

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

** Congregation will stand*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Chopin Waltz in A Minor

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. At this time there is no need to stand during designated hymns. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Place offering in plate upon entrance or when exiting.

MISSION MOMENT: Operation We Care

INTROIT: “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” ” *(See Insert to follow along)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (1 Corinthians 1:18, 23-25)

Leader: The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world;

All: But to us it is the power of God!

Leader: We proclaim the scandal of Christ crucified.

All: The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than our strength.

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

*OPENING HYMN: “How Great Thou Art” *(See Insert)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: In the cross of Christ, though, we find forgiveness and grace. Let us confess our sins, then, trusting in God’s wisdom and strength rather than our own. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one another!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: The peace of Christ be with all of you. ***All: And also with you.***

Leader: Let us share a sign of Christ’s peace with each other in community.

(turn to extend signs of peace to neighbors from a distance)

YOUTH MESSAGE: “Be Cool, Fool!”

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Gracious God, on our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 1:18–25 **Sung Response** (Psalm 19 *Your Law O Lord is Perfect*)

John 2:13–22

Response to God’s Word

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! ***All: Thanks be to God!***

SERMON: “Being Foolish”

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*HYMN: “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” *(See Insert)*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS (Please be seated)

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERING / DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: “Lift High the Cross” *(See Insert)*

*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE: ***Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.***

POSTLUDE: Mozart Sonata in A minor: Movement 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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3rd Sunday in Lent

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Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

**Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
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How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. **[Chorus]**

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
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When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
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EASTER

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Lift High the Cross

Refrain (Unison)

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to Refrain

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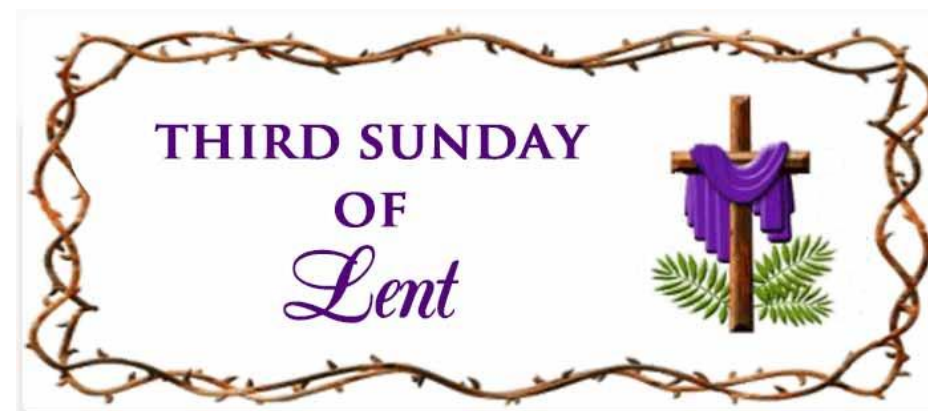
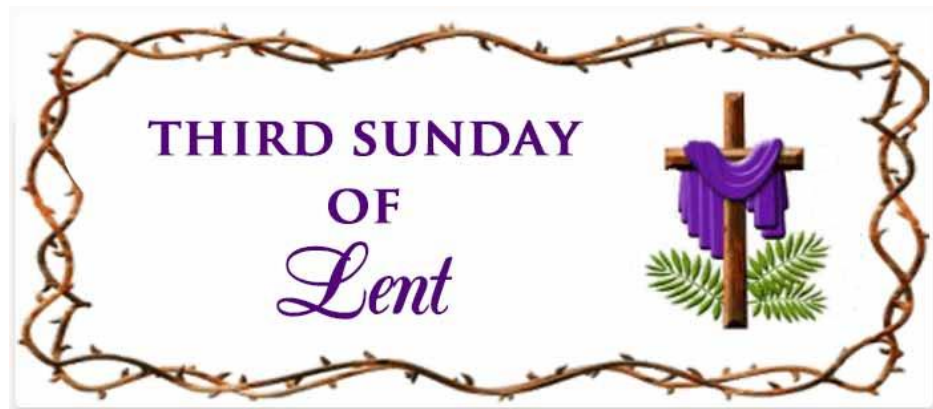
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Thank you for sharing your choices and helping to bring the beauty of Springtime to Buckingham’s Easter Celebration. Please mail your check to Buckingham Presbyterian Church 20 South Main St. Berlin, MD 21811. Memo Easter Flowers

I would like to order:



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TOTAL \$ _____

Bulletin & Gram Dedication—PLEASE PRINT:

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Name (s) / Given By _____

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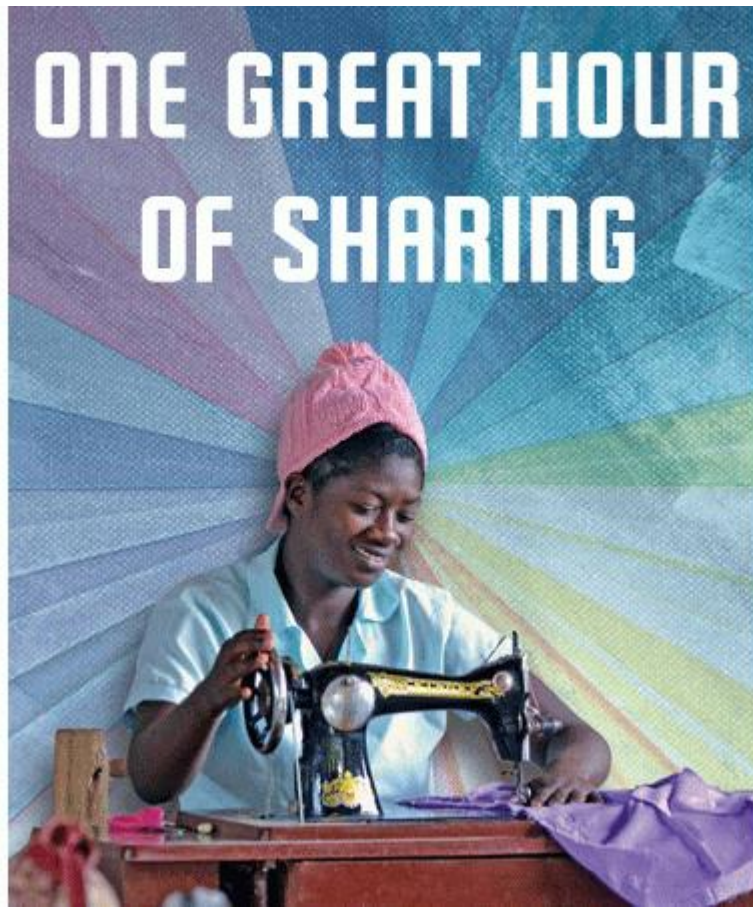
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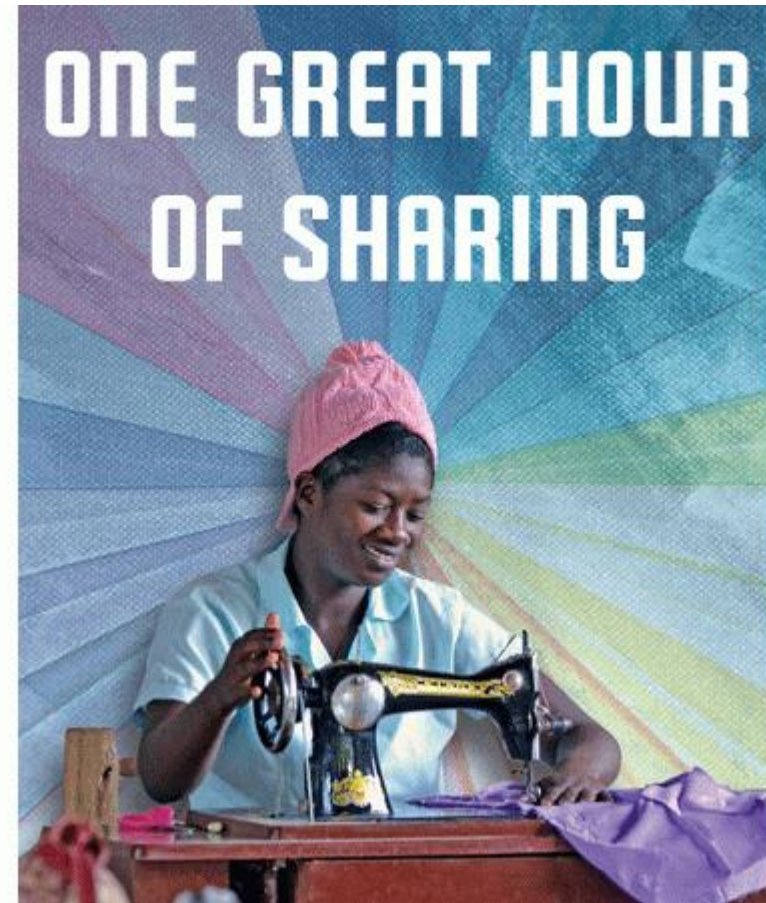


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