



St. Timothy's  
Episcopal Church

# The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

## A Service of Holy Eucharist

Saturday, March 22, 5 pm  
Sunday, March 23, 10:15 am

Childcare for infants through 4 years old is available on Sunday morning on the lower level, near the north entrance.

### Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

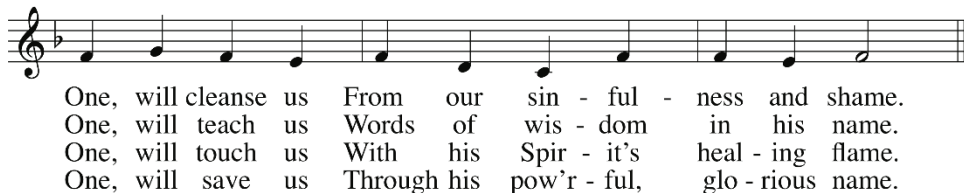
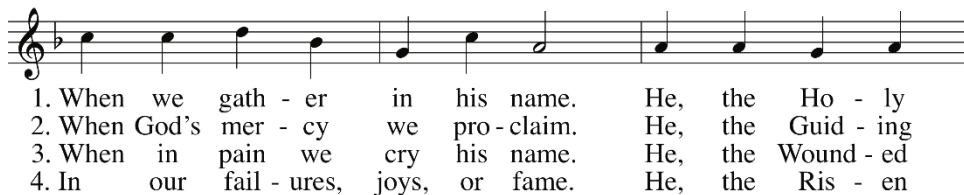
Welcome

*Please stand as you are able.*

Opening Hymn

**Christ Has Promised to Be Present**

**Gather 732**



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*Please kneel as you are able*

**Liturgical Greeting**

**Priest** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**People** **God's mercy endures forever.**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

*A minute of silence is observed.*

## Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## Absolution

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Comforting Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

John 3:16

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.

## Kyrie

Hymnal S96

Priest Lord have mercy.  
People **Christ have mercy.**  
Priest Lord have mercy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Collect of the Day

Deacon God be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Deacon Let us pray together

**Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord..

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord..

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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## The First Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 63:1-8

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for  
you, as in a barren and dry land where there  
is no water.**

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy  
place, \*  
**that I might behold your power and your  
glory.**

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life  
itself; \*  
**my lips shall give you praise.**

4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
**and lift up my hands in your Name.**

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and  
fatness, \*  
**and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,**

6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
**and meditate on you in the night watches.**

7 For you have been my helper, \*  
**and under the shadow of your wings I will  
rejoice.**

8 My soul clings to you; \*  
**your right hand holds me fast.**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Gospel Hymn

**Near the Cross**

LEVAS 29

*v. 1-2 before the Gospel, v. 3-4 following*

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross, There's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
 2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;  
 3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;  
 4. Near the cross, I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

1. Free to all, a heal - ing stream Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
 2. There the Bright and Morn - ing Star Sheds its beams a - round me.  
 3. Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ows o'er me.  
 4. Till I reach the gold - en strand Just be - yond the riv - er.

In the cross, in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er;

Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er.

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915). Music: William H. Doane (1832-1915).

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### Sermon

“Is Now our Burning Bush Moment?”

The Rev. Jeanie Smith

*Please stand as you are able.*

### The Nicene Creed

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified, who 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.**

### Prayers of the People

### Form 1

BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Dorothy Wilson, David Jarvinen, Allen & Nadine Patch, Mary Perry, Emily Shea, Larry Shea, Deb Krueger, Dan Lovett, Fern Studebaker, and Steve Crann, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life:

For those celebrating a birthday, especially Lucy, Cameron, and Elizabeth;

For those to be married, especially Sarah & Chester, Callie & Jake, Kristina & Tanner, Amelia & Nolan, Colette & Charlie, and Katie & Ben;

For those celebrating an anniversary;

For those expecting a child, especially Juliana & TD and Dana & Zach;

For our Ministry of the Month, St. Timothy's Flower Guild; and

For our 2nd Offering partner in March, Women at the Well.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

For those in service to our country, especially Scott, Jack, Marshall, and Parker;

For those seeking ordination, especially Alex and Kate;

For St. Mark's in Ft. Dodge, St. Anne's in Ankeny, New Song in Coralville, and Church of the Savior in Orange City in the Diocese of Iowa;

For the clergy and all people of our companion Dioceses of Brechin, Nzara, and Eswatini;

For all victims of gun violence; and

For the victims of war and oppression and for all who seek a just peace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Silence. The Deacon adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Peace**

Priest     The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People    **And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

# Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

Hear Us, O Father

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Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

Gather 397, v. 1

**The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;  
For Christ, by whom all things were made, Himself has fasted and has prayed.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim your glory:

**Sanctus**

**Hymnal S129**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven 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.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **grant us your peace.**

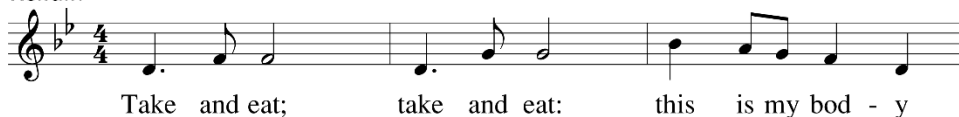
### **Communion**

*You do not need to be a member of this church or of any church to receive communion.*

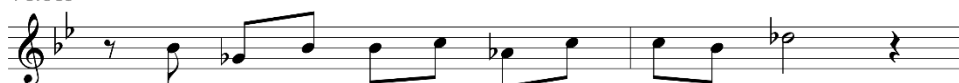
*To receive the sacrament, come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The wine is received by intinction, by dipping the wafer into the chalice. Please let the clergy know if you require a **gluten-free wafer**. To indicate that you would prefer a **blessing only**, cross your arms across your chest. **If you are unable to come forward**, please notify an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.*



## Ketrain



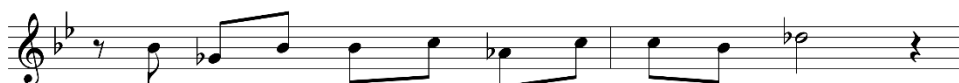
## Verses



1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
2. I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
3. I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
4. I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid;
5. I am the light that came in - to the world;
6. I am the first and last, the Liv - ing One;



- I am the seed that died to be re - born;
- I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
- I am the gate that guards you night and day;
- A cho - sen stone and pre - cious in his eyes;
- I am the light that dark - ness can - not hide;
- I am the Lord who died that you might live;



- I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
- I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
- You are my flock: you know the shep-herd's voice;
- You are God's dwell - ing place, on me you rest;
- I am the morn - ing star that nev - er sets;
- I am the bride-groom, this my wed - ding song;



- I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
- I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
- You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
- Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.
- Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.
- You are my bride, come to the mar - riage feast.

Please stand as you are able.

### Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Blessing

### Closing Hymn

### Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal 488

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

### Dismissal

Deacon We are broken people in a broken world. So let us go forth sharing the healing power of God's love with all those we meet.

People **We will with God's help.**

### Postlude

**Following our Sunday morning service, please join us for fellowship & coffee.**

# MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

## Presider

The Rev. Kyle Carswell

## Deacon/Preacher

The Rev. Jeanie Smith

## Music Director

Don Agee

## Acolytes

Ashlyn Rounceville, Marley Kramer, Wade Kramer

## Chalice Bearers

Michael Irving (5 pm)  
John Wheeler, Lyndy Wells (10:15 am)

## Lector/Litanist

Alex Volker (5 pm)  
Joe Rounceville, Nina Kramer (10:15 am)

## Oblation Bearers

Dick Leonard (5 pm)  
Paige Krantz, Maggie McGill

## Ushers

OPEN (5 pm)  
Larry Shea, OPEN (10:15 am)

## Altar Guild

Jennie McKinney (5 pm)  
Marty Wells, Marjorie Joelson (10:15 am)

## Live Stream Coordinator

Colleen Krantz

## Offering Counters

Larry Anderson, Chris Bice

## Vestry Representative

Randy Pettit

# COMING UP

## THE COMING WEEK

### Monday, March 24

11:30 am Casserole Baking  
6 pm Vestry Meeting  
6:30 pm Scouts

### Tuesday, March 25

5 pm Fresh Start Meal

### Wednesday, March 26

11:30 am Men's Lunch at Palmer's  
4 pm Greet the Neighbors with Jeanie + Dale  
6 pm Lenten Series  
7 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 27

9:30 am Bible Study  
11:30 am Ladies Who Lunch  
5:30 pm YJI

### Friday, March 28

10 am BBB

### Saturday, March 29

9 am Centering Prayer  
1 pm Marty Haas Funeral  
5 pm Holy Eucharist

### Sunday, March 30

9 am Childcare Available  
9:15 am Newcomers Coffee  
9:15 am Christian Formation  
10:15 am Holy Eucharist  
10:15 am Children Living the Word  
11:30 am Coffee Hour  
11:30 am D&D Session  
1:30 pm EfM

## LENTEN SERIES

**Wednesdays, March 12 – April 9**

6 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Dinner in the Parish Hall

7 p.m. Adult Program in the Gathering Center



### **“Hidden Treasures of the Hebrew Bible”**

The Old Testament is full of amazing stories of God’s interaction with the human family. But many of these stories never find their way into our lectionary, and so you could attend church every Sunday and never hear some of these more obscure, and occasionally bizarre, stories. Over these five weeks, we’ll be looking at some of these stories and asking how they relate to our lives today.

**March 26: A Tale of Two Widows**

**April 2: God on Trial**

**April 9: The Witch, the Ghost, and the Doomed King**

## NEWCOMER’S COFFEE

**Sunday, March 30 | 9:15 am**  
Parish Hall

All newcomers to St. Timothy’s are invited to a time of conversation and fellowship with Kyle before the service on March 30. It’s a great chance to meet other folks new to the congregation and learn more about the parish. Coffee and refreshments will be served!

## INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST

**Saturday, April 5 &**  
**Sunday, April 6**

We celebrate the Eucharist every week, but the reasons our liturgy takes the shape it does aren’t always widely known. Why do we exchange the peace right before the Liturgy of the Table? When do we say “Alleluia” and when don’t we? What is Kyle doing with his hands up there during the Eucharistic Prayer?

The Instructed Eucharist will answer these questions and more, as we proceed through a typical worship service with explanations narrated along the way.

Have a question? Write it down and place it in the basket on the narthex table or email it to the church office at [office@sttimothyiowa.org](mailto:office@sttimothyiowa.org)

## CAMPUS WORK DAY

**Saturday, April 12 | 9 am**  
**Rain date: April 19**

Please contact Scott Andrews at [scottandrews143@gmail.com](mailto:scottandrews143@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like to join us!

**Join in with the Scout Troop, YJI-ers, and fellow parishioners as we tidy up outside!**

- Picking up debris
- Removing mulch & re-mulching/rocking
- Applying weed deterrent

Please bring rakes, spades, hoes and wear gloves, and dress appropriately for outside yard activities.

Coffee, water & donuts will be provided!