

# The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



## Third Sunday in Lent Liturgy of the Word & Youth Sunday

March 8, 2026

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

*The 10:00 a.m. service is live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.*

*On Sundays in Lent, we acknowledge this season of penitence and preparation by beginning the service with the Penitential Order. Our corporate confession of sin is moved to the beginning of the service, and the forgiveness we receive in Christ is the context through which our worship proceeds.*

## **Bell Tone Call to Worship**

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **God's mercy endures forever. Amen.**

## **The Decalogue**

*The people may stand or kneel*

Hear the commandments of God to the people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." (*Mark 12:29-31*)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Spoken at 8:00 am. Sung at 10:00 am*

**Song of Praise S91**

*Lord Have Mercy*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ have mercy upon us.  
Lord have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

**Collect of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you  
*People* **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading**

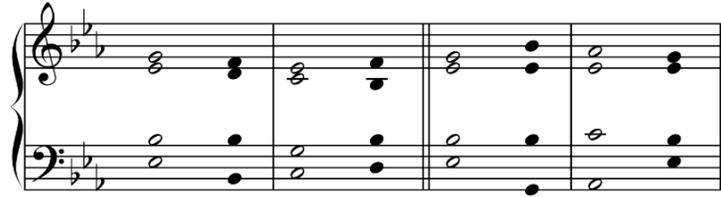
*Exodus 17:1-7*

*Reader* In our Hebrew Bible story, the people are very unhappy because they are without water in the wilderness. Moses tells them not to challenge the Lord and to trust God. The Lord instructs Moses to strike a rock with his staff so that water will pour from it.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Spoken at 8:00 am & Chanted at 10:00 am  
**Psalm 95**



- 1 Come, let us sing to the **Lord**; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our **salvation**.
  - 2 Let us come before his presence with **thanksgiving** \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with **psalms**.
  - 3 For the Lord is a great **God**, \*  
and a great King above all **gods**.
  - 4 In his hand are the caverns of the **earth**, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his **also**.
  - 5 The sea is his, for he **made it**, \*  
and his hands have molded the **dry land**.
  - 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the **knee**, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our **Maker**.
  - 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his **hand**. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his **voice!**
  - 8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the **wilderness**, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they **tempted me**.
  - 9 They put me to the **test**, \*  
though they had seen my **works**.
  - 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and **said**, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my **ways**."
- (second half)*
- 11 So I swore in my **wrath**, \*  
"They shall not enter into my **rest**."

## The Second Reading

Romans 5: 1-11

*Reader* In this reading, Paul encourages disciples to rejoice because Christ's faith and sacrifice have reconciled us with God. Through Christ, we have received hope and assurance that we will be saved, and even our sufferings help build our endurance to maintain that hope and our faith that God loves us.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Sung at 10:00 a.m.*

**Gospel Hymn 445**

*O Love of God, How Strong and True*

## The Gospel

John 4:5-42

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who

worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

*Presider*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

*Read by Jan Parks*

### **Litany for Peace**

**Leader:**     Peace in our hearts.

**People:**     **Begin with us.**

**Leader:**     Peace in our homes.

**People:**     **Begin with us.**

**Leader:**     Peace among nations.

**People:**     **Begin with us.**

**Leader:**     Peace for Iran.

**People:**     **Begin with us.**

**Leader:**     Peace for Israel.

**People:**     **Begin with us.**

**Leader:**     Peace for the United States.

**People:**     **Begin with us.**

**Leader:**     Peace for all who suffer in conflict.

*Please name silently or aloud those you would like to add.*

**People:**     **Begin with us.**

## **The Nicene Creed**

**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 became truly human. 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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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 Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, for our nation, and for the world; especially Donald, our president, Maura, our governor, and Michael, our mayor.

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; especially for Christ Church, Fitchburg; Reconciliation House, Inc., Webster; Education for Ministry; Episcopal Camps & Conference Centers, Inc.; Episcopal News Service.

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Miguelina, our Bishop-elect; Sandi, our priest; and for all other bishops and ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence is kept. The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially in loving memory of Al, The Rev. Theodore Gaetz & Joyce Gaetz, and Cele Hahn, in whose memory the Sanctuary Lamp burns, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

### The Peace

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**

### Announcements

### Offertory Anthem

*Little Lamb*

*by Clifton J. Noble*

Little Lamb who made thee  
Dost thou know who made thee?  
Gave thee life & bid thee feed.  
By the stream & o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight,  
Softest clothing wooly bright;  
Gave thee such a tender voice,  
Making all the vales rejoice!  
Little Lamb who made thee  
Dost thou know who made thee?  
Little Lamb I'll tell thee,  
Little Lamb I'll tell thee!  
He is called by thy name,  
For he calls himself a Lamb:  
He is meek & he is mild,  
He became a little child:  
I a child & thou a lamb,  
We are called by his name.  
Little Lamb God bless thee.  
Little Lamb God bless thee.

### Hymn 686

*Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing*

### Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3

*Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures  
here be - low, Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise  
Fath - er, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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

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

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Spiritual Communion**

*Let us pray together in solidarity with those who are unable to receive communion in person this prayer of Spiritual Communion:*

**O God, we are united here in your transcendent power of love. From this center of goodness, you appear to us now in a new way, a new light, a new understanding, a new power of friendship and unity. We receive this life from you; we share this life together. You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together, beyond the resistant forces around us and within us. We receive you. This is the Body of Christ. Amen. — (Ilia Delio, OSF, adapted)**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may we give thanks to you in all things. Amen.**

**Concluding Hymn 556**

*Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*

## The Dismissal

### A Prayer for Peace

May the God who created every nation guard every child.  
May the Spirit who moves over chaos bring order from fear.  
May the Holy One who knows every name protect every life.  
May we all go in peace, and may peace begin with us.

*Presider* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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#### PERMISSIONS

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<b>Vestry Person of the Day</b>	Eugene Giacometti
<b>Opener</b>	Kara Noble
<b>Linens</b>	Deb Bruno
<b>Sunday School</b>	Judy Harvester, Jean Brown
<b>Nursery</b>	Tammy Joseph, coordinator
<b>Counters</b>	Debbie Bruno,
<b>Office Angels</b>	Linda Zielinski, Margo Halton
<b>Closer</b>	Sue Cole

	8:00 am	10:00 am
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Zielinski	Tanya Kellogg
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Linda Zielinski	Jody Brown
<b>Lector(s)</b>	Sandra Chamberlain	Josh Burke, Gabriel Burke, Rachel Burke
<b>Usher(s)</b>	Linda Zielinski	Jody Brown
<b>Stream Team</b>	NA	Deb Curtis

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.  
Contact office administrator at [program@atonementwestfield.org](mailto:program@atonementwestfield.org) or call 562-5461.*

**Sanctuary Lamp** burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Al, The Rev. Theodore Gaetz & Joyce Gaetz, and Cele Hahn May they all have a place in your eternal kingdom.

**Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer** for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

**Diocesan Prayer** for Christ Episcopal Church, Rochdale; the Cathedral of the Beloved, Pittsfield; all retired clergy; the Episcopal Public Policy Network; the US Disaster Program of Episcopal Relief & Development.

**For those suffering throughout the world** especially from the ravages of war, violence, hate, environmental changes, and disease.

**For these families and individuals** Ann, Caroline, Liz, Caryl, Frank, Jenny, Mark, Sally, Fred, Sue, Hala, Tom, Michael, Mark, Jessica, John, Mark P., Jim L., Kate, Rick, Lee, Teresa, Candi, John, Coralee & Gemariah; Nancy, Tracy Davis; Lily and her parents, Leianne, Fran, Madeline, Debra, Brad, Colin, Bill, Jimmy, Billy, Les, Sally, Denise, Heather, Pearl, Lily, Bill, Jim, Kathy, Fred, Tom, Shannon, Joan, Deborah, Matt, Darlene, Rick & family, Anne, Ann, Jean, Ruth, Thelma, Connie, Candy, Jeff, David, Christina, Sharon, Marcia, Jan, John, Addison, Hannah, Donna, Jack, Mickie, Chris, Josh, Tim, Mike, Juan, John, Sheila, Ann, Gary, David, Sabrina, Wendy, Bernie, John, James, Jeffrey, Brittany, Rick, Katie, Sherry, Niko, Mervin, Frances, Toby, Theresa, Philadelphia, David, Jean, Jonathan, Natalie, Lisa, Jacques, Elaine, Tracey

## THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

<b>Sunday March 8</b>	The Third Sunday of Lent & Youth Sunday 8:00 am Liturgy of the Word <i>(in person)</i> 10:00 am Liturgy of the Word <i>(in person   live streamed)</i> 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15
<b>Monday, March 9</b>	4:30 TOPS (SMGR) 5:30 Girl Scouts 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)
<b>Tuesday, March 10</b>	12:00 pm Tuesday Morning Club (SMGR) 2:00 pm Online Grief Support Group 6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel) 7:00 pm Bridge Fellowship
<b>Wednesday, March 11</b>	12:15 pm Healing Service 1:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)
<b>Thursday, March 12</b>	5:30 pm Girl Scouts (Sunday School Room) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)
<b>Friday, March 13</b>	4:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Sanctuary) 7:00 pm Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)
<b>Saturday, March 14</b>	9:00 am Lenten Art Retreat with Nikki Danis (SMGR) 9:00 am Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel) 4:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)
<b>Sunday, February 8</b>	The Fourth Sunday of Lent 8:00 am Liturgy of the Word <i>(in person)</i> 10:00 am Liturgy of the Word <i>(in person   live streamed)</i> 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

\*Saint Margaret's Guild Room (Parlor)

### ***“Drawn in by Grace; Reaching out in Love”***

*God calls people of any age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality to join us in worship and work in the world. God's grace draws us in—all of us. And together all of us reach out with God's love.*



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*Drawn in by Grace • Reaching out in Love*

The Rev. Sandi Albom, *Priest in Charge*

Jerry Noble, *Music Director*

The Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher, *Bishop, The Episcopal Church of Western MA*

The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, *Bishop Elect*

The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe, *Presiding Bishop and Primate*

### **The Vestry**

Holly Rodriguez, *Sr. Warden* ~ Robert Frazar, *Jr. Warden* ~ Steve Adams, *Treasurer* ~ Deborah Bruno, *Clerk*  
Mike Ehresman, *Asst. Jr. Warden* ~ Sue Cole ~ Gene Giacometti ~ Phil Siska ~ Gail Meehan

# ECOTA Happenings

## March 8, 2026

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Sundays: 8am Worship & Holy Eucharist | 10am Worship & Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)*

*Tuesdays: Bridge Fellowship, 7:00 pm | Wednesdays: Healing Service & Holy Eucharist, 12:15pm*

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#### **Lent Grief Support Group – Tuesday, March 10, 17, 24, & 31 @ 2:00pm**

Grief expresses itself in many ways, and during the season of Lent, uncomfortable feelings may arise. As a Certified Grief Educator, Lyn Casey will be facilitating an online support group to provide a safe place to share and witness each other's experiences. These sessions will offer a judgment-free space for sharing, as well as an opportunity to learn new ways to navigate loss. The group will meet on Zoom on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm for the six weeks of Lent running through March 31. For more information or to sign up, contact Lyn at [GriefGratitudeAndGrins@gmail.com](mailto:GriefGratitudeAndGrins@gmail.com).

#### **Lenten Talk about Immigration – Thursdays, March 12 & 19 @ 5:00pm**

Lent invites us into prayer, reflection, and courageous conversation about the realities shaping our neighbors' lives. This year let's gather for a four-week Lenten series to learn and talk about immigration history in the United States, how current policies impact families and communities, and what our faithful responses might look like as followers of Christ. Join us for a Simple Supper, prayer, and guided conversation.

#### **Stations of the Cross – Fridays March, 13, 20, 27 @4:30pm**

During Lent, you are invited to walk the path of Christ's final journey through the ancient devotion known as The Way of the Cross, or Stations of the Cross. Josh Velez will lead this prayerful service each Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary throughout Lent. This year offers a special opportunity to experience the devotion through our newly installed Salvadoran Stations, whose vivid imagery helps us enter more deeply into the suffering, courage, and love revealed in Jesus' journey to the cross.

#### **Lenten Art Day – Saturday, March 14 ~ 9:00am – 1:00pm**

Join together for a day of art and a retreat from the busyness of life on March 14th from 9:00am-1:00am in the St. Margaret's Guild Room with Rev. Sandi and Nikki Danis. Nikki will guide us through creative time, and we will wrap up the day with lunch. More detail to come. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex (Lobby). All are welcome. Bring a friend.

#### **Celebrating Bishop Fisher – March 14 & April 12**

**Saturday, March 14 @ 3:00 pm ~ St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Longmeadow**

**Sunday, April 12 @ 2:00 pm ~ St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Worcester**

Join with other members of the diocese to give thanks for Bishop Fisher's 13+ years as our chief pastor and spiritual leader. There are two more opportunities ahead to gather, pray and share refreshment with the Bishop and his wife, the Rev. Betsy Fisher: March 14, & April 12.

#### **Prayer Shawl Knitting Group ~ Saturday, March 21 @ 10:00 am**

Love is woven in every stitch when our Knitting Group gathers to knit and crochet prayer shawls and other items to warm the hearts, hands, and heads of people in need in the area. Don't know how to knit? That's OK! We have all the necessary supplies, and our supportive members are happy to teach you. Contact Donna Tatlock Calkins for more information.

**Games & Pizza – Sunday, March 22 ~ after 10:00am service**

Let’s play games again! Join us on March 22 after the 10:00 am service. Bring a game to share, something to drink, and a sweet treat, and we’ll provide the pizza. Sign-up on the bulletin board in the Narthex (lobby)

**Egg Hunt Candy Donors Needed**

We are seeking donations of wrapped candy to stuff into the eggs for our hunt this year; candy donations can be placed in the basket in the Narthex until March 30. **PLEASE: No Candy Including Nuts Or Peanut Butter.** Join us if you can help stuff the eggs on Tuesday, March 31 from 2:30pm-3:30pm.

**Easter Egg Hunt and Photos with the Bunny ~ Saturday, April 4, 11:00am**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the church’s front lawn on Saturday, April 4. Registration will be between 10:30-10:45 am; **the egg hunt begins at 11:00 am, rain or shine.** And the Bunny will be on hand for photos with the kids!

**2026 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**March 29: Palm Sunday**

8:00am Holy Eucharist  
10:00am Holy Eucharist

**April 1: Wednesday**

7:00pm Taize Tenebrae

**April 2: Maundy Thursday**

7:00pm Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar

**April 3 Good Friday**

11:00am Stations of the Cross  
12:00pm Worship Service  
7:00pm Worship Service

**April 4 Saturday Easter Egg Hunt**

11:00am

**April 4 Saturday Great Vigil**

7:00pm Worship with Renewal of Baptismal Vows & Easter Acclamation

**April 5: Easter Sunday**

8:00am Holy Eucharist  
10:00am Holy Eucharist