**Week of March 9 – March 16, 2025**

**Opportunities for Worship, Service, Study, and Fellowship:**

**Today:** Worship 10:45 am

Lenten Soup Luncheon after Worship

Committee Meeting after Lunch

Session Meeting after Committee Meeting

**Monday:** Christian Support Group Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm

**Tuesday:**

**Wednesday:** Women’s Circle Fellowship Hall 10:30 am

WSAA Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm

**Thursday:**

**Friday:**  Pillars of Faith Garden Room 6-9 pm

**Saturday:** Workday 10-done

**Sunday:** Worship 10:45 am

Lenten Soup Luncheon after Worship

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We are collecting donations for One Great Hour of Sharing until April 20.

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We need Easter Lilies for the sanctuary. You may buy one at $14.99 or make a donation toward one. Please order as soon as possible so I know how many to order.

A group of small bowls of food

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Don’t forget to put your reservation in for the Maundy Thursday Seder on April 17th. I hope everyone comes and brings a guest. This is a beautiful, meaningful service that I believe everyone could gain understanding from.

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March 9, 2025

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First Sunday in Lent

Music for Gathering John Lansdale

Welcome and Announcements Shelley Bozeman

**\*Call To Worship:**

Leader**:** Remember the story of our faith.

**People: We are the people God has delivered.**

Leader: Rejoice in the hope of our faith.

**People: God goes with us, step by step.**

Leader: Cling to the promise of our faith.

**People: Our God will not abandon us.**

**Opening Song:** *Take My Life, Lead, Lead Me, Lord #664*

Call to Confession: Leader

**Prayer Of Confession**

**Everyone:** As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many and our burdens are heavy. We can’t imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold.

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Leader: Walking this earth, facing temptation, defeating sin, Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves. This is Good news!

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**Passing the Peace of Christ:**

Leader: May the Peace of Our Risen Christ be with you!

**People: And also with you.**

(It is our custom to greet one another at this time with the peace of Christ)

Song of Adoration (please stand and sing):

**\*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**\*Song of praise:**  *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee #665*

Pastoral prayer and Lord’s Prayer  Rev. Samuel Bennett

**Proclaiming the Word of God**

Scripture: Proverbs 12: 25 and Matthew 6: 35 Rev. Samuel Bennett

Message:  “ Handling Life’s Stresses”

**Responding to God’s Grace**

Offering of our gifts and pledges

Offertory Music John Lansdale

\*Doxology (Owens Arrangement) #814

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Samuel Bennett

**\*Sending**

**\*Song of witness:**  O Jesus, I Have Promised #676

Benediction Rev. Samuel Bennett

Congregational Response:  *What a Mighty God We Serve #672*

**\*Please stand for these parts of the service if you are able.**

**(a second offering will be taken up during the Closing Song that will go to Mutual Missions)**