



Elijah Kellogg Church, Congregational

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Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly, Interim Pastor

ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH WORSHIP

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION — “If I create from the heart, nearly everything works; if from the head, almost nothing.” — Marc Chagall, Artist (1887-1985)

“The single and true purpose of mature religion is to lead you to ever new experiences of your True Self. If religion does not do this, it is junk religion. Every Sacrament, every Bible story, every church service, every sermon, every hymn, every bit of priesthood, ministry, or liturgy is for one purpose: to allow you to experience your True Self— who you are in God and who God is in you— and to live a generous life from that Infinite Source.” — Richard Rohr

“We are seekers and believers and doubters— and there is something of each of these in each of us.” — Coleman Brown, University Chaplain, Colgate University

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace...

* Call to Worship —

ONE: The days are surely coming says our God, in which a new covenant shall abide.

MANY: Let us participate with God’s loving goodness so that we can strive to affirm the new covenant God has promised. Let us seek a strong and vital relationship with God. Let us eagerly be both recipients and channels of God’s love.

ONE: Let us be open to all the understandings of the love God offers.

MANY: Let us be open to all the understandings of love God offers. Let us be ready to learn about the intentions God has for our lives.

INVOCATION

* **HYMN** — *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* INSERT

A Time for All Ages —

Lord’s Prayer (debts and debtors)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

*OFFERING RESPONSE (DOXOLOGY)

Old One-hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES — Hebrews 5:5-10 [ILV]

[5] Christ, even the Christ, did not presume to take on the office of high priest. No, Christ was appointed by the One Who said,

“You are my Own,
today I have begotten you”;

[6] and in another place that One said,

“You are a priest forever,
according to

the order of Melchizedek.”

[7] In the days of this One’s flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the God, Who was able to save the Rabbi from death, and Jesus was heard because of reverent submission. [8] Though firstborn, Jesus learned to obey through suffering. [9] But, having been made perfect, Jesus became, for all who obey, the source of eternal salvation, [10] and designated by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

SPECIAL MUSIC —

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS — John 12:20-33 [ILV]

[20] Now among those who went up to worship at the festival, at the Passover, were some Greeks. [21] They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put forth this request, “Please— we wish to see Jesus.” [22] Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. [23] Jesus answered them,

“The hour has come
for the Chosen One
to be glorified.

[24] The truth of the matter is,
unless a grain of wheat
falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it bears much fruit,

it yields a rich harvest.
[25] Those who love their life
will lose it,
and those who hate their life
in this world
will keep it for eternal life.

[26] Whoever serves me,
anyone who works for me
must follow me,
must follow in my footsteps
and wherever I am,
my worker will be there too.
Anyone who works for me
will be honored by *Abba*, God.

[27] Now my soul is troubled.
What will I say—
'*Abba*, save me from this hour'?
No, it is for this reason
that I have come to this hour.

[28] *Abba*, glorify Your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

[29] The crowd standing there heard it and some said that it was thunder. Others said,
"It was an angel speaking."

[30] Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

[31] Sentence is now being passed on this world;
now the ruler of this world will be overthrown.

[32] And I, when I am lifted up from this earth,
I will draw all people to myself."

[33] These words of Jesus indicated the kind of death he would die.

This is the Gospel of Jesus, Who is the Christ.

* **HYMN** — *Immortal Love, Forever Full* INSERT

SERMON — *Tu Es Sacerdos*

Piano Meditation —

Prayers of the People -

SILENCE

* **HYMN** — *O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns* INSERT, v. 1, 2, 3

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE —

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns INSERT, v. 4

Harpswell Community Radio – WHPW 97.3 FM

Harpswell Community Television – Channel 14

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7960701>

Serving you this morning:	
Interim Minister	Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly
Pianist	Elizabeth Cromwell
Reader	Susan Ferris
Ushers	Bill & Kay Hunter
Coffee Hour	Becky Marcos

Pastor Joe's office hours for the week of March 18th:

Monday, March 18th, 9am – 11am

The Bible Study passage for Monday, March 18th at 11:00 a.m. is:

Philippians 2:5-11

Board & Committee meetings scheduled for the week of March 18th:

Monday, March 18th @ 7pm Trustees

Tuesday, March 19th @ 7pm Congregational Council (via Zoom ONLY)



The flowers today are given by Carolyn Gibson, In Loving Memory of Rev. Brick Gibson.

Craft Group Meeting

Time to start thinking about the Fall Fair!

Gathering Friday March 22nd at 10am at Elly Cary's to make Dryer Balls .

I'll also have a couple of sewing projects to work on.

Please RSVP to elly1943@comcast.net if you can come.

Thank you!

Elly

A note from Missions

For the month of March, the following items have been requested for restocking the food pantry:

Canned stews and canned pasta meals

Dry pasta

Pasta sauce

Canned tuna and canned meats (the canned chicken is good)

Canned or container fruits to round this out

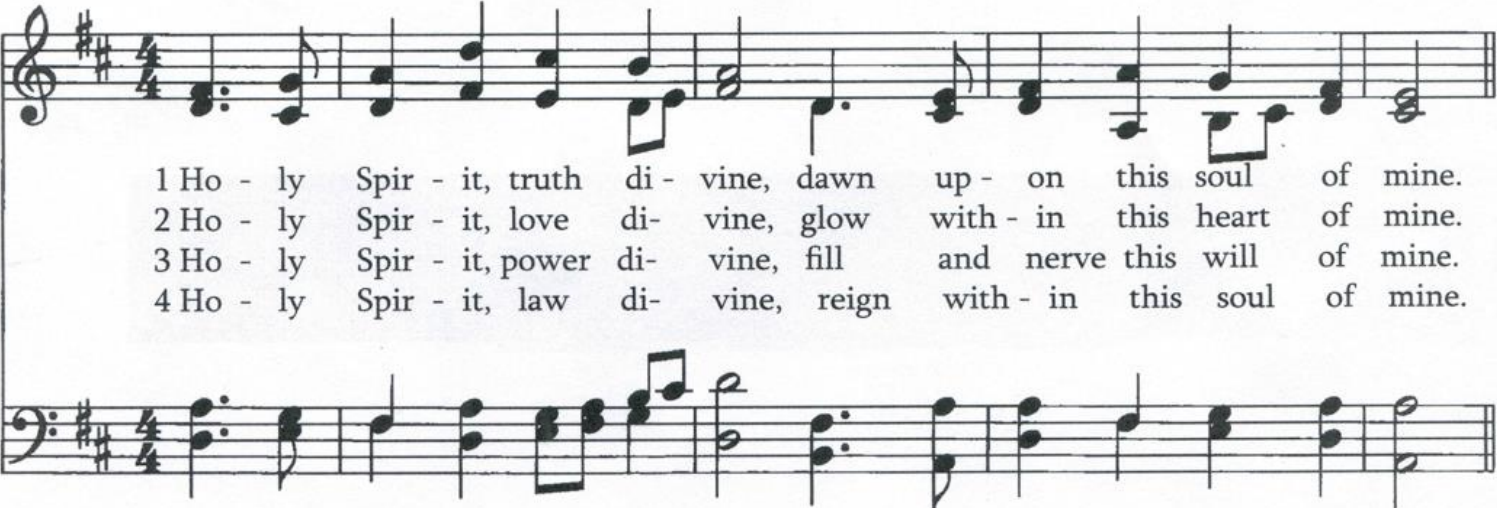
Tooth paste

Toilet tissue

Many thanks! Not as fun as the Souper Bowl, but just as needed.

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Tune: INNOCENTS

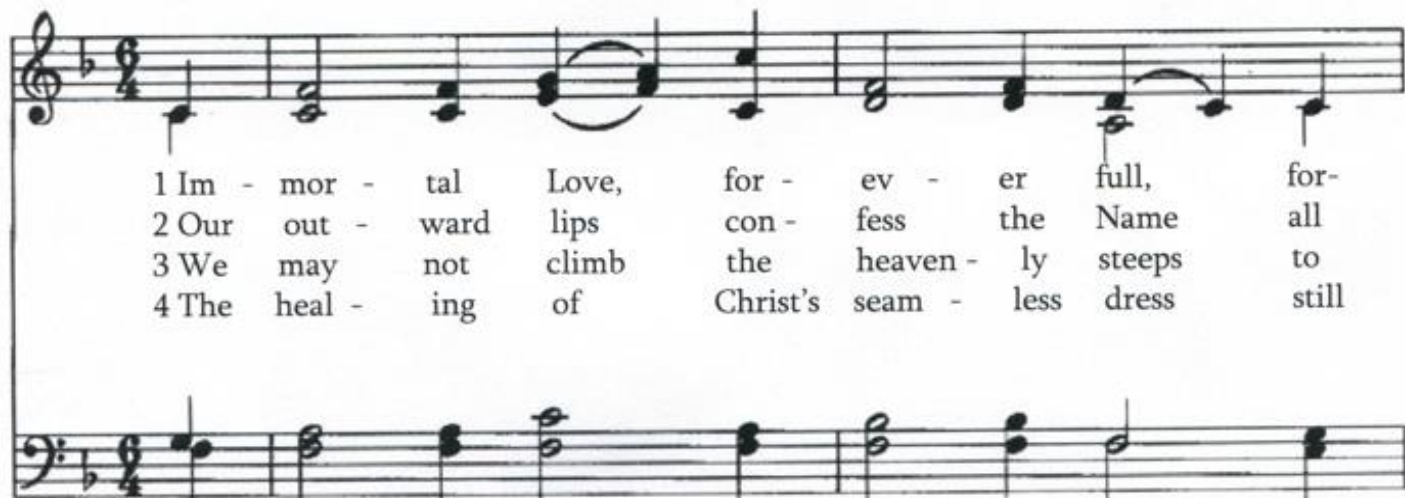


1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine.
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine.
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, power di - vine, fill and nerve this will of mine.
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, law di - vine, reign with - in this soul of mine.




Voice of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it from its night.
Kin - dle ev - ery high de - sire, pu - ri - fy me with your fire.
Bold - ly may I al - ways live, brave - ly serve, and glad - ly give.
Be my law, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

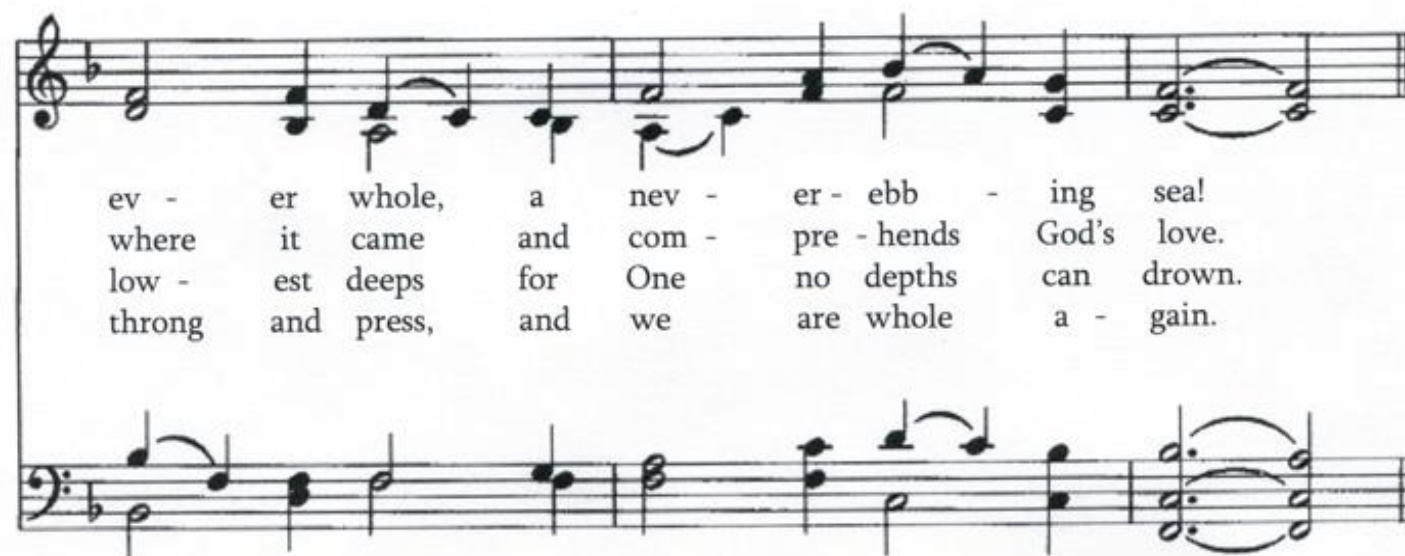
Immortal Love, Forever Full



1 Im - mor - tal Love, for - ev - er full, for-
2 Our out - ward lips con - fess the Name all
3 We may not climb the heaven - ly steeps to
4 The heal - ing of Christ's seam - less dress still



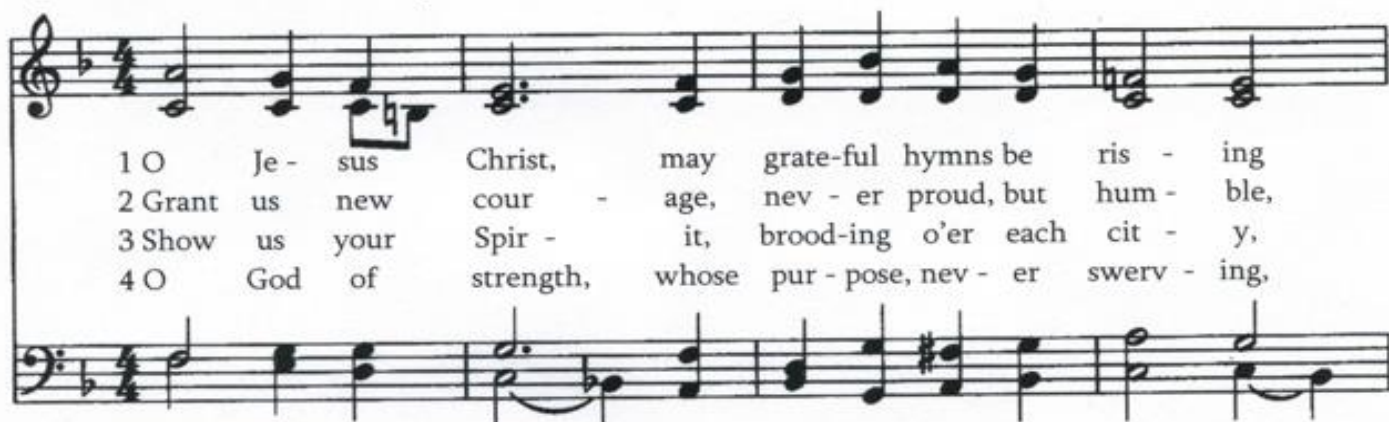
ev - er flow - ing free, For - ev - er shared, for-
oth - er names a - bove; Love on - ly knows from
bring the Sov - ereign down; In vain we search the
soothes our beds of pain; We touch it in life's



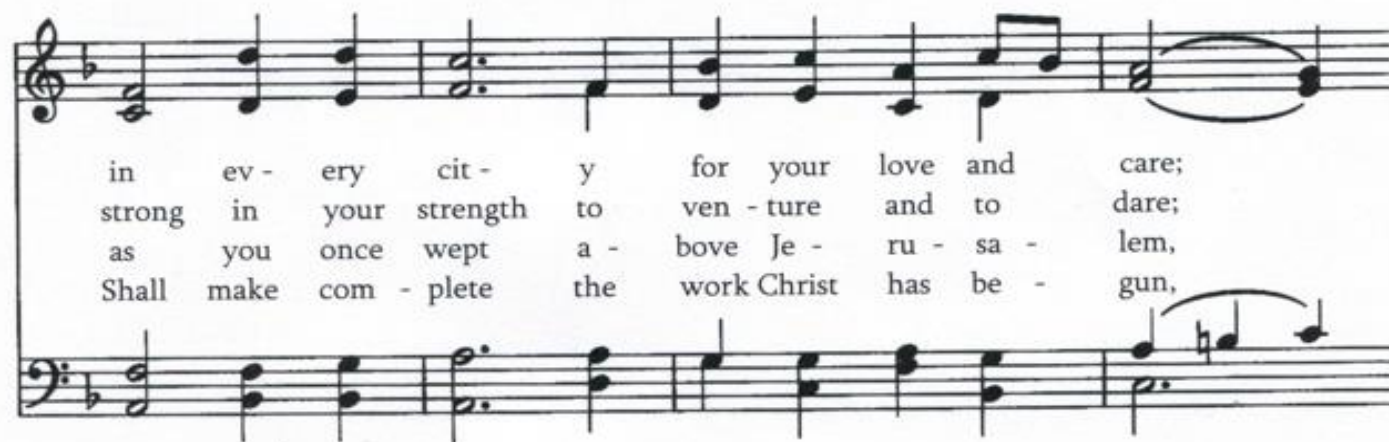
ev - er whole, a nev - er - ebb - ing sea!
where it came and com - prehends God's love.
low - est deeps for One no depths can drown.
throng and press, and we are whole a - gain.

Tune: LAND OF REST C.M.
The Christian Harp, 1832
Harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

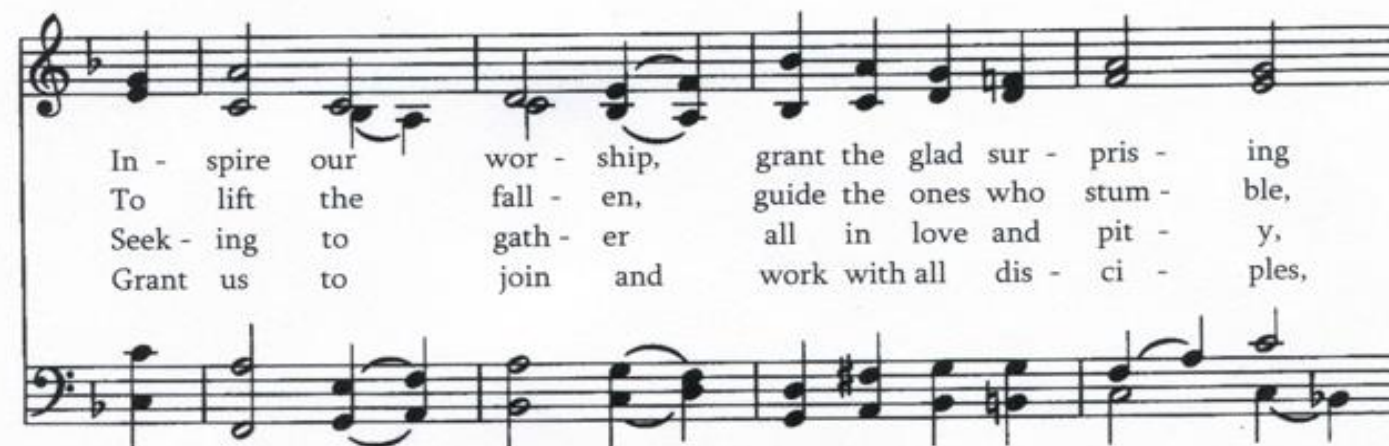
O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns



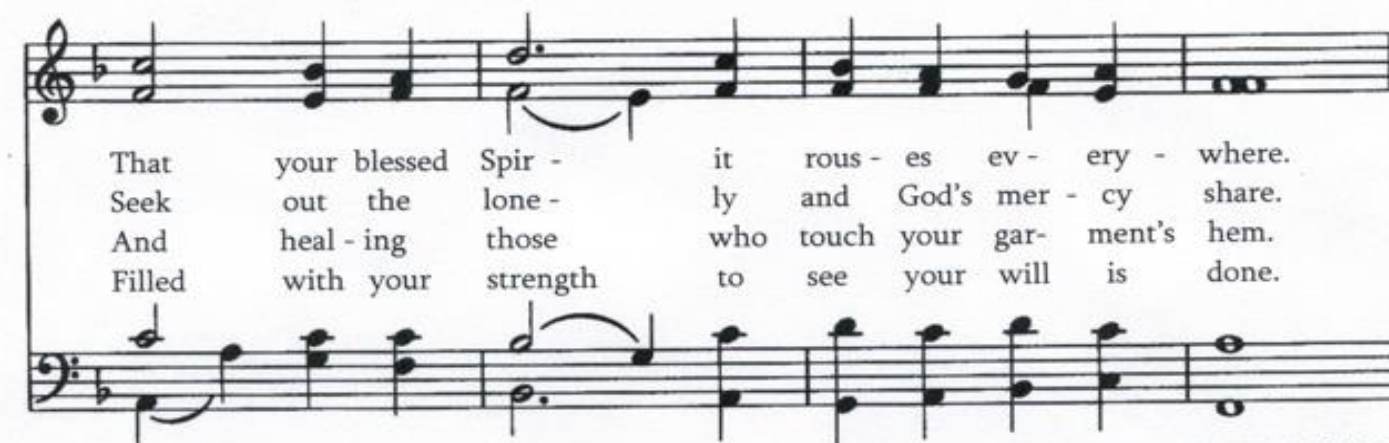
1 O Je - sus Christ, may grate-ful hymns be ris - ing
2 Grant us new cour - age, nev - er proud, but hum - ble,
3 Show us your Spir - it, brood-ing o'er each cit - y,
4 O God of strength, whose pur - pose, nev - er swerv - ing,



in ev - ery cit - y for your love and care;
strong in your strength to ven - ture and to dare;
as you once wept a - bove Je - ru - sa - lem,
Shall make com - plete the work Christ has be - gun,



In - spire our wor - ship, grant the glad sur - pris - ing
To lift the fall - en, guide the ones who stum - ble,
Seek - ing to gath - er all in love and pit - y,
Grant us to join and work with all dis - ci - ples,



That your blessed Spir - it rous - es ev - ery - where.
Seek out the lone - ly and God's mer - cy share.
And heal - ing those who touch your gar - ment's hem.
Filled with your strength to see your will is done.

Tune: WELWYN 11.10.11.10.
Alfred Scott-Gatty, 1900

Prayer Requests for March 17, 2024

At home...

Hope Tanguay
Pat Moody

Connie Henry

Bill Menz

In nursing homes...

Sam Wright
David Ferris

In assisted living...

Ernestine Machesney
Tom Jones

Joan Phillips

Away...

Richard Haley

C V Noyes

Sick, in the hospital or rehabilitation...

Recovering from illness or surgery...

Dana Porter Carson

George Perkins

Grieving...

Family of Jim Smith

Family of Gary Anderson

Family of Paul Standridge

Thanksgivings...

The Perry Family, new baby Ismail

The Pastoral Search Committee

Special concerns...

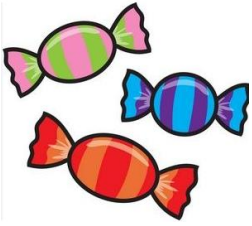
For the people in the paths of storms and fires

Emergency responders / Health care workers / Essential workers...

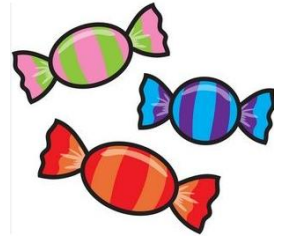
Praise God for our partnership with WHPW and Channel 14!

Please keep those named above in your prayers. If you have any questions, or would like others to be prayed for, please contact Susan Ferris, Chairperson of our Prayer Circle. Susan can be reached at 666-3247 or sueherb@myfairpoint.net.

Christian Education



The Christian Education Board is looking for donations for wrapped candy for the upcoming Easter egg hunt in March. Please consider donating any candy as long as it is wrapped. There will be a box labeled "Easter Candy Donations" located in Fellowship Hall.



Please join the Board of Christian Education for a Lenten mission project. We will be "COLLECTING CHANGE TO MAKE A CHANGE" for Heifer International.



In the Missions room you will find plastic bags for you to collect coins in through Lent, as well as calendars with prayers, activities and more information about Heifer International. The coins will serve those in need, around the world, by providing hard-working families with animals. These animals will give them a steady source of food, or earn them a reliable income. As you fill these bags with coins please pray over this program and the families that will be reached. They have been giving families a "hand up" for 80 years, and we at Elijah Kellogg have a long tradition of supporting them. Please return your bags Easter Sunday.

Are you finding you don't have many coins? Not to fear, we also accept cash and check. If writing a check, please make it payable to Elijah Kellogg Church with CE Heifer project in the memo line.

Thank you,
The Board of Christian Education



PLEASE JOIN US



*Easter
Egg Hunt &
Meet the
Easter Bunny*

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

10:00 AM

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**CRAFTS, CANDY-FILLED EGGS, FAMILY
PHOTO STATION, AND MORE!**

