



# Leap of Faith

March 2024

F. R. O. G.  
Forever Relying On God



The Lenten hymns “What Wondrous Love is This” and “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” have always been among my favorites. The words are filled with the meaning of Easter. They visualize the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus as “sorrow and love flow mingled down”. “Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?” Jesus gave up His crown in Heaven for this crown of thorns to save our souls!

John 3:17 sums this up for us. “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.” Journey with us during Lent to discover this wondrous love that led to the cross and to a glorious resurrection! Jesus came to give us eternal life with Him! Hallelujah, what a savior!

Amen Rev Laura



In February, we passed out gloves & fruit bars to people at Central Christian’s free breakfast. The ones left were donated to Saving Grace Ministry. Thanks to Central Christian Church for letting us join them, and thank you to all who helped out in anyway.

COME TO WORSHIP WITH US ON ZOOM!

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you’re welcome here at St. John’s United Church of Christ. Contact [stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com) for service information.

## PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24, 2024



Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Luke 19:38

### CONSISTORY MEETING –

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm on Zoom. If you would like to join please contact Mary Ellen Harris.

### CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Mary Ellen Harris (Pres)	Edward Quillin
Jean Quillin (VP)	Dennis Harris
Kelly Harris (Sec)	Wayne Knudson
George Adamson (Treas)	Courtney Papa-Abell

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 1, 2024

World Day of Prayer is celebrated in 170 countries every year on the first Friday in March. Despite it being a Christian initiative, it welcomes all religious and non-religious people around the world. World Prayer Day aims at bringing awareness to different cultures and traditions and spreading understanding and tolerance throughout the globe.

One way to celebrate this day is to light a candle (or use a battery candle) for a group of people going through hardship such as: refugees, orphans of war, people fighting illnesses, destitute groups.

## THANK YOU!

Thanks to Cindy and Laura we will have special music on Palm Sunday and Easter.



***HE IS RISEN***  
**CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR**  
**Luke 24 : 1-12**

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR MARCH

- 01 – World Day of Prayer
- 03 – Caregiver Appreciation Day
- 10 – Day Light Savings Time Begins
- 15 – Ides of March
- 17 – Saint Patrick's Day
- 19 – Spring (Vernal) Equinox
- 24 – Palm Sunday
- 25 – Feast of the Annunciation
- 29 – Good Friday
- 31 – Easter Sunday

## MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

- 03** Laura Doty, Reverend  
Liturgist – Kelly Harris
- 10** Jamelle Godlewski, Guest speaker  
Liturgist – Kayden Harris
- 17** Laura Doty, Reverend  
Liturgist – Courtney Papa-Abell
- 24** Laura Doty, Reverend  
Liturgist – Courtney Papa-Abell
- 31** Laura Doty, Reverend  
Liturgist – Mary Ellen Harris

*Thank you to everyone for helping out!*

## Prayer Warriors

The Prayer Warriors are praying for any concerns or joys you may have. You can make a request on our website [stjohnsuccelkhart.com](http://stjohnsuccelkhart.com) or email [stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com). You can also call the Church, 574-651-7612

Lent Year B	First reading	Psalms	Second reading	Gospel
<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> March 3, 2024 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Exodus 20:1-17</u>	<u>Psalms 19</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 1:18-25</u>	<u>John 2:13-22</u>
<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> March 10, 2024 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Numbers 21:4-9</u>	<u>Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22</u>	<u>Ephesians 2:1-10</u>	<u>John 3:14-21</u>
<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> March 17, 2024 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Jeremiah 31:31-34</u>	<u>Psalms 51:1-12</u> or <u>Psalms 119:9-16</u>	<u>Hebrews 5:5-10</u>	<u>John 12:20-33</u>
<b>Liturgy of the Palms</b> March 24, 2024 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i> <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>		<u>Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29</u>		<u>Mark 11:1-11</u> or <u>John 12:12-16</u>
<b>Liturgy of the Passion</b> March 24, 2024 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i> <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 50:4-9a</u>	<u>Psalms 31:9-16</u>	<u>Philippians 2:5-11</u>	<u>Mark 14:1-15:47</u> or <u>Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)</u>
<b>Annunciation of the Lord</b> March 25, 2024 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 7:10-14</u>	<u>Psalms 45</u> or <u>Psalms 40:5-10</u>	<u>Hebrews 10:4-10</u>	<u>Luke 1:26-38</u>

<b>Holy Week Year B</b>	<b>First reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Second reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<u><b>Monday of Holy Week</b></u> March 25, 2024 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 42:1-9</u>	<u>Psalm 36:5-11</u>	<u>Hebrews 9:11-15</u>	<u>John 12:1-11</u>
<u><b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b></u> March 26, 2024 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 49:1-7</u>	<u>Psalm 71:1-14</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 1:18-31</u>	<u>John 12:20-36</u>
<u><b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b></u> March 27, 2024 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 50:4-9a</u>	<u>Psalm 70</u>	<u>Hebrews 12:1-3</u>	<u>John 13:21-32</u>
<u><b>Maundy Thursday</b></u> March 28, 2024 <i>Holy Thursday</i> <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14</u>	<u>Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</u>	<u>John 13:1-17, 31b-35</u>
<u><b>Good Friday</b></u> March 29, 2024 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 52:13-53:12</u>	<u>Psalm 22</u>	<u>Hebrews 10:16-25</u> or <u>Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9</u>	<u>John 18:1-19:42</u>
<u><b>Holy Saturday</b></u> March 30, 2024 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Job 14:1-14</u> or <u>Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24</u>	<u>Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16</u>	<u>1 Peter 4:1-8</u>	<u>Matthew 27:57-66</u> or <u>John 19:38-42</u>



*Daylight Savings time begins  
Sunday, March 10, 2024*

**Easter  
Year B**

**First  
reading**

**Psalm**

**Second reading**

**Gospel**

**Old Testament Readings and Psalms**

- Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26
- Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 and Psalm 46
- Genesis 22:1-18 and Psalm 16
- Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 and Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18
- Isaiah 55:1-11 and Isaiah 12:2-6
- Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4 or Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 and Psalm 19
- Ezekiel 36:24-28 and Psalm 42, 43
- Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 143
- Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Psalm 98

**Easter Vigil**

March 31, 2024

ART -- PRAYER

**New Testament Reading and Psalm**

- Romans 6:3-11 and Psalm 114

**Gospel**

- Mark 16:1-8

**Resurrection of the  
Lord**

March 31, 2024

*Easter Day*

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**Easter Evening**

March 31, 2024

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\*Acts 10:34-43

**or**

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**or**

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

**or**

Mark 16:1-8

Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Luke 24:13-49





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