

February 14, 2016
First Sunday in Lent

Prelude: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Robert Powell

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #153

Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *On Eagles' Wings*

Call to Worship

One: Gather to remember and share stories of faith; rejoice in the goodness of the loving God.

All: Before our stories began, there was God; through all our days, God walks with us.

One: Worship the one who gives and sustains life; sing praise to the one who is our refuge.

All: There is no place we can go where God is not; amid life's terrors, God's promises hold true.

One: Delight in God, whose protection we enjoy; dance with the God, who frees us for new possibilities.

All: We call out to God, expecting to be heard; we listen, knowing there is truth to be received.

One: Come, let us worship God together!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Sovereign God, we confess our desire to reshape your world to our own advantage. The first fruits of our labor grace the altars of our own desires instead of honoring you. We prefer that you keep

your distance from us unless we need you. We like promises without commands, gifts without responsibilities. O God, we confess that our ways don't work. Turn us around for true worship and service, as forgiven and forgiving people. Hear now our silent confessions as we turn to you seeking your mercy, forgiveness and grace.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of God's Love

***Gloria Patri:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 91

(Page 674 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

(Page 226 HS in the pew bible)

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer

(Children will leave for Sunday School and Youth Discussion Group)

***Hymn:** #151 *O Love How Deep, How Broad*

Offering of our Gifts

Anthem: *Surely The Lord Is In This Place* C. Mueller

***Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings*

flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise

God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and

Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Gospel Reading – Luke 4:1-13

(Page 74 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: *"Whose Voice Is That?"*

Reverend Diane Monti Catania

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Choral Response: *On Eagles' Wings*

***Hymn:** #783 *When We Are Tested (Insert)*

Benediction

Response: *On Eagles' Wings*

Postlude: *O My Soul Rejoice with Gladness*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

(*Please stand if able.)

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. Our hosts today are the Sunday School Children.

The flowers are donated by Nancy Rossi in honor of friends and families everywhere.

Our Lay Reader today is Carol Magowan.

Our ushers today are Kathy Mera & Jim LaPier.

Prayer List

Rosie Bell, Nancy Tuckerman, Barbara Jacquette, Mary Wadsworth, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Sue Bucci, Jim Aitchison, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Dick Dwelley, Louise "Weezie" Hannegan, Alan Weinberg, Sarah and Pete Courtright, David Bernier, Lee Cornwall and Beverly Adam.

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Calendar For the Week

Today: 1 pm Tae Kwon Do Demonstration in the Parish Hall

Tuesday: 5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday: 10:30 am Scoville Memorial Library
Toddler Story Hour in the Parish Hall
6:00 pm Lenten Dinner

7:15 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday: 8:30 am "Silent" Retreat in the Parish Hall Library

4:30 pm Women's Spirituality

7 pm HousaTonics

Friday: 8 am Men's Bible Study

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

The **Nominating Committee** has begun the annual task of recruiting people to serve on the various committees of the church. Please prayerfully consider ways that you might serve the church and let the committee know of your interest. Contact Judith Frost for more information.

Our next **Feel the Warmth Dinner** will be held in Bridgeport on Thursday, February 25. Please consider volunteering your time to feed our hungry neighbors. Sign up sheets are in the Parish Hall. Contact Peg Heck for more information.

You are invited to join the congregation for **dinner on any Wednesday evening in Lent**. The Deacon's host a simple meal of soup and salad from 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm. All are welcome! To sign up, access the *Doodle Poll* in the weekly e-blast, on the website or contact the office.

Exploring Spiritual Disciplines will be the theme of the Women's Bible Study for the six weeks of Lent. Join us on Thursday afternoons at 4:30 pm in the Parish Hall Library.

You are invited to **become a Covenant Partner (member) of the Salisbury Congregational Church**. If you are interested in formalizing your commitment to this faith community, please contact Pastor Diane or attend an information session on Sunday, February 28 at 11:30 am in the Meetinghouse. We will be welcoming new members on Sunday~March 13.

*No matter where you are on life's journey ~
You are welcome here!*

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