

ORDER OF WORSHIP 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 23, 2025

Prelude . . . . . “Nearer, My God, To Thee” . . . . . *Emily Mathys, Instrumentalist*

Welcome . . . . . *Rev. Diane Flynn*

*Please sign and pass the black pew pad.*

Gathering . . . . . “Celebrate this Happy, Holy Day” . . . . . *Junior Choir*

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace; approach our God, who is full of mercy.

**People: We will praise God with all our heart and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

Leader: Let us worship the living God.

\*Hymn of Praise . . . . . “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”  
*Hymn #213*

Call to Confession . . . . . *Linda Rinehart*

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Response of Praise . . . . . “Victory in Jesus”(Refrain)

**Oh, victory in Jesus, my Savior forever  
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood  
He loved me 'ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him  
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood**

\*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Children’s Focus

Anthem . . . . . “Feel Good” . . . . . *Junior Choir  
Mindy Smith, Instrumentalist*

Scripture Reading . . . . . *Matthew 26:36-46*

Sermon . . . . . Sermon Series: The Desert of Compassion . . . . . *Rev. Diane Flynn*

*“Stay Awake with Me”*

\*Affirmation of Faith . . . . . *On Screen*

Service Prayer . . . . . *Kevin Crosthwaite*

Pastoral Prayer (with the Lord's 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.**

Announcements

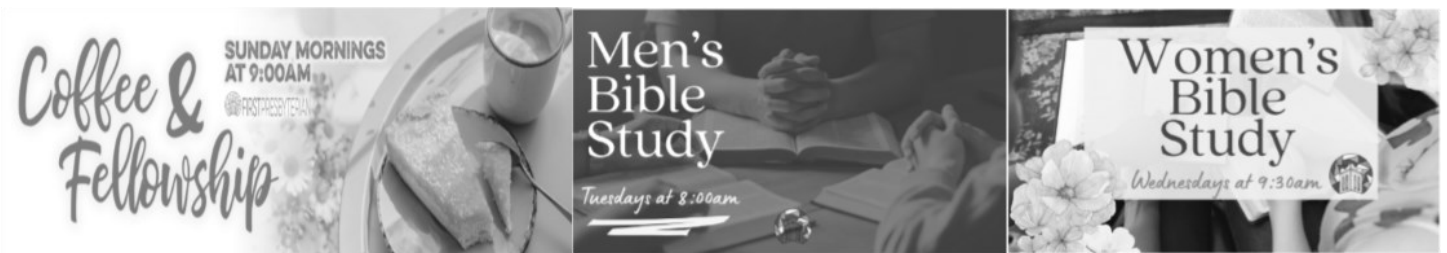
\*Doxology & Offertory Prayer

**Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives and feed us with your grace, that amid death all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn . . . . . *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*  
*Hymn #761*

\*Benediction . . . . . *"Heaven is a Wonderful Place"* . . . . . *Junior Choir*

Postlude . . . . . *"Jesus Paid It All"* . . . . . *Emily Mathys, Instrumentalist*



**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Pam Archer, Gary Thompson, Bill Gorton, Duane Van Duzen, Noah Cassion, Karl Leckrone, Rev. Donald Leckrone

**HOME BOUND:** Jean Bell, Beverly Shearer, and Wilma Miller.

**IN A CARE FACILITY:** Hazel Hayes and Evelyn Rutherford at Heritage; Vivian Lowe at Bluebird; and Bob Huffman at Prestige Gardens.

