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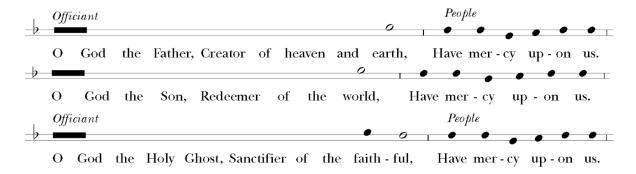
First Sunday in Lent February 18, 2024

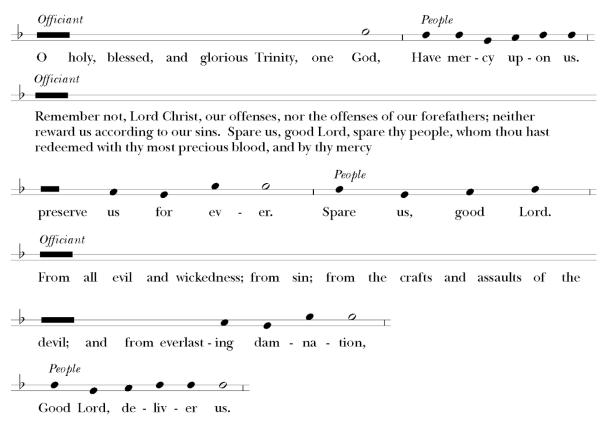
10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Enter in silence

THE GREAT LITANY

On this first Sunday of Lent, we begin worship with the Great Litany. This was the first prayer translated into the English language in the 16th century, done at the command of Henry VIII by Thomas Cranmer for use by the English Army before an invasion of France. At first it may seem as though we have dusted off an ancient relic, but if we listen carefully, we still find ourselves in the 21st century, surrounded by temptation and evil forces in our world. It is particularly meaningful to be reminded that we are always surrounded by the witness and prayers of the faithful who have gone before us. -- written by The Rev. Paul St. Germain, St. Mark's Parish, Ohio





From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity, *Good Lord, deliver us*.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, *Good Lord*, *deliver us*.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine, *Good Lord*, *deliver us*.

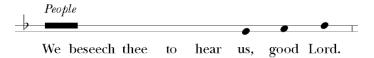
From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared, *Good Lord, deliver us*.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

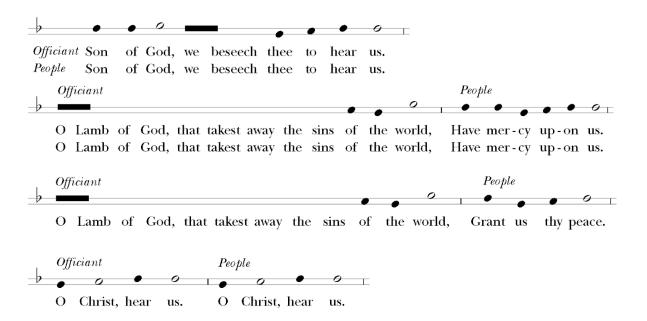
That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of Sherwood and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*



THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9

Read responsively by whole verse

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.

- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL AFFIRMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God's holy word.

THE NICENE CREED

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Said by all, standing as you are able.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people will greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Don't forget to show the sign of peace to our friends who are worshiping with us virtually.

Please be seated.

We continue to do God's work and your contributions of any size make a huge difference. <u>Give online</u> (sherwoodcockeysville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville, 21030. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

THE HOLY COMMUNION

What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes <u>you</u>, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Mother Nancy following the service. To receive either bread or wine is considered full communion. You may receive the bread or a gluten-free wafer; please indicate to the minister your need. To receive the wine, please assist the Chalicist by holding the base of the chalice (cup) and guiding it to your lips. If you are not baptized or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Sherwood!

THE OFFERTORY

The people are seated while an offering is collected to support God's mission here at Sherwood Church and in the world.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lead me, Lord - Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,

Make Thy way plain before my face.

For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own we have given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A - BCP pg. 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

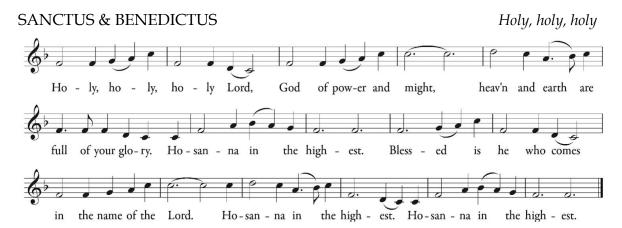
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth ...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

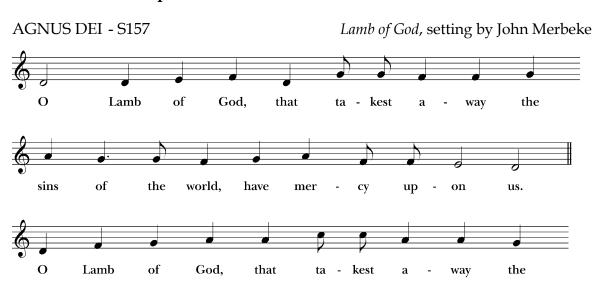
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

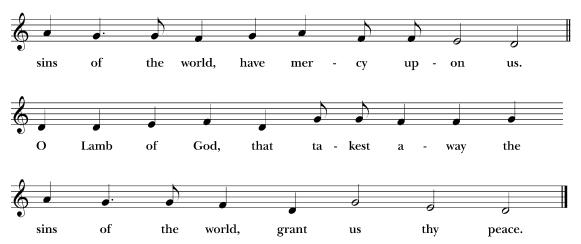
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.





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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while communion is distributed.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN - 641

1 Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin; from harmful passions set me free, and make me pure within. Lord Jesus, think on me

2 Lord Jesus, think on me, with care and woe oppressed; let me thy loving servant be, and taste thy promised rest.

3 Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray; through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way. 4 Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when the flood is passed, I may the eternal brightness see, and share thy joy at last.

Lord Jesus, think on me, #641 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Synesius of Cyrene (375?-414?); tr. Allen William Chatfield (1808-1896), alt. Music: Southwell, from Daman's Psalter, 1579; adapt. Hymnal 1982.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN - 150

Forty days and forty nights

1 Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild; forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.

2 Should not we thy sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain, fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain? 3 Then if Satan on us press, Jesus, Savior, hear our call! Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint nor fall!

4 So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be; round us, too, shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee. 5 Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side; that with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

Forty days and forty nights, #150 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt. Music: Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE DISMISSAL

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our mission as a congregation:

God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all, impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions.

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccatina (Variae preces, Op.21) - Charles Tournemire

Worship Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director: Greg Sesek

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lectors: Loretta Cunninghame, Greg Szymaszek

Acolyte: Greg Szymaszek

Ushers: Karyn Galetto, Cindy Haraughty Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts Altar Guild: Susan Boucher, Joyce Mann

Hospitality: Susan Boucher

Lay Participants for Sunday, February 25

Lectors: Laure Covert, Loretta Cunninghame

Acolyte: Dylan Barrett Ushers: Sandy Thompson Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts

Altar Guild: Connie Bonsiero, Sandy Thompson

Hospitality: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A very special welcome to visitors and newcomers! Thank you for joining us for worship. If you are seeking a church home and are interested in learning more about Sherwood Church, or if you would like to receive weekly emails and announcements from our parish, please contact Carey Mednick at sherwoodparish@gmail.com. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel.

Please remember those on our parish prayer list: Joe C., Chip, Raymond, Peggy, Sally E., Kevin M., Victor, Joyce T., Kim, Bernie C., Tony, Midge, Barbara, Joan L., Rachael, Doreen, Norma, Virginia, Don M., Tom D., Josh F., Michele G., Kathryn, Charles, Bill P., Mike, Don, Karen K., Olivia, Mary Ellen, Andrea, and Tim G.

As well as those with ongoing needs ... Louis, Shannon T., Sally, Shannon, Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Danny, Dante, Debbie R., Marian, John M., Paige, Marissa, Frances T., David D., Hannah, Jessica, Ruth, Guy, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.

Give the departed eternal rest. We especially remember and give thanks for the life of Mary Everts, mother of Stephanie Everts. Let light perpetual shine upon her.

This Week @ Sherwood

Monday

Office closed

Tuesday

UCAN Board Meeting - Mother Nancy

Tuesday - Friday

Mother Nancy - Jury Duty

Wednesday

Office hours 10 am-3 pm

The Lord's Prayer Lenten Study:

We have had an excellent response to our Lenten Book Study! There will be two weekly offerings for our study from which to choose: every Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom beginning on Feb. 27 through April 2 or every Wednesday from 3-4 pm in-person @ Faith Lutheran (in their conference room) beginning on Feb. 28 through April 3. Please let <u>Mother Nancy</u> or <u>Carey</u> know which session you'd like to attend.

Curious About Serving on the Vestry?

The Vestry Nominating Committee is taking names for those who would like to run for the vestry. It is a three-year term and the vestry meetings are via Zoom on the second Wednesday of the month @ 6 pm. Do you have any interest in the Sherwood Church community? If the answer is YES or even maybe, seek out the members of the Vestry Nomination

Committee, <u>Laure Covert</u> <u>laurecovert@gmail.com</u> and <u>Jack Turnbull</u> jbul547@gmail.com.

Mother Nancy Summoned to Jury Duty:

Mother Nancy has jury duty in Frederick County beginning Tuesday, February 20. She will keep the community posted as to whether she is called to formally serve.

Ice Skating with the Youth!

Mother Nancy joined youth from Sherwood, St. Francis and Trinity, Long Green for ice skating and dinner. There were about 15 youth members from the three churches and everyone had a great time. There are some good skaters among the youth. Our next event is miniature golf in February. Details to come!

Lent Brings Change:

During the season of Lent a few things will be different in our Sunday worship. We will begin our worship with the Confession of Sin. Putting it front and center during this penitential season. The flowers on the altar will be fresh greens. Not fresh flowers. The Alleluia will be buried. In other words, we won't be saying Alleluia as usual. All these changes help us to focus on this season of Lent as a season of penitence. Just imagine how wonderful it will be on Easter morning

when the church is adorned with flowers of every color and we can finally say, "Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Christ has risen indeed, Alleluia!"

The Annual Meeting and Second-Sunday Soup Sustenance Day!

Please mark your calendar for our Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 10 following our worship service. We will vote for our new vestry members, have reports from the treasurer, say thank you to those coming off the vestry, and have the chance to look back as we look forward. The vestry will be hosting the Second Sunday Soup Sustenance Day with food and beverages during the Annual Meeting. You won't go hungry!

Altar Flower Dedications After Easter:

Donate flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, to note a special occasion, or just because! You choose the Sunday and we will choose the flowers or you may provide your own ... even from your own garden. Flowers from our florist, Janda, start at \$80. Please see the binder in the church wing with the big flower on it!

Celebrate in the Newly Renovated Delaplaine Barn at the Claggett Center!

The Blue Jean Gala features live music from folk band Triple Helix and a square dance caller who will guide us through a fun evening (no dance experience necessary). We will also enjoy food and drinks, a silent auction, fun surprises, and late night Dapper DJ. Wear your best denim, country western attire, and cowboy boots! Registration opens Tuesday, February 20.

Visit <u>claggettcenter.org/bluejeangala</u> to learn more and register!



Getting Closer to God

Below are a few ideas and maybe you have an idea of your own.

If so, share it with us!

- + Give Thanks to God for blessings received and blessings to come.
- + **Pray** by sharing your heart with God and trust in God's ultimate goodness.
 - + Discover the love of God in Scripture, Nature, and the Arts.
 - + Share God's love in thought, word, and deed.
 - + Challenge yourself to embrace the stranger and to see God in unlikely people and places.
 - + Fast by leaving off whatever consumes you and blinds you to seeing and responding to the needs of others.
 - + Celebrate! Laugh! Enjoy! God is good!

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