

*March 1, 2026 – The Second Sunday in Lent
10:00 am Livestream Liturgy*



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+++ **THE GATHERING** +++

Prelude: *Lead Me To The Cross* - Brooke Fraser

Greetings & Announcements

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P) Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C) **Amen.**
- P) Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- P) Merciful God,
- C) **we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and are not worthy to be called your children.
Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways.
Bring us back to you as those who once were dead but now have life,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.**
- P) The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live in newness of life.
- C) **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: "What Is This Place"



1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win - dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that lives
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and speak
we are each oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

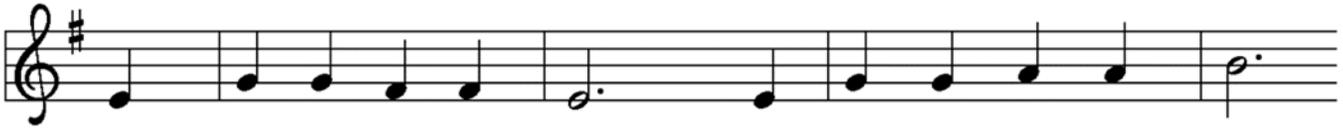
Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

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- 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.**

Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

- P) Let us pray ... O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C) **Amen.**

Hand Bell Choir Anthem

Shall We Gather at the River - arr. Michael Helman

+++ **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** +++

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

- R) *The Word of the Lord.*
- C) **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 121 (Read responsively by whole verse)

I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

the LORD watches over you;

the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

**the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

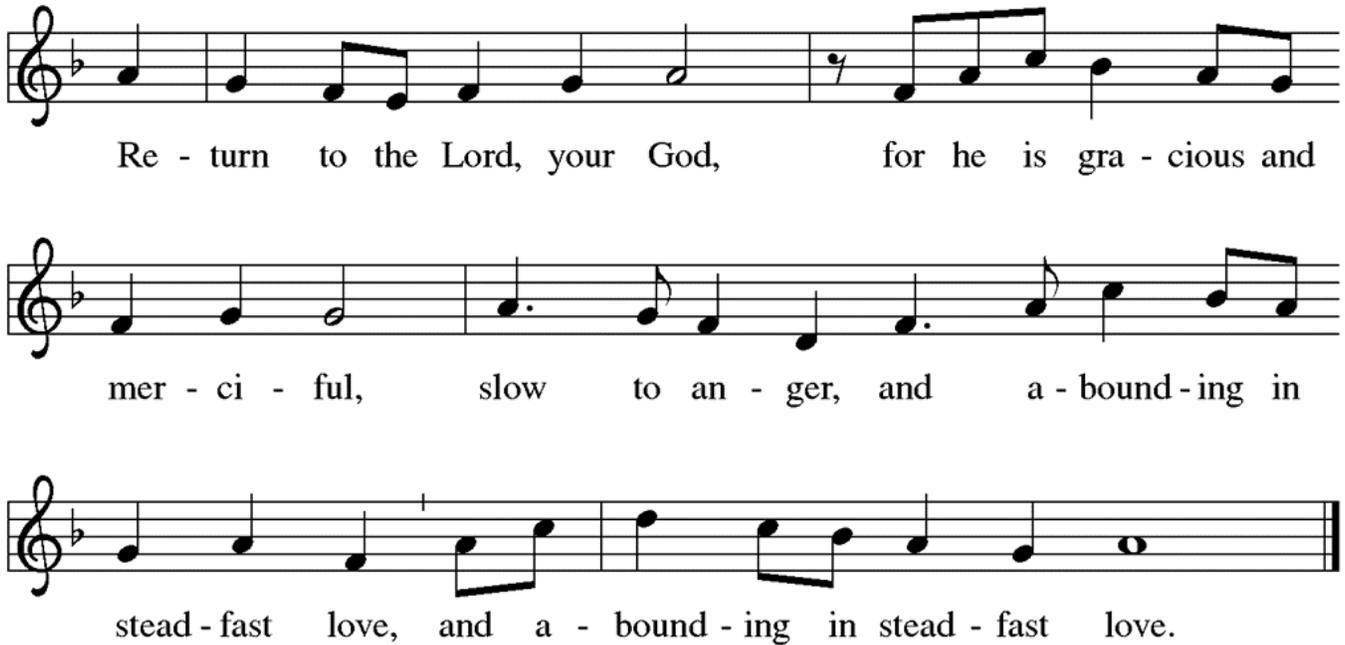
Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

R) *The Word of the Lord.*

C) **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P) *The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 3rd Chapter.*

C) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but

may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

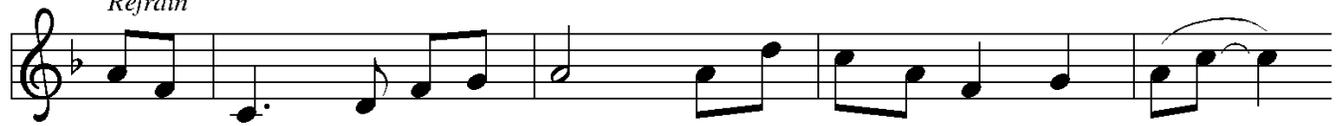
P) *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon Sermon

Hymn: *“I Received the Living God”*

Refrain



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



Refrain

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

Nicene Creed

C) 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 PRAYERS

- P) Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition concludes:

- P) Lord, in your mercy,

- C) **Hear our prayer.**

- P) Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- C) **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace

- P) The peace of the Lord be with you always.

- C) **And also with you.**

The Offering

We encourage everyone to support our ministry together here at Prince of Peace! If possible, [please give electronically](#) or through online banking. If you are worshipping live with us, you may also place your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give electronically. Thank you for your continuing support of our ministry!



The Offertory

Won't Stop Now - arr. David Winkler

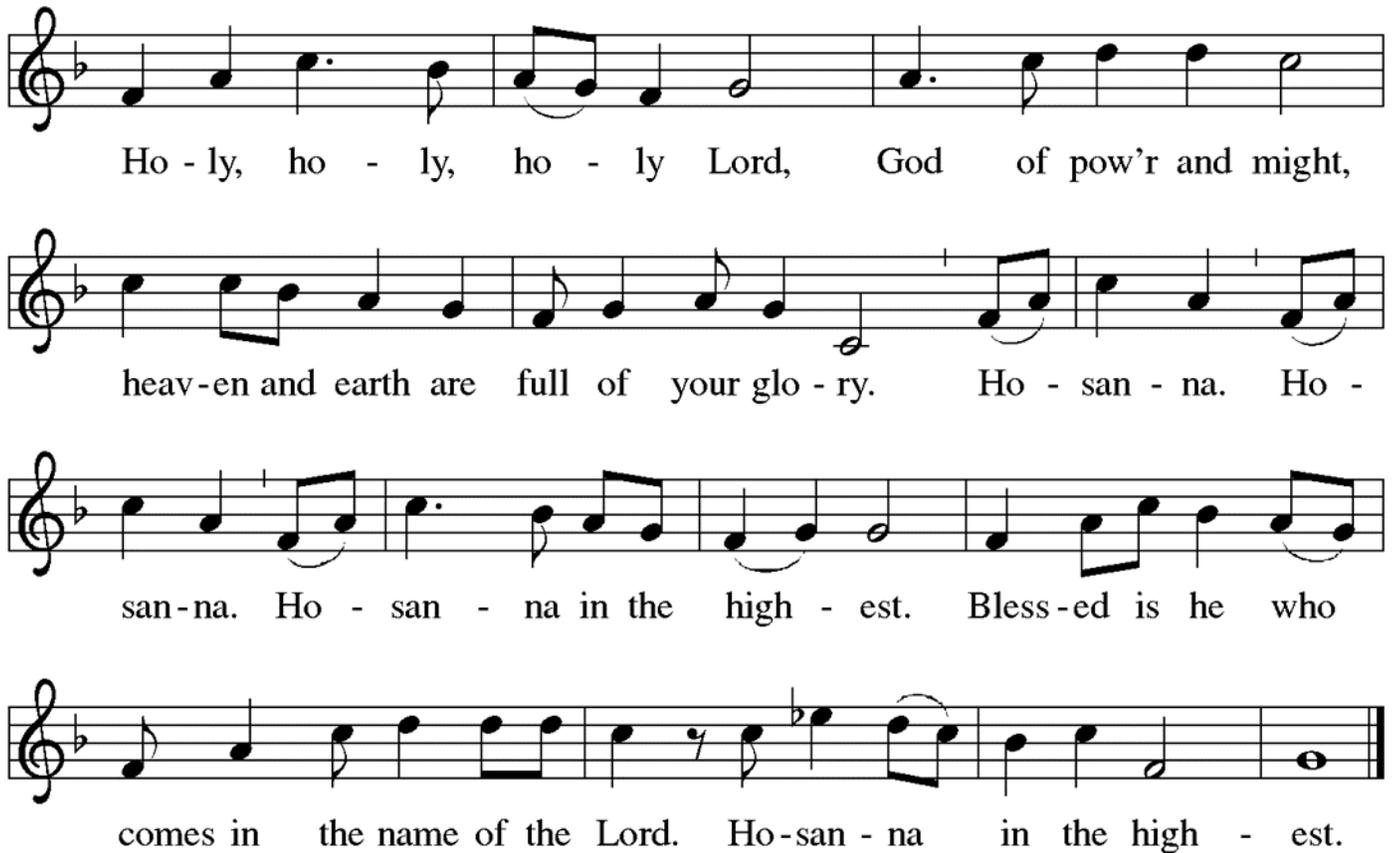
Offertory Prayer

- P) Let us pray... Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

- C) **Amen.**

The 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 God thanks and praise.**
- P) It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

The Eucharistic Prayer for Lent

P) Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father,
throughout the ages, you act to save and guide your people,
and so together with all your people and all your creation
we bless and magnify you and give you thanks.

You led your people Israel through the desert.

You fed them with bread from heaven
and provided them with water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock, our Water, and our Bread,
who joined us in our desert,
pouring out his life for the life of the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:
wash away our sin and renew our faith,
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C) Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P) Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C) **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.

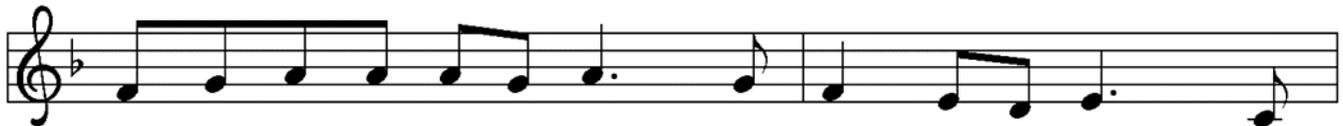
Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God



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.

Communion

Communion will be distributed by individual glass (red wine; white grape juice) if you are worshipping in person. Gluten free wafers are also available.

If you are worshipping at home, please commune yourself or one another with the words:
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Music During Communion

Good, Good Father - arr. Bernadine Johnson

- P) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C) **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

- P) Let us pray... 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C) **Amen.**

The Benediction

- P) Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C) **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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Dismissal

P) Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C) **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Please also join us on:
Wednesday, March 4
Lenten Evening Prayer @ 7:15 pm
(in-person & [live stream on Facebook](#))

Sunday, March 8
Worship @ 10:00 am
(in-person & [live stream on Facebook](#))
Sunday School @ 11:00 am

Check out our [Lent web page](#) for more information about our Lenten activities!

Come join us in person or [livestream](#) as we continue [our Lenten journey](#) with mid-week services of Holden Evening Prayer each Wednesday in Lent at 7:15 pm (March 4, 11, 18 & 25). There will be either a short program or Wine & Cheese preceding each service beginning at 6:15 pm. On March 4, please join us at 6:15pm to meet Mercedes Brant, Director of Community Engagement at [Stepping Stones Shelter](#) in Rockville and enjoy some refreshments as she discusses the history and mission of the shelter. Prince of Peace helps supply meals for families at the shelter, and they will be one of the recipients of this year's Lenten Sharing Bags collection. Stepping Stones works with families experiencing homelessness to help them move from crisis to stability quickly, in an atmosphere of dignity and respect.

This year our Lenten Sharing Bag collection will benefit Stepping Stones Shelter which was the first shelter serving homeless families in Montgomery County. Currently there are 27 mothers and children in the shelter which provides not only food and shelter but also case management services to help families move from crisis to stability quickly. We will be collecting laundry pods, Lysol multi-surface cleaner and wipes, and Ziploc bags – all sizes. Please look for the box in the narthex to drop off your donations. For more information, contact Jennifer Maloney or Jane Sahmel.

NEW DATE - 2026 Prince of Peace Youth Ski Trip! The Prince of Peace youth ski trip has been rescheduled for March 7-8, 2006. Current 6th-12th graders are invited to join. We'll carpool from PoP on Saturday morning, enjoy an afternoon and evening of fellowship at the Dillon's ski house (including a visit to the rock maze), and return to PoP on Sunday evening after skiing at Wisp earlier in the day. Chaperones (including drivers) are also needed. Find additional information and sign up [here](#).

Calling all 3rd-5th Grade Students! Registration is now open for the DC-Metro and Maryland Synods' elementary school retreat, called "Seekers", at Mar-Lu-Ridge in Jefferson, MD **on March 14-15, 2026**. Cost is \$100. Go [here](#) for more info and to register Please contact Laura Dillon (laldillon@yahoo.com or 410-562-6942) with any questions.

Ladies of Prince of Peace, please mark your calendars for March 19th for a wonderful evening of fellowship, food, and a very special guest speaker. Judith Clark, founder of Women Who Care Ministries, will join us to share her story and offer insight into the mission and work of her ministry. This is a local organization serving our community. Please visit their website or speak with Meredith if you would like more information before the event. Feel free to bring a guest. Part of our goal—along with enjoying time together—is to help inform our community about this remarkable ministry. You will be given the opportunity to contribute to the Ministry. This will be a potluck gathering **in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30**. Please follow the [link](#) to RSVP and indicate the dish you plan to bring.

Join us weekly after services for the Coffee and Conversation hour after Sunday services, in the sanctuary. To view the schedule, or to sign up to lead a Bible study session this fall, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/PoPAdultEd2025>. We look forward to having you!

Haven Universe “Saturday Night Alive!” These events are hosted for individuals with special needs and their families and friends, many of whom are adults that attend with their caregivers. **“Saturday Night Alive” events will occur on the following dates from 3:00-5:00pm at Lakelands Park Middle School: Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16.** Positions for potential volunteers include front desk check-in, AV tech setup/takedown, craft table, merchandise sales, or just mingling with participants. (High school students can also earn SSL hours by volunteering.) Contact [Ric](#) or [Sherry](#) Kienzle for questions.

Food for Thought: My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. *John 15:12*

Prince of Peace welcomes people as they are and embraces all the dimensions of diversity in which God has made us: race, gender identity, sexual orientation, family structure, physical ability, and cultural and religious backgrounds, among others. We are all loved by God.

Next Sunday's Readings

[Exodus 17:1-7](#); [Psalm 95](#); [Romans 5:1-11](#); [John 4:5-42](#)

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