

**Welcome to
Bethania Lutheran Kirke**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN
LENT



March 26, 2023

10:30 a.m.

BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

<http://www.bethanialutheran.org/bulletins/>

Thank you for worshipping with us today, in an effort to keep everyone safe:

1. Masks are Optional

2. The offering plate will be at the door of the sanctuary.

3. Worshippers are to take bulletins home with them or deposit in recycle bin near the narthex doors.

4. Communion will be by intinction. Dipping the wafer into the wine filled chalice. Grape juice and Covid cups will be available for those who request them.

5. Use of Hand sanitizer is required when entering and leaving the sanctuary.

6. Contact Tracing -

A digital image of the congregants will be taken during the service to act as a reference should an individual become COVID positive within 5 days of church service.

Prayer List

Dan, Ann Marie, Pat & Pete, Jeff & Sue O., Austin, Kevin, Ryan, Anita
Carl & Mickey Bent, Charlotte



TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:

Guest Pastor: Pastor Kara Baylor

Musician: William Mueller

Communion Assistant: TBD

Lector: William Mueller

Acolyte: Dominic Shawhan

Coffee Hour: Youngs

Altar Flowers: OPEN

Building Host: Ed Young

	April 2 Palm Sunday	April 9 Easter	April 16	April 23
Worship Leader	Pastor Kara Baylor	Pastor Chad Kline	Pastor Brad Brown	Pastor Brad Brown
Communion Assistant				
Lector	Anne Woodward			
Acolyte	Eli Imhoff	Brooke McIntosh	(Open)	Dominic Shawhan
Coffee Hour		Altar Guild		
Altar Flowers		Easter Flowers	Jane Spencer	Cathi Webster
Building Host	Kelly Imhoff	Brad	Aldersons	John Barnes

**Order of Worship
for
Sunday, March 26, 2023**

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

GATHERING

(Please rise)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ezekeil 37, John 11)

P: Coming from places that have seen better days,

**C: God bids us to celebrate this day,
a day full of new possibilities.**

P: Coming with our breath taken away by grief,

**C: the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us,
renewing our connection with God
and with one another.**

P: Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,

**C: Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death,
speaking in word and sacrament,
and building community for holy service.**

PROCESSIONAL & GATHERING HYMN

“What Wondrous Love Is This ”

#385

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Ezekeil 37, Psalm 130, John 11)

P: Let Us Pray,
Forgive us, O God,
when we see the world
through rose-colored glasses
rather than as it really is,
much less the way you seek it to be.
Forgive us, Holy One,
when we forsake lively and risky faith
calling us to be agents of change in our world
for the bland conviction that all will be well.
Renew us with your grace
and ground us with your Spirit,
that we might be empowered to live,
in word and deed,
as testimonies to the power
of your love over the grave.
In Jesus Christ, we pray.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

L : The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

OUR FIRST LESSON is from the book of Ezekiel, chapter 37, verses 1 through 14.

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY - PSALM 130

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins**

OUR SECOND LESSON is from the book of Romans; chapter 8, verses 6 through 11.

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L: This is the Spirit speaking to the church.

C: Thanks be to God!

(Please rise)

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them."

¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this

man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE

(Please rise)

Why Should I Feel Discouraged

His Eye Is on the Sparrow



1 Why should I feel dis - cour - aged, why should the shad - ows come,
 2 "Let not your heart be trou - bled," his ten - der word I hear,
 3 When - ev - er I am tempt - ed, when - ev - er clouds a - rise,



why should my heart be lone - ly and long for heav'n and home,
 and rest - ing on his good - ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
 when song gives place to sigh - ing, when hope with - in me dies,



when Je - sus is my por - tion? My con - stant friend is he:
 though by the path he leads me but one step I may see:
 I draw the clos - er to him, from care he sets me free:



his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me;
 his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me;
 his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me;



his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.
 his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.
 his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.

Refrain



I sing be-cause I'm hap - py, I sing be-cause I'm free,



for his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.

Text: Civilla D. Martin, 1860–1948
 Music: SPARROW. Charles H. Gabriel, 1856–1932

UNISON LENTEN PRAYER

P: Let us pray,

**C: You were a man of suffering acquainted with grief,
loved and despised in equal measure.**

**You understand humanity, know our failings,
love us despite the people that we are.**

**When we, like Peter, deny you by word or action,
forgive us.**

**When we, like Judas, are tempted to follow a different path,
forgive us.**

**When we, like those in the crowd allow you to be crucified,
forgive us.**

**Bring us to the foot of the Cross to stand next to the one who,
looking into your eyes declared 'Surely this is the Son of God'**

Amen

PRAYER SONG

(ELW #741)

Your Will Be Done *Mayenziwe*



Text: South African, based on the Lord's Prayer

Music: MAYENZIWE, South African traditional, as taught by Gobingea George Mxadana

PRAYERS

P: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P: You have breathed into us the breath of life. Enliven your church. Deepen our partnerships with our companion churches around the globe and bless the work of missionaries who accompany them. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Your spirit brings life to creation. Enliven the natural world and restore ecosystems in need of healing. Uplift prophetic voices that turn us to the needs of the soil beneath our feet and the air all around. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You redeem the world and its peoples. Free us from systems of oppression. Unbind nations and societies from the sins of racism, sexism, and homophobia. Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the dignity of every human life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness especially Dan, Ann Marie, Pat & Pete, Jeff & Sue O., Austin, Kevin, Ryan, Anita Carl & Mickey Bent, Charlotte and all those we name in our hearts. You hear us when we call to you. Deliver us from the depths of our despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Your Spirit of life dwells in our assembly. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who lead us in hymns of praise and thanksgiving and in songs of lament and prayer. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You are the resurrection and the life. Even though we die, we will live. With thanksgiving, we remember all your saints who now live in your eternal love. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

PRAYER SONG (repeated)

(ELW #741)

Your Will Be Done *Mayenziwe*



Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho. Ma -
Your will be done on earth, O Lord. Your



ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye - nzi -
will be done on earth, O Lord. Your will be



we 'nta - ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta -
done on earth, O Lord. Your will be done on



ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.
earth, O Lord. Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Text: South African, based on the Lord's Prayer

Music: MAYENZIWE, South African traditional, as taught by Gobingca George Mxadana

Because of Covid the offering is collected at the center door before worship and will be brought down the center aisle during the repeated prayer song.

OFFERING PRAYER (Psalm 23)

P: Let us pray,

From your hands, O God,
come the blessings that make life possible,
even the very gift of life itself.

In gratitude and thanks,
receive from our hands this portion of our labors.
By your Spirit's leading,
may we use these gifts to bless the life of others
with the assurance of love,
the promise of hope,
and the course of justice.
This we do to your glory.

C: Amen

INTRODUCTION TO THE MEAL

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy one, great God of judgment and mercy, we give thanks to you through your beloved son, Jesus Christ.

From earliest days, you turned toward your creation, bringing light from darkness, firm ground from the deep, life from the dust.

Adam and Eve turned from the garden to toil and struggle. Abraham and Sarah turned from a life of wandering to the land that you showed them. Your people Israel turned from captivity to cry unto you, and you delivered them from captivity. And in the wilderness Jesus turned away from the tempter and toward his proclamation of the heavenly kingdom.

You ordained for everything a season, a time to break down, and a time to build up, a time to keep, and a time to put aside. Let this now be a time of healing, a time of justice, a time of reconciliation and peace.

On the night in which he turned to his friends, our Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take; eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he also took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Remembering, therefore, Christ's turn toward the world, his journey to the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, we turn toward you in the gifts of bread and wine, signs of your mercy and balm for our souls.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that these gifts may be healing and redemption for us and for your world, the turning toward a new day of righteousness.

C: Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

And now, may all creation turn toward you, seeking your mercy and trusting in your word, that we may share in your glory with all the saints in light.

P: Let us join together in the prayer that our Lord taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

(Please be seated)

SHARING THE MEAL

For in person, come up the center aisle, receive your communion wafer, carefully dip your wafer into the wine. If grape juice/ covid safe is preferred let the assistant know.

For at home using plain bread/crackers and wine/grape juice.

COMMUNION HYMN -

“Let Us Break Bread Together ” #212

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

(Please rise)

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us Pray,
Embodied God,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.

C: Amen.

BLESSING (Psalm 130, Romans 8)

P: We are a people loved by God.

C: We will live as signs of this love.

P: We are a people blessed with hope.

C: We will live in light of this hope.

P: May the love of God, the grace of Christ,
and the courage of the Spirit, strengthen our faith
and set us loose to share God's love with all.

C: Amen and amen!

SENDING HYMN -

(ELW#758)

You Are the Way



- 1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
- 2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
- 3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

RECESSIONAL

A: We follow the cross of Christ into the world.

(Congregation turns as the cross passes them—so they are facing the back of the church)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve In Love.

C: Thanks be to God.

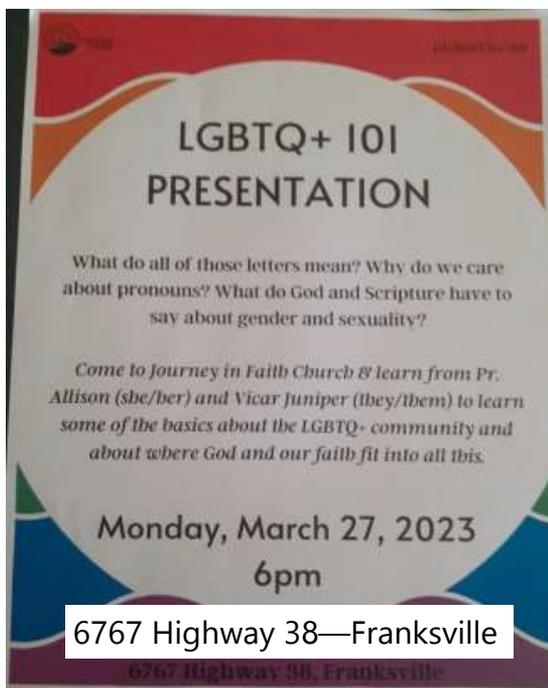
POSTLUDE

LENTEN SCHEDULE

MIDWEEK SERVICES -
7:00 p.m.

“Ways of the Cross”

March 29 - **JESUS IS STRIPPED
OF HIS GARMENTS**



LGBTQ+ 101
PRESENTATION

What do all of those letters mean? Why do we care about pronouns? What do God and Scripture have to say about gender and sexuality?

Come to Journey in Faith Church & learn from Pr. Allison (she/her) and Vicar Juniper (they/them) to learn some of the basics about the LGBTQ+ community and about where God and our faith fit into all this.

Monday, March 27, 2023
6pm

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PALM SUNDAY- April 2

10:30 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 6

7:00 p.m.

**JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS
AND DIES ON THE CROSS**

(HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED)

GOOD FRIDAY - April 7

7:00 p.m.

JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 9

9:30 a.m.—JESUS IS RISEN!



Loving And Caring Endowment

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Deadline is FRIDAY, APRIL 28 at
4:00 p.m.



**THREAD BY THREAD
CHANGEOVER
SUNDAY APRIL 23,
2023
Following worship**

NEW WORSHIP TIME BEGINNING APRIL 9!

9:30 a.m. - In Person or on FACEBOOK LIVE.

NOW with closed captioning.

Coffee hour to follow at 10:30 a.m.

Bulletins are available by email or on our website:

<http://www.bethanialutheran.org/bulletins>

CONGREGATIONAL
BRUNCH

Potluck

Sunday, April 30th 2023

In the Hearth room
Following worship



**COOPERATIVE
CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

*April 23, 2023, 12:30—
2:30 p.m.*

*Redeemer, 2417 Drexel Ave-
nue,*

*May 21, 2023,
12:30—2:30 p.m.*

*United Lutheran Church, 3825
Erie Street*

THIS WEEK AT BETHANIA....

Sunday, March 26, 2023 -

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

10:30 a.m. -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live

Monday, March 27, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

7:00 p.m. –Way Of The Cross Lenten Service, Hearth room.

Thursday, March 30, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Friday, March 31, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Sunday, April 2, 2023 - Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

10:30 a.m. -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live