

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 15, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Anne Moser

PRELUDE

Ricercare

Palestrina

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Psalm 32

One: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

All: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

One: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

All: You surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

One: Many are the torments of the wicked,

All: But steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

One: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,

All: And shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

***HYMN #716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

The prophet Isaiah once said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Friends, even if each of us here were perfect, there'd still be sin and the need for grace. Whether it is "guilty" or "guilty by association," our God is prepared to hear our prayers of confession and then assure us of our belovedness and forgiveness. Let us boldly approach this throne of grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

Fear, a Kyrie

Stephen Deeter, J.A. Schooley

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsive)

One: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

All: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymnal Page 583

"Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 23:1-5

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:13-21

SERMON

"... Consumption"

ANTHEM

Be the Change

Laura Farnell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsively)

Heidelberg Catechism, 4.110

What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

God forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law. But in God's sight theft also includes all scheming and swindling in order to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that appear legitimate, such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God. In addition God forbids all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (we say "debts")

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Ach, was soll ich Sünder machen

J.S.Bach

Doxology Hymn #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**



Venmo

*HYMN #713

Touch the Earth Lightly

Tenderness

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

We Will Walk with God

POSTLUDE

Partita on "O Sacred Head"

Gordon Young

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, the residents at JDC & JRC, Evan Dunn (grandson of Chris & Susan Dunn), Pete (Lee Liebetreu's brother), Glenn Varney, Lyn Long, Dave Horger, Scott Guthrie, Miranda Douglas, Ron Stout (Ellyn Stout's husband), Dave Hyslop & Sharon, Jen Coddling's mom & aunt, Anna Beeker's parents, Ashton's parents, Amanda Pirooz (friend of Ellyn Stout), Mahmoud & family, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss

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There are no closed doors here.
Christ Welcomes All Here!

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God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

1. God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise for ever, gracious donor of our days.
2. Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.
3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Touch the Earth Lightly

1. Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently, nourish the life of the world in our care: gift of great wonder, ours to surrender, trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
2. We who endanger, who create hunger, agents of death for all creatures that live, we who would foster clouds of disaster, God of our planet, forestall and forgive!
3. Let there be greening, birth from the burning, water that blesses and air that is sweet, health in God's garden, hope in God's children, regeneration that peace will complete.
4. God of all living, God of all loving, God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun, teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us, using us gently and making us one.

Week of March 15 thru March 22

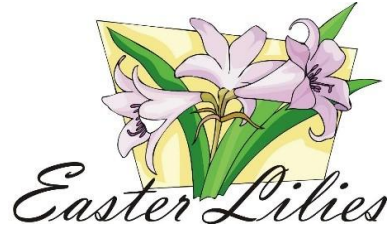
- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
11:15 a.m. **Fellowship & refreshments (FH)**
11:30 a.m. **Deacons' mtg. (Library)**
3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Green Lounge)
7:00 p.m. Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge)
- MONDAY** **Church office is Closed on Monday**
4:30 p.m. **Kindred Spirits (Library)**
- TUESDAY** 1:00 p.m. **Book Group (Green Lounge)**
5:30 p.m. La Conexion ESL Classes (various rooms CE Wing)
8:00 p.m. A.A. (FH)
- WEDNESDAY** 9:00 a.m. **Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop**
4:30 p.m. **Interfaith Forum @ Olscamp Hall, BGSU**
5:30 p.m. **WeMeet dinner & discussion (FH)**
- THURSDAY** 9:30 a.m. **Deacons' Shop open to public**
Staff mtg. Pastor Jeff's office
5:00 p.m. **Worship mtg. (Pastor's office)**
5:30 p.m. La Conexion ESL Classes (various rooms CE Wing)
6:00 p.m. **Bell Rehearsal**
7:00 p.m. **Choir Rehearsal**
8:00 p.m. **Meditation Group (FH)**
- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**



On Monday, March 16th, at 4:30 p.m. in the church library, Kindred Spirits will hold their monthly meeting. Linda Smith will lead the discussion on compassion and a healing spirit. Scripture involves the story of the bent woman. All are invited to join.



Interfaith Forum – On Wednesday, March 18 there will be an Interfaith Forum at 219 Olscamp Hall (BGSU), 4:30-5:45 pm – Our very own Dr. Andrew Kunze, Assistant Teaching Professor in History, Asian Studies, and International Studies at BGSU will host four panelists across various religious traditions to discuss MONEY. This event is open to the public and you are encouraged to come support both Pastor Jeff and Andrew (as well as, of course, learn more about other traditions and your own).



Presbyterian Women are pleased to offer 13 white Easter Lily plants for sale to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter and to commemorate and honor the memory of loved ones. The price is \$16.00 per plant. **Checks should be made payable to Presbyterian Women with the word "lily" on the memo line.** Money may be placed in the church offering plate or mailed to the Church office. **The deadline to request and turn in money is Wednesday, March 25, or until the lilies are sold out.** Families who purchase flowers may pick them up after the Easter Service on April 5.

Please fill out your Easter Lily order with the following information:

Name _____
 Phone number _____
 In Memory or Honor of _____
 Number of plants ordered _____



BGSU is holding an Electronics Recycling Drive on Saturday, March 28, 9 am – 1 pm in the Ice Arenda parking lot. You can bring items such computers, flatscreen monitors and TVs, printers, small appliances, cell phones, batteries, cables and more. More information is available to bgsu.edu/ewaste.

MULTIFAITH BREAKFAST



APRIL 14 | 7:15 A.M.

Event Details

The Bowling Green Human Relations Commission invites you to the return of this beloved tradition with a morning of reflection and fellowship. The theme for this year's breakfast is "Peace: Respecting Our Differences." Insights on cultivating peace through conversation will be shared, with time for guided discussions at each table. Students from across the region have submitted artwork inspired by the theme. The winning pieces will be on display.

Location

Veterans Memorial Building in City Park

The Olive Branch

Since ancient Greece, it's signaled the wish to resolve conflict and create peace between people of differing views. The "extend an olive branch" is to show respect and express the desire to live in harmony.

SCAN TO RSVP



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