



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2019 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back
so you can greet those worshipping around you.
Ushers will gather these following worship.*

*In the red pew hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship),
page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section,
and hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section.*

An asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

P Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

Children are welcome to participate throughout our
worship service, including at Holy Communion.

*Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion
to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.*

Children's Bibles and activity bags
*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.

Large print bulletins are available for worship services.



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

We warmly welcome you here.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Thy Holy Wings”

David Cherwien

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 613

“Thy Holy Wings”

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,
anoint us, and make us new.

C Amen.

P In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin,
and receive God's promise of mercy.

God at the margins,

**C We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way.
We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have
saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember
the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your
forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.**

P Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care.
Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy.
Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day,
forgiving your sins for the sake of Christ, leading you from death into life.

C Amen.

***Greeting**

P 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

☞ God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

First Reading — Genesis 15:1-18

Spark Story Bible, page 30; Pew Bible, page 10

After the reading:

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

(10:45) **Anthem** — “The Lord Is My Light”

Mark Patterson

The Lord is my light and the Lord is my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is my light, yes, the Lord is my light, of whom shall I be afraid? The Lord is the strength of my life, the one in whom I trust. In times of fear God shelters me and keeps me safe in his care. To the Lord alone I’ll sing and praise his name with shouts of great joy! And I will seek to dwell in the house of the Lord my God, all the days of my life. Amen.

-Psalm 27:1-6

Jubilate and Laudate Choirs

Second Reading — Philippians 3:17—4:1

Pew Bible, page 955

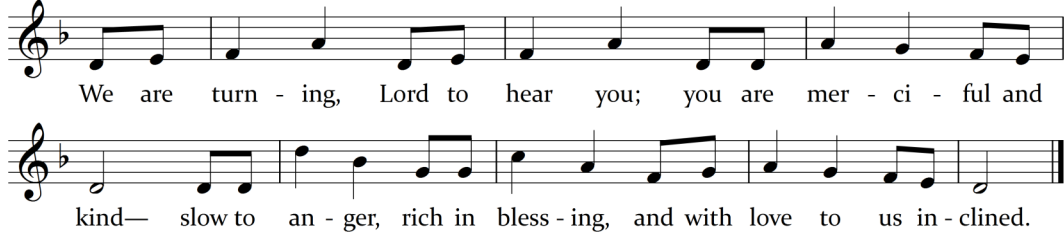
After the reading:

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

KAS DZIEDAJA



*Gospel — Luke 13:31-35

Pew Bible, page 849

Before the reading:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter. ☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord. ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

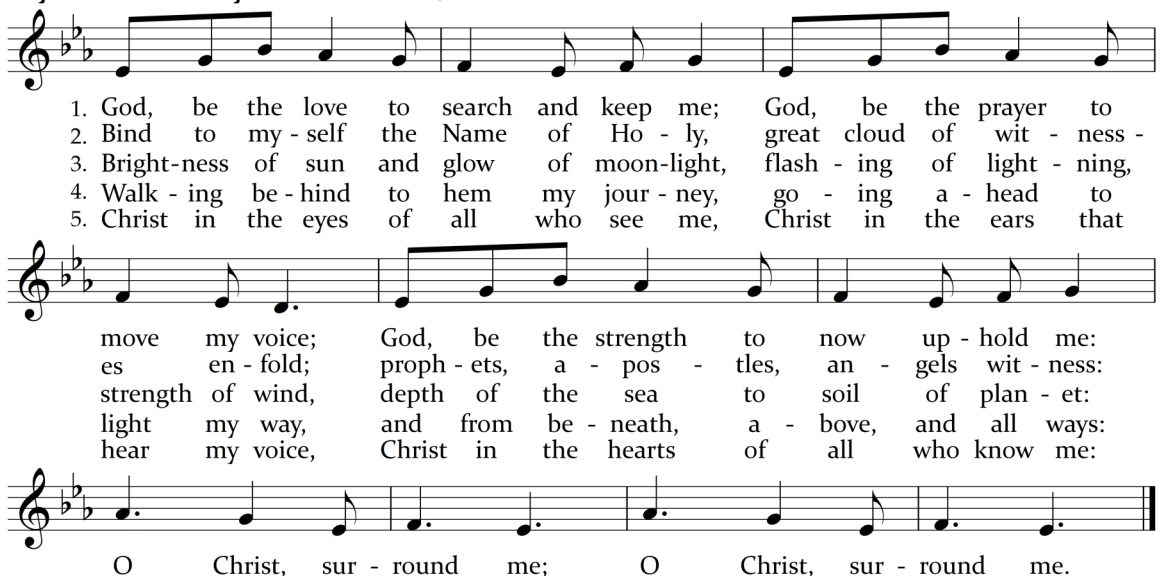
Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “O Christ, Surround Me”

GREEN TYLER



***The Apostles' Creed** — *Front of the hymnal, page 127*

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

"Here I Am, Lord"

Daniel Schutte, arr. Arnold B. Sherman

Rejoice Ringers

***Offering Hymn** — "Create in Me"

FRANCKE



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your
Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal -
va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

A Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land,
and you provide for our every need.

Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,
and transform them into a feast that welcomes all,
in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

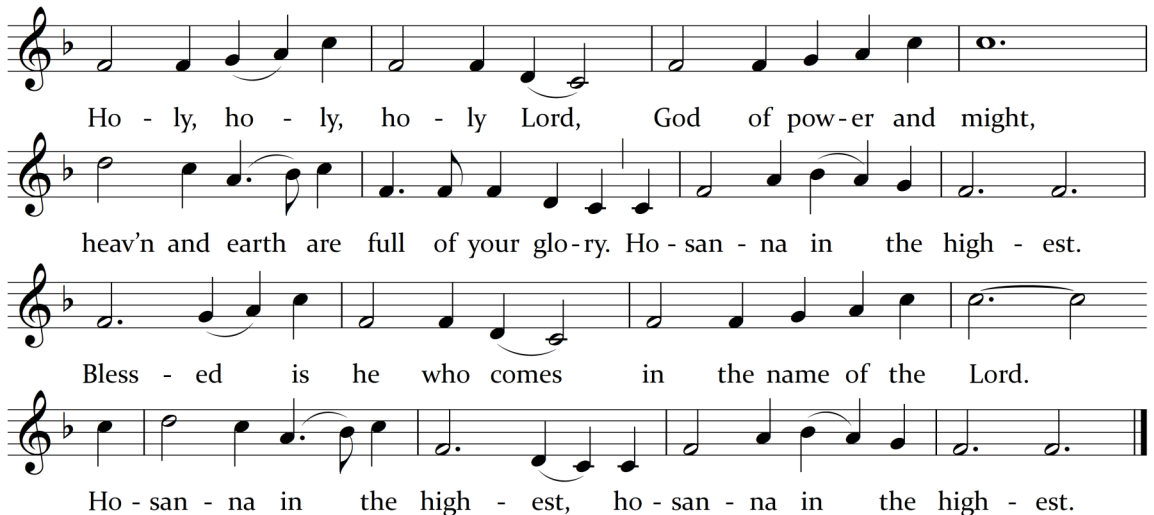
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.


Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

*All God's children are welcome at the table. Communion will be received standing at the front of the sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the middle. After you have been served the bread, you will be offered **wine or grape juice**. The **grape juice** is white and is located in the center of the tray. If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.*

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three parts, each on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below each staff.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Anthem — "Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE, arr. Karen Thompson

Hymn — No. 468

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Let us pray.

℣ Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

✻ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — No. 321

“Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℣ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Prelude and Fugue in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Sandi Gerdes
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	Rejoice Ringers, Zachery Pelletier, director (10:45) Jubilate Choir, Carol Benson, director Amanda Goldberg, Children's Choir Intern Laudate Choir, Nathan Proctor, director
Piano	(10:45) Marcia Yernberg
Acolytes	(8:30) Hunter Heath-Williams, Jackson Volkert (10:45) Selius Price, Vassar Price
Communion Preparer	Sandi Gerdes
Communion Server	(8:30) Phil and Barb Eaves (10:45) Karen Fossum, Christy Hall-Holt
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Marlene Engstrom, Solveig Zempel (10:45) Joyce Moore, Jean Wakely
Coffee and Refreshments	Jody Alsaker, Jon Kerr, Joyce Moore, Jean Wakely
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Martha Erickson, Chuck and Anita Hellie, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:45) Bonnie Jean Flom, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner

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**Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
in St. John's Hall**

Wednesday, March 20

Zuppa Toscana

Broccoli Cheese

All are welcome!

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (March 17):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Bread for the World: 2019 Offering of Letters, St. John's Hall
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)
Lenten Book Read Small Groups (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room and Room 203)
Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (March 24):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Bread for the World: 2019 Offering of Letters, St. John's Hall
St. John's Forum: The Wallflower Project (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)
Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Lenten Wednesday Worship

The Gospel of Luke is known for its many stories of healing — so much so that tradition has held that the author was a physician. Healing and salvation are words with common roots, and while in our times we often separate the physical from the spiritual, the Bible usually makes no distinction. We are healed as whole persons - mind, body, and spirit all held in God's grace.

As we celebrate 150 years at St. John's, we know that the arts have been a major part of the healing grace offered in this place. Music, visual art, and poetry have all been part of how salvation is celebrated and experienced by many in this congregation.

Sometimes the arts celebrate what God has done, but just as often they are the vehicle through which God's healing hand is at work.

This year our Lenten series will invite five members of the congregation to reflect on the ways that the arts and healing have intersected in their faith lives. Whether reflecting on a favorite hymn or sharing a story of the process of creating art, they will give us glimpses of the mysterious ways God's grace comes to us as we create and as we are created anew in Christ's love.

Wednesday, March 20

Ruth Smestad-Anglin

Wednesday, March 27

Daniel Edwins

Wednesday, April 3

Melissa Berthelsen

Wednesday, April 10

Nathan Knutson

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Elaine Kringen and Peggy Kringen Soden by Duane Kringen. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the church office. Dates available: April 7, 21 & 28. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 180, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Bread for the World: 2019 Offering of Letters - “Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow”

Sundays, March 17 & 24, Between Services in St. John's Hall

All children deserve the opportunity to live a healthy life and reach their full potential. Thousands of letters from Bread for the World congregations will let members of Congress know that there is strong support for the Federal programs that make this opportunity a reality for children in the U.S. and around the globe. Join in this critically important effort. Letter writing is made easy between services at tables in St. John's Hall. See also bread.org.

Pub Theology

Tomorrow, Monday, March 18, 6:00-7:30p.m., The Tavern

Topic: *Holy Envy - Learning from the Faiths of Others*

Have you ever experienced or witnessed another person's faith tradition and had a twinge of envy? Perhaps in the peaceful mediation of a Buddhist or the commitment to daily prayer from a Muslim. In her new book, *Holy Envy*, Barbara Brown Taylor reflects on how she has found God in the faith of others, which has deepened her own Christian faith. What can the Christian Church learn from other world religions that might help deepen our own connection with God? Find a copy of an article on this subject written by Barbara Brown Taylor at the Welcome Desk and join us for conversation at The Tavern.

Are you a Thrivent member?

Thrivent Choice dollars for 2018 must be directed by March 31. St. John's gratefully designates these dollars for youth and world relief special projects. Don't miss this opportunity to give “free money” to our congregation!

Easter Garden Orders

If you would like to order a flowering plant in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of Easter, the Chancel Guild will be taking orders starting today between services and continuing Sundays, March 24 & 31 and April 7. They will also be taking orders during the soup suppers on Wednesdays, March 20 & 27. Order forms are also available at the Welcome Desk and on the St. John's website. There is an assortment of plants to choose from with different price ranges. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. Your plant will be labeled with your name and may be taken home after the last service Easter morning. The last day to order is Sunday, April 7.

Announcements (continued)

Food Share Donations During March

Did you know that the CAC Food Shelf can stretch your donation dollars up to \$10 to \$1 with their buying power through local food banks? When you give during the month of March, your donations are stretched even further through their partnership with MN FoodShare. St. John's is collecting monetary donations each week. Please use the St. John's special offering envelope for the CAC Food Shelf or donate through St. John's website, by choosing "CAC Foodshelf" in the drop down menu. Thank you!

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Children and Youth Ministries

It's Service Project Sunday!

Kids in grades K-5 came up with awesome service project ideas last Sunday in Sunday school. Today, each class will be doing an act of service during our Sunday school time.

Middle School Youth Group

Sundays, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room

"Ed's Story" Concludes - The inspirational story of a man faced with a disease allowing him only 2-5 years left to live, and the choices he made with how to spend his remaining days. We will begin with highs and lows and an activity. And enjoy cookies or doughnuts, along with hot chocolate and marshmallows!

Confirmation and High School Youth Group During Lent

We expect the confirmation students to attend Lenten Worship at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, and then go to their usual small groups for highs/lows check-in and discussion time, which will focus on the guest speaker's message during worship. High School youth are encouraged to attend the Lenten Worship and then meet in the Youth Room following the service.

Thank you from our 3rd and 4th Graders!

The third and fourth grade Sunday school class would like to thank everyone who donated books, toys, and games to their service project this past month. We will be bringing the donations to the Children's Hospital in April.

Northfield's Spring Break: March 25-April 1

No Sunday school, March 24 & 31 / No Wednesday programs, March 27

Prayer Requests

We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.

Healing and Support

Those in the hospital or in need of healing

Bob Matta, Bob Noreen, Noah Parker, Elizabeth Trangsrud

Those celebrating the birth of

Thomas Allen Ohland Toov, son of Alysia and Mark Toov

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad, Joanne Sommers, Karen Swenson, Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Richard Olson, Virley Brown, Sigrid Gronning

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;
Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Randy Stubbs & Family,
ELCA missionaries in Tanzania; Curtis and Katie Kline, ELCA missionaries in Colombia

Members of St. John's studying at seminary, including

Henry Burt, Hayden Kvamme

Refugees from Ethiopia being sponsored by St. John's

Paul, Ariat, and their family

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 24):

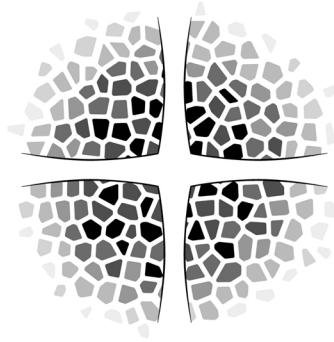
Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9 † Psalm 63:1-8 † 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 † Luke 13:1-9

This Week At-a-Glance

*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Mon., Mar. 18	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, The Tavern
Tue., Mar. 19	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Capstone Event Committee, Room 19
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., Mar. 20	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:00 p.m.	CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4 - Undercroft / Grade 5 - Room 20
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205
	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Book Read, Fireside Room and Room 203
	4:45 p.m.	Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209
	5:15 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall
		Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6), Undercroft
		Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Vespers, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Mar. 21	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Mar. 22	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Mar. 23		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Mar. 24	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery



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Zachery Pelletier, *Director of Rejoice Ringers*

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Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

Bernie Renander, *Financial Manager*

Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.