

PRINCE OF PEACE

Spokane, Washington

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

(9:30am)



Welcome in the name of Jesus. If you are exploring faith in God for the first time, or if you are seeking a new church home, or if you've been coming here for years, we welcome you. We welcome children in worship and we recognize their wiggles and giggles as a sign of the joy of the Lord within them. We warmly invite you to take part and see the difference God can make.

*denotes to stand if you are able

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

All: you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
All: Amen

*Hymn

As the Deer Runs to the River



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Refrain
Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

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

*Kyrie

"Return to God"



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the
Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der
faith - ful - ness of God.

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*Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

All: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Readings

Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

¹ 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. ² 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?"³ 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?"⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me."⁵ 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.⁶ 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.⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

L: The word of the Lord,
All: Thanks be to God.

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 God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
³ For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
⁴ **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
⁵ The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
⁶ **Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the
sheep of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!
⁸ **"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**
⁹ There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**
¹¹ Indeed I swore in my anger,
'They shall never come to my rest.'

*Gospel Acclamation

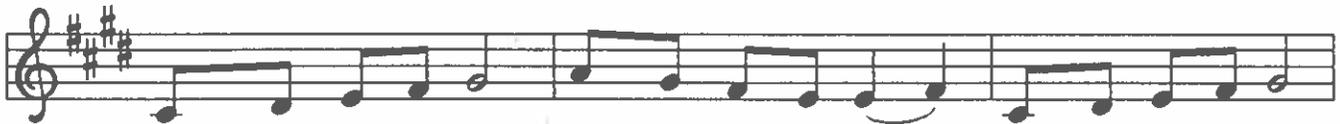
Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



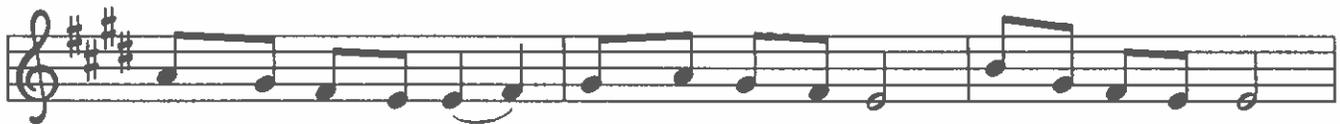
Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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*Gospel

John 4:5-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 4th chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ 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.) ¹⁰ 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."¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ 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."¹⁵ 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."¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,'¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews."²³ 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."²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵ 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."²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."²⁷ 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?"²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work."³⁵ 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."³⁶ The reaper is

already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.

⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² 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."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Joel Skindlov

*Hymn of the Day

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*The Prayers

Each petition ends:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Concluding petition:

L: . . . through your Son Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen**

*Sharing God's Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

*Offering Hymn

"That We May Be Filled"

Not as we ought but as we are a - ble, we
of - fer our thanks as we come to your ta - ble. Through
Word and Spir - it bless us; through bread and wine re - fresh us that

we may be filled, that we may be filled with love.

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 Music: THAT WE MAY BE FILLED, Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

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***Offering Prayer**

L: Merciful God,

All: receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***The Lord's Supper**

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

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

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.

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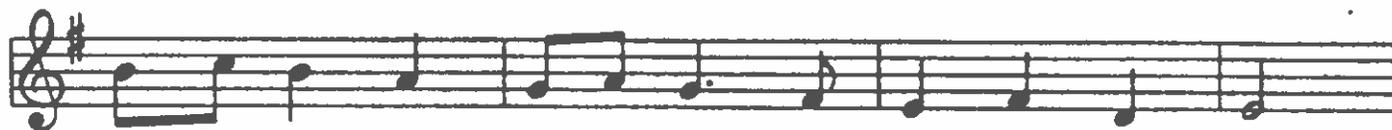
***The Lord's Prayer**

**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**



"All who believe that Jesus Christ is present in this bread and wine as He has promised are welcome to join in the Lord's Supper."

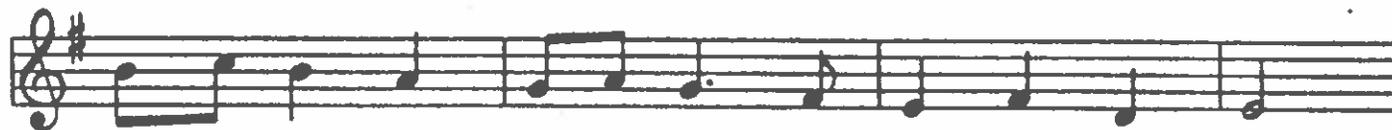
Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



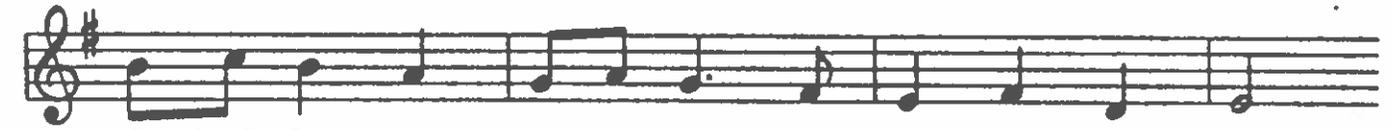
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Communion Hymns

O Bread of Life from Heaven



1 O Bread of life from heav - en, O Food to pil - grims giv -
2 O Fount of grace re - deem - ing, O Riv - er ev - er stream -
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den splen -



en, O Man - na from a - bove: feed with the bless - ed sweet -
ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come now, your love be - stow -
dor with - in these means of grace. Oh, let the veil be riv -

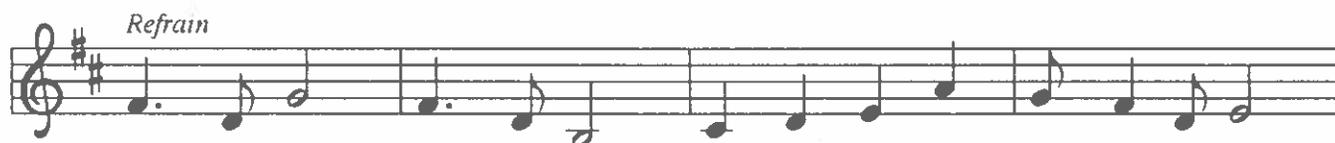


ness of your di - vine com - plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
ing on thirst - ing souls, and flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
en, and our clear eye in heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2; alt
Music: O WILT ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450–1517

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Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - diant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.

Refrain



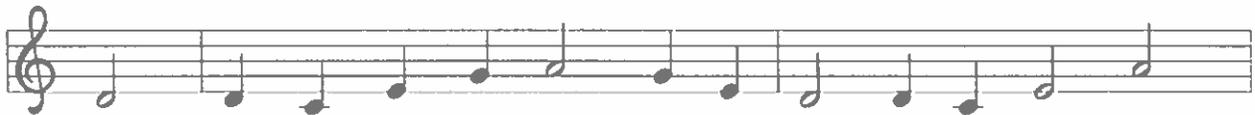
in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

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Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain: *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34
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What Wondrous Love Is This



- 1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
- 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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*Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Live in peace, your sins are forgiven.

All: Amen

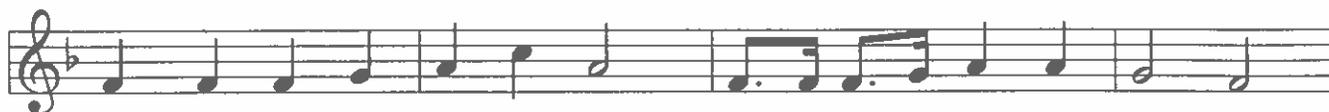
*Post Communion Prayer

L: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. **Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.**

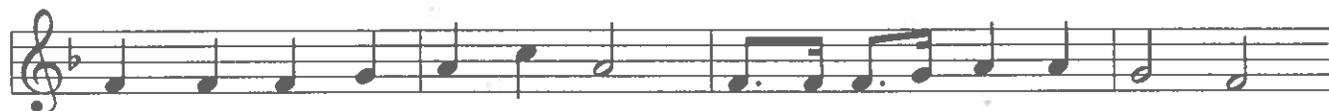
All: Amen

*Post Communion Hymn

"What Can Take Away My Sin"



1 What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
2 For my par - don this I see: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
3 Noth-ing can for sin a - tone: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
4 This is all my hope and peace: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.



What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
For my cleans-ing this my plea: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
Naught of good that I have done: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
This is all my righ-teous-ness: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Refrain



Oh, pre - cious is the flow that makes me bright as snow;



no oth - er fount I know: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
Music: PLAINFIELD, Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

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Announcements-Please use the microphone

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*Blessing

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace.

All: Amen

*Hymn

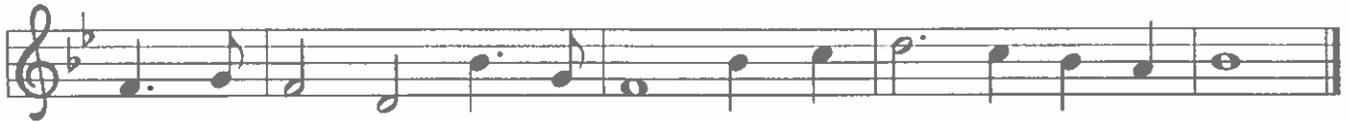
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778
Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

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Prince of Peace's Purpose Statement

L: God's purpose for Prince of Peace

All: is to share the story of God's love in, with, and for the community.

L: Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace
to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Lenten Schedule

Mid-Week Lenten Services:

March 11, 18 & 25 at 7pm

(Soup Supper at 6:00 pm)

Prayers of the Church

New requests of prayers for hope and healing for:

Sharon Ballou, Maxine Blair (friend of the Elliotts), Michelle Buckley (daughter of the Hendricksons), Maya Burnett (Shadle HS student), the family of Barbarann Elliott (friend of Susan Ames), BJ Keasel (friend of Susan Ames), Kathy Miotke (friend of Susan Ames), Pam Nebelsieck, MarJean Redinger (friend of the Sanborns), the family of Judy Runion (sister of Curt Froscheiser), Melissa Skindlov, and Lindsay Steiner (friend of Skindlovs).

Continued prayers for:

Pam Carlson, Joyce Cleveland (friend of the Renfords), Amy Colwell & family (cousin of Joy Liezen), Lewis Dennie (former member), Bill Dupuis, Laney Floyd (Kim & Diane Floyd's grand-daughter), the great nephew of Froscheiser's, Josh Hawley, for the family of Gary Johnson (friends of the Sanborns), Mike Kaszycki (friend of the Elliotts), Dora & Curt Larson (sister & brother in law of Iris Pehan), Doug Moeller (brother of Dave Moeller), and Hannah Stewart Longhurst (friend of Frank Christoff).

Prayers of safety for:

Alex Holden, Seth Hertel, Nolen Kajiwara (friend of Ashley Christoff), and all Armed Forces serving around the world. We also pray for peace and comfort for their families during their time of separation.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at: 509-465-0779 or popoffmgr@comcast.net. Requests will remain on the list for a month unless the office is contacted to extend the request. Thank you.

Announcements

Spring Clean Up– Save the Date!

Saturday, **March 28th** at 9am, see article with information in the March Newsletter!

Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship Service

Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesdays, March 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th at 6:00 p.m. Sign up sheet will be posted on the board near the kitchen in the next few weeks. Sign up for soup or bread to share before the Lenten church service.

Updated Directory

An updated directory has been emailed. There are printed copies in the wall display across from the office.

Thank you.

Pastor Joel– Office Hours

Pastor Joel will have office hours on Tuesdays 12:30pm-2:30pm & Thursdays 10am—12pm. He is also available by appointment. Pastor Joel's #509-951-0223.

Bible Study– Now @ Riverview Retirement Community

Join us for Bible Study on Thursdays from 1-2pm on Zoom or in person, for conversations about the Bible, faith, life and more! **We study the scripture to be used in the next Worship Service.** If you would like more information please contact the office. 509-465-0779 or popoffmgr@comcast.net



Riverview Retirement Community– Chapel, 1801 E. Upriver Dr, Spokane, WA 99207

Thank You!

Thank you once again for prayers! I was very scared about this last surgery, more than before any of the others that I have had. A peace came over me the morning of the surgery, I know it was from all the prayers. Thank you, Sharon Ballou

This Week at Prince of Peace March 8-15, 2026

SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship Service-POP Pantry Sunday

MONDAY

TUESDAY 5:30 pm Praise Group

WEDNESDAY 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper
6:15 pm Men's Choir
7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service
7:00 pm Adult Choir (following service)

THURSDAY 1:00 pm Bible Study @ Riverview Retirement
NEW LOCATION @ the Riverview Retirement Community Chapel located at 1801 E. Upriver Drive.

FRIDAY Church Office Closed

SATURDAY

SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship Service/Sunday School
11:00 am Church Council Meeting

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