices have been recently checked and they DO work!) **LARGE PRINT AND BRAILLE BULLETINS** (If you would like a Braille bulletin, please let the church office know ahead of time.) We also have **CUSHIONS** available if you find the pews uncomfortable! Please see one of the ushers if any of these aids to worship will enhance your participation in the service.

SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETINS AND AUDIO ON THE WEB Did you know that you can view and download Sunday bulletins, and even hear audio recordings of our worship services on the church web site? Visit lansingfirstpres.com and select *Bulletins* or *Sermons* from the top menu under "*Worship*." Since January this year, MP3 audio recordings include entire worship services and not just sermons. It's a great resource if you missed a Sunday, or if you just want to see the bulletin or hear the service again. Note that the church web site is often updated, and constantly in need of updates. If you'd like to share your web site expertise to update and improve the church web site, contact Brian Jackson/brianpdjackson@gmail.com or Bill Collins/bill@pipercollins.com.

FLOWER CHART There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The new price is \$45. Simply sign up on the chart (in the office hall), indicate the occasion that you would like celebrated or honored (birthday, anniversary or memorial), write a check to the church and give it to Tracy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement for use when we don't have a fresh arrangement scheduled, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! - Worship Committee.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

LENTEN SYMBOLS

This year we are including in our observance of Lent a collection of Lenten Symbols that will change each week. These symbols will help remind us of events that surround Lent and Holy Week: **March 1:** Jesus Temptation in the Desert

“The Tempter” challenged Jesus to make bread from rocks, throw himself off a tower so the angels could save him, and offered to give him all he could see from a mountain top. Jesus rejected all of these invitations and angels came and ministered to him afterwards.

Symbols: Rocks, bread, tower, mountain, angel

WOMEN’S LENTEN STUDY – AN INVITATION “Lenten Crossing: Intersecting with Jesus Christ” Good news! Pastor Barb Edema has written an original Lenten Bible study for any and all women who would care to attend. The meeting time is **noon on Fridays, beginning Feb 28, continuing through March, and ending on Friday, April 3** (6 sessions total). Barb says: “Let’s take a look at how lives of biblical characters changed when they met Jesus in surprising places. Then let’s share how our own lives continue to change as we intersect with the Good News of Jesus Christ.” **To help offset the cost of printing, a \$5 donation is requested.** All are invited to come, whether you have attended a previous Women’s Bible Study or not. As always, *we come when we can and as often as we can.* See Kathy Banghart or Shirley Herrick now to sign up!

THE ALTERNATES TO PLASTIC CHALLENGE Just about 150 years ago a “miracle material” – strong, lightweight and inexpensive – was created. Plastic! It is in everything we use – cups, bottles, toothbrushes, Ziploc bags, plastic forks and spoons, straws, along with parts of cars, airplanes and space ships.

Unfortunately, it has a downside. So much of it is thrown “away,” although we are learning there is no “away.” One *trillion* plastic shopping bags alone per year, for example, are tossed aside, mostly after one brief use. In the U.S. less than 10% of plastic is recycled! Worse, globally, millions of tons of plastic end up in the oceans. The action of waves, sunlight and bacteria break up much of it into tiny particles, which fish ingest. When we eat those fish, we are eating plastic!

What’s a person to do to help reduce this plastic pollution? There are two things. We can RECYCLE. You have probably noticed the recycle bins placed around the church by the Green Team. Our church is working hard to encourage recycling.

The Green Team is also encouraging a second way to help: choosing ALTERNATIVES to plastics. We are initiating an **ALTERNATIVES TO PLASTIC CHALLENGE**. You are probably already using some other materials instead of plastic. What are they? Reusable grocery bags? Glass drinking glasses instead of Styrofoam? Real silverware? How about stainless steel coffee mugs? Glass straws? Food storage in Mason jars?

On **Palm Sunday, April 5**, we would like to display in Litten Hall as many ALTERNATIVE items as we as a congregation can collect. Be thinking and exploring possibilities between now and then. Plan to bring an item or two to add to the display. Take the CHALLENGE!

That is the morning of the **Deacons’ Palm Sunday Brunch**. So plan to come enjoy the meal and be amazed at the ALTERNATIVES TO PLASTIC choices available to us.

Did You Know?

A plastic bag is only used for an average of about 12 minutes and then discarded.

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ADULT FORUM 2020

(11:15-12:15 Adult Ed Room downstairs)

All are welcome to join in discussion of significant and timely topics in the Adult Ed Room (downstairs) 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
(Childcare is available through this time.)

March 1- TODAY

THE QUEST FOR PURITY IN AMERICAN UTOPIAN COMMUNITIES

This session is a loose extension of the human – sometimes Christian – search for human perfectibility that we looked at last fall. We will concentrate on why so many early nineteenth century American communities intentionally formed with a “utopian” goal in mind. Though mostly short-lived for a variety of reasons, the movement as a whole contributed to reforms in U.S. society, most notably the abolition of slavery. We will see how attitudes in our present social context still impel like-minded people to form themselves into exclusive, sometimes isolated communities, seeking, if not perfection, at least “to give heavenly existence an earthly embodiment.” **Led by Charlie Herrick.** Join us!

March 8

AN ENTOMOLOGICAL LOOK AT DISTURBANCES IN NATURE

We are living in what has been called the Anthropocene, a new planetary era in which humans have become the dominant force in significantly changing the Earth. These changes include global warming, changes in the chemical composition of the atmosphere, oceans and soil as well as habitat loss and species extinctions including many familiar insect species. A discussion on this topic will be led by **Mike Bryan**.

SERMON NOTES: