

**PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

**Offering**

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

**Offertory**

*Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love* by Allan Petker  
(Based on "Pavane" by Gabriel Faure)

*Lamb of God, what wondrous love, what wondrous love, O my soul.  
Love, such love, that Thou shouldst die, that for me, Thou shouldst die.  
Lord of Grace, what matchless love, what matchless love, O my soul.  
Son of God, Thou loving sacrifice, Thou loving sacrifice for me.  
Here O Lord am I. Fearful, sinful man.  
Guilty and condemned, Thy death is surely mine.  
Cross of God, I would to turn away. Yet love it bids me stay, O my soul.  
Can it be the very death I fear, is that which draws me near, Lord, to Thee?  
Lamb of God, Thou died for me.  
Lamb of God, what wondrous love.*

**++ 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 634[GTG]** *To God Be the Glory*

**++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 8, 2020 10:00 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*Please fill out a Communication Card and put it in the offering plate.*

## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pryderick Achuonjei

Leader: We lift our eyes to the hills— from where does our help come?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: The Lord is our keeper; God protects us, heart and soul.

**People: Whether coming or going, we are safe in God's keeping.**

Leader: Our journeys have brought us here to lift our voices in praise.

**People: We will worship our Creator all the days of our lives.**

**++HYMN 49[GTG] *The God of Abraham Praise***

## LENTEN CANDLE READINGS

### SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Sending God, you speak to souls both calm and chaotic and summon us to follow.

**People: But your call threatens to uproot our lives, so we disregard your voice and cling to the soils of safe, familiar places.**

Leader: Guiding Spirit, your wind whips through communities both settled and stirring and urges us toward new expressions of faith.

**People: But your call threatens to blow us off course, so we ignore your dynamic Spirit and shelter within protected harbors.**

Leader: Saving Christ, you enter into hearts both trusting and skeptical and plant within us the seed of faith.

**People: Forgive us when we ignore your summons to grow as disciples. Immerse us in the Spirit's sustaining waters so that we might respond to your call with faith and faithfulness.**

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.***

**++**Indicates to stand in body or spirit

## ++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

Psalm 121

pg. 571, OT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### CHORAL ANTHEM

*God So Loved the World*

*by John Stainer*

*God so love the world, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.*

*That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,*

*But that the world through Him might be saved.*

### GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:1–17

pg. 93, NT

### SERMON

*Born Again*

**++HYMN 829[GTG] *My Faith Looks Up To Thee***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(Intercessory prayer)*

**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*

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, March 8 *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m. Education for 4 yrs. thru 12<sup>th</sup> 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

### Monday, March 9

10:00 a.m. Staff meeting – Library  
6:00 p.m. LanSINGout Board meeting - Chapel  
6:00p.m.-9 Global Institute of Lansing class  
6:45 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal

### Tuesday, March 10

7a-9pm Presidential Primary Election- Chapel and Narthex all day  
12:10 p.m. Yoga  
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee- Library  
6:00 p.m.-9 Global Institute of Lansing class  
6:30 p.m. Bagpipers rehearsal – Chapel  
7:00 p.m. LanSingOut rehearsal – Sanctuary

### Wednesday, March 11

10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study – Library  
4:15 p.m.-6:45 Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal - Choir Room  
6:00 p.m. Yoga  
6:30 p.m.-7:30 MI Pride meeting - Library  
7:00 p.m. Deacons meeting

### Thursday, March 12

8:30am-12 MI Air/MI Health meeting- Litten Hall  
11:00 a.m.-1 NorthWest Initiative Bread Distribution - Upstairs  
1:00 p.m. Tender Loving Care luncheon group-DeLuca’s  
5:00 p.m.. Yoga  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

### Friday, March 13

9a-5 AmeriCorps meeting- Litten Hall  
Noon Women’s Lenten Bible Study- Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Yoga

### Saturday, March 14

### Sunday, March 15 *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship , Ordination/ Installation of new officers  
11:00 a.m. Education for 4 yrs. thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Fellowship Hour – Litten Hall  
11:20 a.m. Adult Forum – Reception Rm  
11:30 a.m. Finance meeting- Library  
Current officer training- Parlor

## INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning’s service:

|                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Liturgist         | Pryderick Achuonjei             |
| Lenten Candles    | Bill Collins and George Bennett |
| Organist/Pianist  | Sergei Kvitko                   |
| Director of Music | Megan Higle                     |
| Videographer      | Bryse Friess                    |
| Pastor            | Rev. Stanley Jenkins            |

Greeting you at the Chapel entrance: Franco and Salima Nashef

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)

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are from Bessie Roper in honor of her parents, Herbie (Doris) and Earl Bibbee’s, 74<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on March 9.

**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.

**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 8:** Jesus' Transfiguration

Jesus took three disciples to a mountain top where Jesus' face "shone like the sun" and he was joined by Elijah and Moses.

Symbol: the Sun

**WOMEN'S LENTEN STUDY – AN INVITATION** "Lenten Crossing: Intersecting with Jesus Christ" 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). Copies of the Bible Study are still available – see Shirley Herrick to obtain one (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.*

**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?

Drink companies produce over 500 billion single-use plastic bottles annually. (eco [watch.com](http://watch.com))

## 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 8 – TODAY

#### 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. Discussion will be **led by Mike Bryan**.

### MARCH 15

#### PERUVIAN CULTURE AND CUISINE COME TO MICHIGAN

**Jose Aste** will introduce us to Peru's history, geography and food! Jose was born in Lima, Peru and grew up in Miami but traveled to Peru often to visit family. He moved with his wife Missy (Campbell) 6 years ago to Michigan and they now have two children. He worked in the aviation industry for 11 years until creating his own business, Tantay, here in Lansing. His goal is to have a family-friendly restaurant that is all Peruvian cuisine – restaurant that promotes inclusion and fosters community.

### MARCH 22

**Do you want to know God on a more personal level?**

**Do you want to see and feel the Grace of God?**

**Do you want to have a renewed relationship with God?**

Please come and join us at the Adult Forum on **Sunday, March 22** following the worship service for an informational time about experiencing a "**MICHIGAN PILGRIMAGE**" weekend. Learn about Pilgrimage from its beginning to where it is today. There will also be some personal testimonies on the benefits and effects of Pilgrimage. **MARSHA COX FROM MICHIGAN PILGRIMAGE** will be the speaker. She will share their monthly newsletter ("The Happenings") bringing a trifold display, registration information and "Remember the Date" cards. Marsha is looking forward to sharing Michigan Pilgrimage with us in our time together.

## SERMON NOTES:



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Featuring choirs from refugee communities  
and a combined interfaith choir.

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**MARCH 22**

**3:00 PM**

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