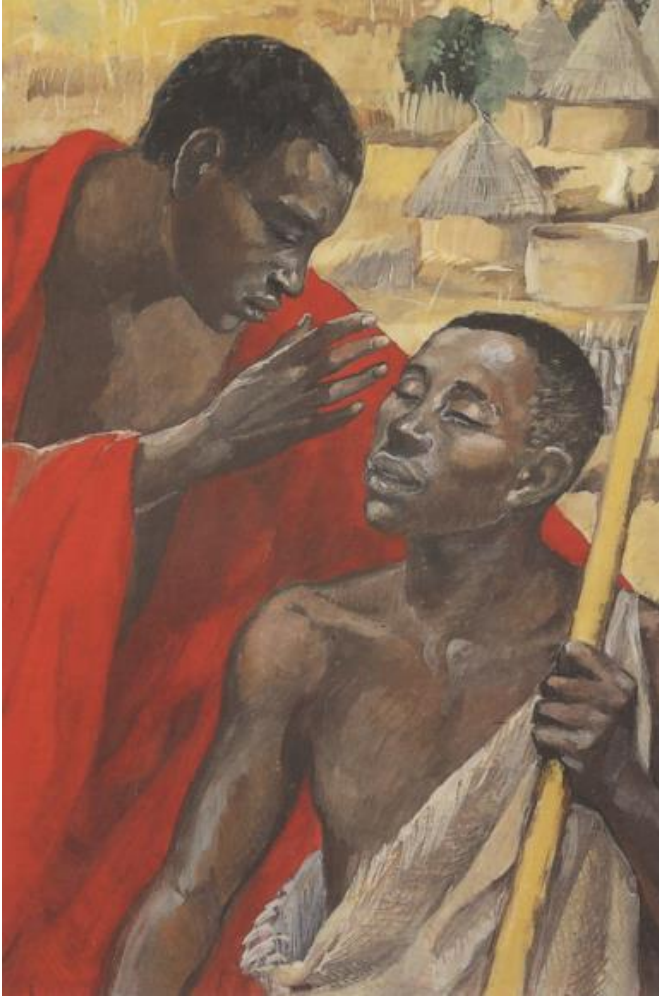


**St. Charles Episcopal Church  
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II**



March 12, 2023  
The Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors. For those in person today, masks are recommended, but not required. Please respect one another's requests for physical distance. All these actions of love and service help protect us all, including the most vulnerable to serious illness, from contracting the Covid-19 coronavirus. Thank you, and God bless you for your faithfulness.

**Voluntary**

**Ciacona in D Minor**

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

**Announcements**

The bell rings; the people stand as they are able.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Gathering Hymn (all sing)**

**I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

*Kingsfold*

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and  
 2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly  
 3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's

rest; and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on my  
 give the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink and  
 light; look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be

breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn and  
 live." I came to Je - sus, as I drank of that life - giv - ing  
 bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my

sad; I found in him a rest - ing place, and  
 stream; my thirst in was quenched, my soul re - lived, and  
 Sun; and and that light of life I'll walk till

he now has made me glad.  
 pil - I live in him.  
 - grim days are done.

## Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**People: His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

**People: Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept. The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

**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.**

Celebrant: 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.

**People: Amen.**

*The people stand as they are able.*

Trisagion

Holy God

Marty Wheeler Burnett

All Sing

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and might-y,

Ho - ly im-mor-tal one, have mer-cy up-on us.

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not

look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 23: 1-6 The Lord is Kind and Merciful

*Cantor first, then all.* Columba Kelly

The Lord is \_\_\_ kind and mer - ci - ful.

*Cantors chant the odd-numbers; everyone chant the even-numbers.* Tone II.1

1. The Lord is my [shep]-herd;\*  
I shall not [be] in want.
2. **He makes me lie down in green [pas]-tures\***  
**and leads me be-[side] still waters.**
3. He re-[vives] my soul\*  
and guides me along right pathways [for] his Name's sake.
4. **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...**  
**I shall fear no [e]-vil;\***  
**for you are with me...your rod and your [staff] they comfort me.**

5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who [trou]-ble me;\*  
 you have anointed my head with oil... and my cup is [run]-ning over.
6. Surely your presence and mercy shall follow me all the days of  
 my [life],\*  
 and I will dwell in the house of the [Lord] forever.

**Second Reading**

**Ephesians 3:8-14**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light- for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as they are able for the Gospel Acclamation and reading.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Glory to You**

Mark Downey

*Organ* **6** *Choir first, then ALL*

Glo - ry to you, O  
 Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!\_\_\_

*The people sit.*

**The Man Born Blind (John 9:1-41)**  
**A dramatic reading in 3 acts**

*Prologue: . . . . Let us begin, then, as Jesus and his disciples leave the Temple. They have narrowly escaped being stoned by the religious authorities who accused Jesus of having a demon because of the audacity of his teachings.*

**Act 1—John 9: 1-12**

Narrator: As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him,

Disciples (Men): Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?

Jesus: Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Narrator: When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him,

Jesus: Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.

Narrator: Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask,

Neighbors (Women): Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?

Narrator: Some were saying,

Neighbors (Women Lecturn Side): It is he.

Narrator: Others were saying,

Neighbors (Women Pulpit Side): No, but it is someone like him like him.

Narrator: He kept saying,

Man Born Blind: I am the man.

Narrator: But they kept asking him,

Neighbors (All Women): Then how were your eyes opened?

Man Born Blind: The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight.

Narrator: The neighbors said to him,

Neighbors (All Women): Where is he?

Man Born Blind: I do not know.

### **Commentary – The Rev. Gloria Hopewell**

#### **Hymn 671 Amazing Grace (verse 1) All sing**

#### **Act 2—John 9: 13-34**

Narrator: They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight.

Man Born Blind: He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.

Narrator: Some of the Pharisees said,

Some Pharisees (Men Lecturn Side): This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.

Narrator: But others said,

Pharisees (Men Pulpit Side): How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?

Narrator: And they were divided.

Pharisees (All Men): What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.

Man Born Blind: He is a prophet.



Narrator: The Pharisees did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them,

Pharisees (All Men): Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?

**Parents (Congregation): We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.**

Narrator: His parents said this because they were afraid of the leaders; they had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.

**Parents: (Congregation) He is of age; ask him.**

Narrator: So for the second time they called the man who had been blind.

Pharisees (All Men): Give glory to God! We know that this man, Jesus, is a sinner.

Man Born Blind: I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.

Pharisees (All Men): What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?

Man Born Blind: I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?

Narrator: Then they reviled him.

Pharisees (All Men): You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.

Man Born Blind: Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.

Pharisees (All Men): You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?

### **Commentary – The Rev. Gloria Hopewell**

#### **Hymn 488 Be Thou My Vision (*verse 1*) *All sing***

#### **Act 3—John 9: 35-41**

Narrator: And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said

Jesus: Do you believe in the Son of Man?

Man Born Blind: And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.

Jesus: You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.

Man Born Blind: Lord, I believe.

Narrator: And he worshiped him.

Jesus: I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.

Narrator: Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him,

Some Pharisees (Men Lecturn Side): Surely we are not blind, are we?

Jesus: If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

### **Commentary – The Rev. Gloria Hopewell**

All sing: **Christ Be Our Light**

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: 1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine through the dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church, gath-ered to-day.

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*Refrain*

*The people stand as they are able for the reciting of the Nicene Creed.*

**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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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 II)

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Paula, our Bishop, for Gloria, our guest Priest, for Linda, our Priest, for Steve, our Deacon, for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the church.

*Silence*

Intercessor: I ask your prayer for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_.  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgiving of those present.*

Intercessor: I ask your prayer for \_\_\_\_\_.  
I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Intercessor: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has  
been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask,  
help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good  
things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us  
for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God.

*The Choir will sing an Offertory Anthem:*

**Open Thou Mine Eyes**

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see:

Incline my heart and I shall desire:

Order my steps and I shall walk in the way of thy commandments.

O Lord God, be thou to be a God and beside Thee let there be none else,

No other, naught else with Thee.

Vouchsafe to me to worship Thee and serve Thee according to Thy commandments,  
 In truth of spirit, in reverence of body.  
 In blessing of lips, in private and public.  
 Open though mine eyes and I shall see  
 Incline my heart and I shall desire:  
 Order my steps and I shall walk in the way of thy commandments.

*The people stand as they are able to sing the Offertory Hymn:*

**Offertory Hymn 440**

*Liebster Jesu*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy S128**

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven 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.

Celebrant: 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:

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

Celebrant: 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 forever.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:  
*All Sing:*

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



## Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### Lamb of God S165

William Mathias

*All Sing:*



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Communion

*All Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available as well as grape juice; please make your need known to the minister. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate by crossing your arms when you approach the Celebrant. Individual healing prayer is available for those who wish to participate. Please wear a mask and write your request using the paper and pencil provided in the pews. Ushers will direct participants.*

*The people stand to sing the Communion Hymn as they are able.*

# Communion Hymn

# Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

Sharpe

1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain: re -  
 2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let  
 3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis -  
 4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.  
 me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.  
 pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.  
 heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

## Home Eucharistic Ministers Prayer

**Celebrant:** Katie and Jim, we send you out to share Communion with those members of our community who cannot be physically present with us here in church today.

**People:** **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

**Celebrant:** May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** **Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**People:** Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## Blessing

Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**All:** Amen.

## Prayer Over the People - Lent

Deacon: Let us bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel, as they are able.*

Celebrant: Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

*The people stand as they are able to sing the Sending Forth Hymn:*

**Sending Forth Hymn 143**

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

**Dismissal**

Deacon: Treble clef, five quarter notes on a line (G4, A4, B4, C5, D5) with lyrics "Let us bless the Lord."

People: Treble clef, four quarter notes on a line (G4, A4, B4, C5) with lyrics "Thanks be to God!"

*Due to their festive nature, the Concluding Voluntary is omitted during Lent.*



*Today we welcome The Rev. Gloria Hopewell as our Celebrant.  
Thank you, Mother Gloria, for worshipping with us today.*

## Upcoming Events 2023:

- ❖ **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30 a.m. Discussion of Walking the Stations of the Cross
- ❖ **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** – 10:30 a.m. Discussion of The Music of Lent and Holy Week

## Holy Conversations

Please plan to participate in ALL THREE sessions to most benefit your healing, and that of our spiritual community. There is still time to participate, please see **Pastor Linda**. All sessions will begin immediately following Coffee Hour.

- ❖ **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** – Session 1: Things I Value
- ❖ **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** – Session 2: Hurts and Disappointments
- ❖ **Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** – Session 3: Wishes, Hopes, and Dreams

## Holy Week and Easter Schedule

- ❖ **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Service with Holy Eucharist
- ❖ **April 6<sup>th</sup>** – Maundy Thursday, 6:00 p.m. Agape Dinner in Ludtke Hall, 7:00 p.m. Service with Holy Eucharist
- ❖ **April 7<sup>th</sup>** – Good Friday, 7:00 p.m. Solemn Service
- ❖ **April 9<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Service with Holy Eucharist

See *The Pulse* for more details on these events.

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Please contact our office to be added to our weekly email list:

parishadmin@stcharlesepiscopal.org or 630-584-2596

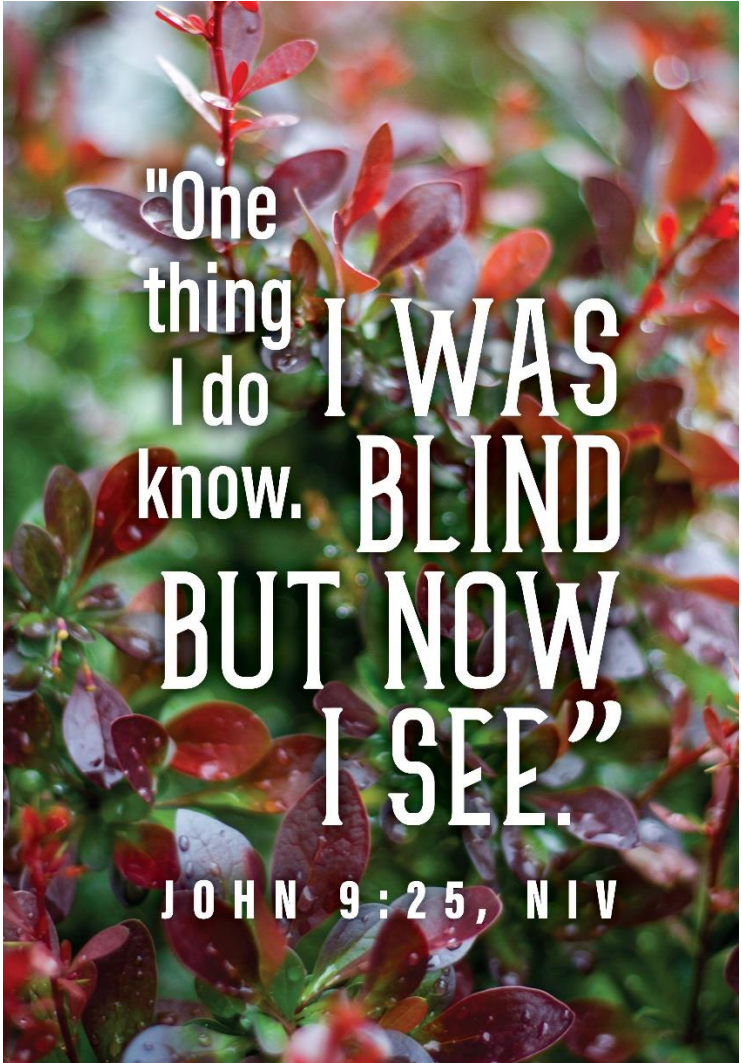
Parish Office Hours: M-Th, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

## Recordings of previous services may be viewed on Facebook and YouTube:

- ❖ <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesEpiscopalIII/>
- ❖ *St Charles Episcopal Church, St. Charles, Illinois - YouTube*

“People judge by  
outward appearance,  
but the LORD  
looks at the  
heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7, NLT



"One  
thing  
I do  
know. **I WAS  
BLIND  
BUT NOW  
I SEE."**

**JOHN 9:25, NIV**

## **RULE OF LIFE at St. Charles Episcopal Church**

Our Rule of Life is how we live the Gospel daily.

- ❖ Christ is the cornerstone of the church, and prayer is the foundation of our life together.
- ❖ We come together in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis.
- ❖ We listen to one another with the compassionate heart of Christ and ask questions for clarification.
- ❖ We respect one another's stories by listening and keeping their confidence.
- ❖ We strive to practice forgiveness as we have been forgiven through Jesus' death and resurrection.
- ❖ We behave knowing God is in our midst.
- ❖ We seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves.
- ❖ We respect the dignity of every human being.
- ❖ We actively build worship, education, service and giving.

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*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.” Philippians 4:4*