

March 12, 2017
Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude: Prelude in E-Flat J.S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #321 *The Church's One Foundation*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *Jesus Stand Among Us*

Call to Worship

One: I lift my eyes to the hills-
From where will my help come?

**All: My help comes from the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.**

One: God will not let your foot be moved,

All: The One who keeps you will not slumber....

One: The Lord will keep you from all evil;

All: God will keep your life.

One: The LORD will keep your going out and your
coming in

All: From this time on and forevermore.

One: Come, let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

God of the ages, you call your people into new pilgrimages of faith. We are so often fearful and reluctant to start something new. We don't want to leave what is comfortable. Give us brave and faithful hearts, that we may trust in your promise of unending love and care. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Lord, sometimes we come to you in the night, afraid of what others might think. Sometimes, when you invite us

to begin journeys of faith, we refuse. We hear your promises, but we are filled with doubts, unsure about our future. Give us courage, beckoning God, to answer your call and become a blessing to the world. May the promise of eternal life make us bold and daring in this life, so that we live by grace alone.

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 121

(Page 702 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures –

Genesis 12:1-4a

(Page 12 HS in the pew bible)

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer (debts)

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

***Hymn:** #486 *Child of Blessing*

Offering of Gifts

Anthem: *God So Loved the World* John Stainer

***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

New Testament Reading – John 3:1-17

(Page 114 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: For God so Loved the World

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer

Response: *Breathe The Holy Spirit Into Every Heart*

***Hymn:** #53 *O God Who Gives Us Life*

Benediction

Response: *Thus With Quickened Footsteps*

Postlude: Fugue in E-Flat "St. Anne" J.S. Bach
(*Please stand if able)

If you are visiting us today, Welcome! Please sign the guestbook at the front door and introduce yourself to our Pastor or to one of our Deacons.

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. All are welcome. Our hosts today are Peggy & Dave Heck.

Please see an usher:

If you would like to use a hearing device;

If you would like to bring your child to the Nursery

Many thanks to:

Mike Clulow for serving as lay reader

Orrin & Erik Rydingsword for ushering

Prayer List

Walter Crain, Alice Gustafson, Leonard Kaufman, Laura Flores, Margie Vail, Gordon Weekly, Paul McAbee, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Barbara Jacqueline, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Gay Ayers, The Sosnoff Family, Wilma Tillerman, Emily, Will, Al.

Pastor Diane will be on vacation March 15-20.

For pastoral emergencies, please contact a deacon.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today	11:30 am Christian Action Meeting 2 -4 pm Lenten Lecture: <i>Exploring One's Spirituality</i> , Reverend Ryan Gackenheimer
Tuesday	5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	4:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7 pm HousaTonics Rehearsal
Friday	7:30 am Men's Bible Study
Sunday	11:30 am Church Council Meeting

OPPORTUNITIES

LENTEN DINNERS

You are invited to join the congregation for dinner on Wednesday evenings: March 22 & April 5 during Lent. The Deacons 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 or contact the office.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS ON MARCH 26

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.

PHOTOS FOR NEW DIRECTORY

Kristine Jennings will be taking photos for our new directory on Tuesday, March 28th, 5:30 – 7 pm. Kristine will be in the Parish Hall. If you have not already done so, please make the time to see her, so you can be in the directory. This will be the final session.

THE CORNER FOOD PANTRY

The Corner Food Pantry in Lakeville is very low on donations and our bins at church are empty. Nonperishable food items needed!

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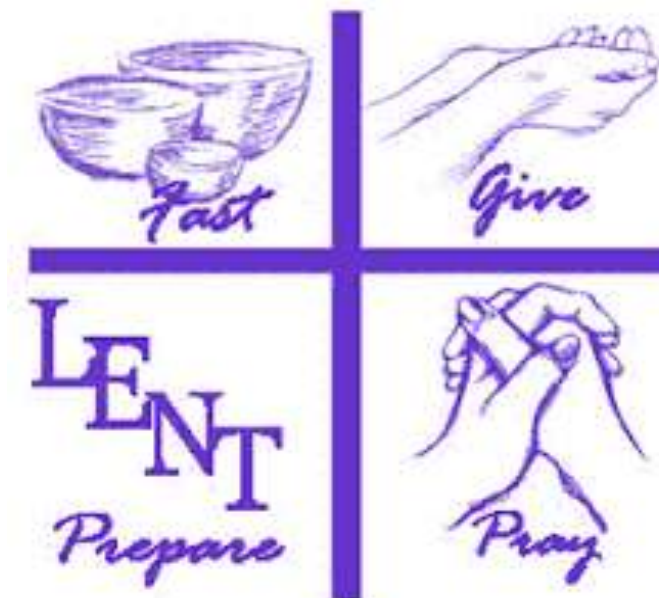
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