

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN #513                    “Let Us Break Bread Together”                    LET US BREAK BREAD

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE                    “Lord, Let us Now Depart in Peace”                    #35 Butler

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE                    “Pass It On”                    Kurt Kaiser Arr. Hayes


*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**NORTHMINSTER PRAYER CONCERNS** – *New or updated this week in **BOLD** type.*

**Frank** – doing well for now, recovering from surgery  
**Brain Hayes and Family** – is recovering from surgery  
**Dr. Mark DeGalen**- doing well for now, in his 5<sup>th</sup> year battling cancer  
**Marsha Mossgrove** – update – Seeing a pain management doctor  
**Betty Linhart** – moved to Bethany Rehab in room #162  
**Jim Sterling (Cindy Taylor’s neighbor)** – very sick with fluid in lung and is being tested.  
**Dave Kuhn (Friend of Jeff Weltman)** - had lower part of leg amputated  
**Marian Morgan** – At Aultman Hospital

***Our Homebound:** Nancy Curtis, Ann Pittman, Bill Rake; Scott Tannehill, Jeannine Swaffield, Betty Linhart, Micki Williams, Marian Morgan, Charlie Mossgrove*

- NORTHMINSTER NOTES**
- Today’s Liturgist: **Sue Paradis**; Usher: **Mike Downerd**; Counters: **Tina East**  
Communion Servers: **Jerry Hill and Sherry Jacobsen**
  - **March 9<sup>th</sup> – Music and Worship following service in the parlor**
  - **March 9<sup>th</sup> – Daylight savings. Our clocks “Spring Forward” one hour.**
  - **March 16<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship Hour following service in the dining room**
  - **March 17<sup>th</sup> – Happy Saint Patrick’s Day**



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*First Sunday in Lent*                    **Sunday, March 9th, 2025 – Holy Communion**  
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

**Welcome to all as we come together to worship our Lord on this blessed Sunday morning.**  
**Please sign the attendance register in the pew.**

PRELUDE                    “Beneath the Cross”                    Keith & Kristyn Getty, Arr. Lloyd Larson

GREETING, WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT                    “We Are Called”                    Hass

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:                    The season of Lent sets us on a journey.  
**People:**                    **The journey begins in the wilderness.**  
Leader:                    We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.  
**People:**                    **Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God’s Word is on our lips.**  
Leader:                    Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God’s will in all things.  
**People:**                    **For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.**

\*HYMN #420                    “God of Grace and God of Glory” (v. 1,2,3)                    CWM RHONDDA

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION – *Unison*  
O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.  
(Time for personal confession)  
Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

\*KYRIE #572

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Scripture declares, The Lord is generous to all who call on God’s name. Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

\*GLORIA PATRI #579

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING:	<b>Deuteronomy 26:1-11</b>	<b>p. 180/</b> LP p.226
ANTHEM	“Out of Love, He Broke the Bread”	Parker/Harlan
GOSPEL READING:	<b>Romans 10:8b-13</b>	<b>p. 160 /</b> LP p. 194
Sermon	<i>"Connecting with the Past To Understand our Present During Lent"</i> Ken Krause	
*HYMN #414	“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”	FOREST GREEN CMD

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY	“Now Thank We All Our God”	Hymn #555
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\*DOXOLOGY – #592

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION – *Unison*

Gracious and Generous God, we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance. Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey. Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined. Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth. We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received, setting down our baskets in celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy.  
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES’ CREED

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS