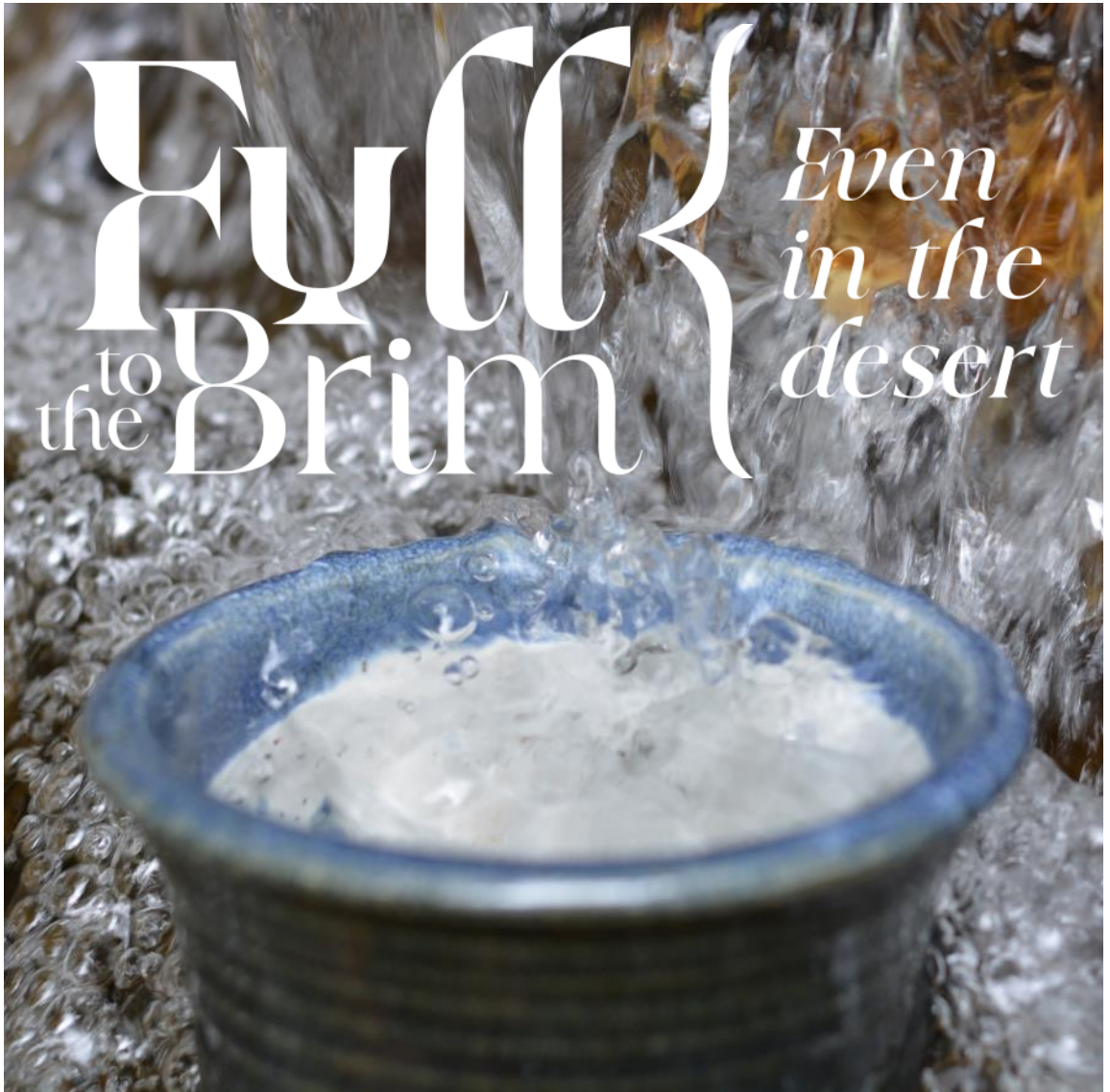




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GREENWOOD

March 9, 2025



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The Worship of God
March 9, 2025, First Sunday in Lent
Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock

Meditation: “God, we live in a world that is obsessed with money, status, power, and beauty. Extracting myself from those waters is like pulling myself out of quicksand. I need your help. I want to be known for the things you care about—love, justice, humility, mercy, joy—not likes, follows, wealth, or status. There is more to life than the world often lets on. Help me to see that more clearly. Amen.”

—Rev. Sarah A. Speed

Prelude

“11 Chorale Preludes,” *Op. 122*
No. 6 Blessed Are Ye Faithful Souls
Music by Johannes Brahms

Will Cleveland

Lighting of the Gospel Candles

Cooper Ann White

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

Keith Jameson

Leader: We believe God is love.

People: We believe God's love is overflowing.

Leader: We believe Jesus is a river.

People: We believe that river is running toward us.

Leader: We believe the Holy Spirit is a vessel.

People: We believe that vessel holds mercy for you and for me.

Leader: We believe the wilderness is real.

People: We believe the desert is lonely.

Leader: We believe that Jesus has been there.

People: We know that we do not walk alone.

Leader: Even in the desert,

People: we are loved.

Leader: Even in the desert,

People: God is with us.

Leader: Even in the desert,

People: this love overflows.

Leader: Thanks be to God.

All: Amen.

*Opening Hymn 471 “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” RESTORATION

Invocation and Welcome David Jennings

Scripture Thoughts for Children (Age 3K-5th grade) David Jennings

(After Scripture Thoughts, children ages 3K through K5 will meet a Children’s Church worker at the back of the Sanctuary to go to Children’s Church.)

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Anna Griffis Atkins
(Pew Bible, OT, page 168)

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*Offertory Hymn 665 “Because I Have Been Given Much” SEMINARY

Offertory Prayer Russell Martin

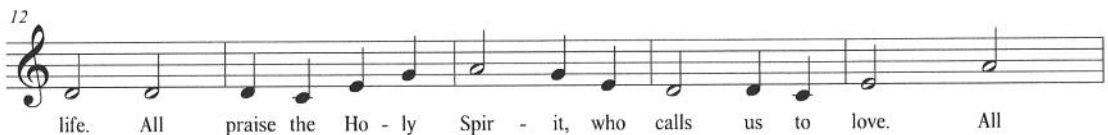
Offertory Meditation “I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ,” *BWV 639* Will Cleveland
Music by Johann Sebastian Bach

*Doxology Rob Passow, 2017

WONDROUS LOVE

Southern Harmony, c. 1843

♩ = 80



Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Anna Burch

When the leader says: Lord, in Your mercy
The congregation responds: Hear our prayer.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

New Testament Reading: Luke 4:1-13

John Uldrick

(Pew Bible, NT, page 53)

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Peace”

Chancel Choir

Words and Music by Patricia Mock, arranged by Richard A. Nichols
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Oh, Lord, through the strife bring us peace. Where worry prevails, give release.
As the shadows linger all around, to our troubled minds and broken land.
Let there be peace.

Oh, Lord, through the dark shine your light. Where truth seems unclear, help our sight.
Lift the veil that covers blinded eyes. Give a vision of you, only wise.
Let your light shine.

Lord of all mercy and grace, rain down your love in this place.
In a world where hatred seems so strong, may your grace right the wrong.

Oh, Lord, through the strife bring your peace. Where worry prevails, give release.
As the shadows linger all around, to our troubled minds and broken land.
Let there be peace. Lord give your peace.

Sermon

“Full to the Brim—Even in the Desert”

John Uldrick

*Hymn of Commitment 361

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

GORDON

Benediction

John Uldrick

Congregational Response: And also with you.

Choral Response	“Threefold Amen”	Chancel Choir
Postlude	“Suite Gothique,” Op 25 I. Choral Music by Léon Boëllmann	Will Cleveland

*Those who are able, please stand.

Community Lenten Pilgrimage

March 12—Immanuel Lutheran Church

March 19—Greenwood ARP

March 26—South Main Baptist Church

April 2—Main Street UMC

April 9—First Presbyterian Church

April 16—Morris Chapel

Some reminders:

First Lunch at noon

Service at 12:30 pm

Second lunch at 1:00 pm

The cost for lunch is \$2.00.

Offering will be taken and given to Greater Greenwood United Ministry.

Building Blocks

Parables and Passion: Jesus’ Stories for the Days of Lent

Join John Uldrick on March 12, 19, and 26 and April 2, 9, and 23 as he uses many of the parables to guide our journey through Lent and our discussions on Wednesday nights. The group will meet in the chapel..

“Praying” Classes

“Praying” is an opportunity to paint and pray at the same time. As we paint, we think of those people, situations, and upcoming events that are in need of prayer. We also can thank God for our many blessings. Join Shirley Dominick at 6:30 pm on March 12 and 19 for an opportunity to spend a little time making a prayer box in which to place written things to pray for and those things you are grateful for. The group will meeting in Carlton’s Corner.

2025 Ministry Plan Update (as of March 2)

2025 Year-to-Date Required: \$ 172,299.06

2025 Year-to-Date Received: \$ 114,023.71

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, March 9

- 9:30 am Diaconate Executive Committee
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 3:00 pm *Noye's Fludde* Dress Rehearsal Entire Cast
- 4:00 pm Personnel Committee
- 7:00 pm *Noye's Fludde* Orchestra Rehearsal

Monday, March 10

- 6:00 pm *Noye's Fludde* Piano Dress Rehearsal with Entire Cast
- 6:00 pm Laucis-Parham Circle

Tuesday, March 11

- 12:00 pm *Young at Heart*
- 1:30 pm *Sounds of Grace* Senior Adult Choir
- 5:30 pm Cultivating Generous Congregations Cohort
- 6:00 pm *Noye's Fludde* Orchestra Dress Rehearsal with Entire Cast

Wednesday, March 12—Noon: Deadline March 12 meal reservations

- 12:00 pm First seating for Community Lenten Lunch—Immanuel Lutheran Church
- 12:30 pm Community Lenten Service—Immanuel Lutheran Church
- 1:00 pm Second seating for Lenten Lunch—Immanuel Lutheran Church
- 5:30 pm *Bright Beginnings* Preschool Music Activities, *Music Makers* Children's Choir, *Young Musicians* Children's Choir
- 5:30 pm Family Night Meal—baked potato bar, chili, grilled chicken, Texas toast, tossed salad, ice cream, cookies
- 6:00 pm *Noye's Fludde* Orchestra Dress Rehearsal with Entire Cast
- 6:30 pm Childcare, CIAs, Holy Ground (youth), Building Blocks (adults), Chancel Choir



Thursday, March 13

- 10:00 am Betty Schopp Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00 pm *Noye's Fludde*

Friday, March 14

- 6:00 pm *Noye's Fludde*

Saturday, March 8

- 9:00 am *Noye's Fludde*—strike set/props



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