

VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024
10:30 AM Worship**

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PRELUDE

Dinah Helgeson

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

CANDLELIGHTING


GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patte Wagner, Lay Leader

Congregation stands as able

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Stand

- [P]** Returning again to the waters of our baptism, we begin in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- [P]** Let us confess our sin before God and in the presence of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- [P]** Gracious and merciful God,
- [C]** We confess to you the truth of our broken lives.
We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways.
We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of your creation.
We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast,
or make room at the table for the homeless and the hungry.
We have neither worked to release the oppressed
nor admitted our own captivities.
Forgive our sin, heal our lives, and set us free
that we might live with your whole creation
in the justice and joy of your promised future.
- [P]** God, who is merciful and kind,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
hears the cries of all who plead for mercy
and, in these last days, has sent Christ Jesus
to announce the good news of forgiveness and release
to all who are bound by guilt or broken by shame,
that they might praise God and serve the world
with glad and generous hearts.
- [P]** For freedom Christ has set you free.
- [C]** Thanks be to God.

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
 3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
 dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
 kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (next page): fr. "Tree of Life", Pew Edition, by Marty Haugen, pg. 6 Marita Ericksen, Cantor

KYRIE

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

5

[C] Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,

9

[A] 1. For the reign of
[A] 2. For your peo - ple

— Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.

14

God, and for peace through - out the world, for the
here who have come to give you praise, for the

17

u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord:
strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord:

21

[C] Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have

25

[A] Help, save, and de - fend us, O

mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.

30

God. [C] A men.

Simple ending To Hymn of Praise*

HYMN OF PRAISE (next page): from "Tree of Life", by M. Haugen, Rev. Barich, solo, Verses 1, 2 & 3

GLORY TO GOD

Strong $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 56-58$

§ Refrain



☐ Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God,



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,



peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1.2. To Verses 1 and 2



earth. earth.

poco rit.

To Prayer of the Day

Verse 1



I Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God- and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we_ give_ you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

D.S.

Verse 2




II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of




God, you take a - way the_ sin of the world: have

30


 mer - cy on us. I+II You are seat - ed at the

33

 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our. prayer. D.S.

Verse 3
 37

I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,___

41

II You a - lone are the Most___ High, Je - sus Christ, with the

44

 Ho - ly Spir - it, I+II in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. D.S.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

Judy Carr, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Numbers, Chapter 21.

L: From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



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Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, *for God's mercy en- dures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim

***that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**
gathering them in from the lands;

*from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took rebellious paths; *through their sins they were afflicted.

They loathed all manner of food *and drew near to death's door.

Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD

***and you delivered them from their distress.**

You sent forth your word and healed them *and rescued them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love

***and your wonderful works for all people.**

Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving *and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

Judy Carr, Lector

L: A reading from Ephesians, Chapter 2.

L: You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: from "Tree of Life", by Marty Haugen, p. 10 (next page)

Re - turn to the Lord, your
 God, who is gra - cious and mer-ci-ful,
 slow to an-ger, and a - bound-ing in stead - fast
 love, and a - bound-ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 3.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said:] “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation sits

MESSAGE:

Rev. John Michael Barich

Hymn of the Day (next page):

ELW, #666, vs. 1 - 3

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.
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APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *Please sit*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Gail Larson Assisting Minister (A)

A: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A: Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, disaster, and war. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and wildlife. Cleanse oceans and rivers. Make us good stewards of the earth. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: Righteous God, your love liberates. We give thanks for those who courageously witness to your liberating love. Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. Strengthen health care workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud... Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**


P: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

P: (At the end of passing of the peace) Now is the time for the sharing of our gifts to God.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

ELW, #314

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**☒ Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you.
We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us.
May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you,
dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation,**

Amen. *Congregation stands as able*

*The Great Thanksgiving (next page): "Tree of Life" Communion Setting, Presider Edition, pp. 18, 20,
by Marty Haugen*

Rev. John Michael Barich, Cantor (P)

The GREAT THANKSGIVING



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.



☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ☑ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

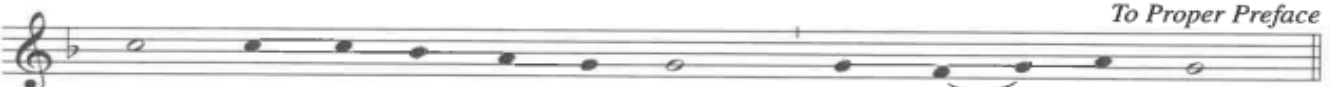
PREFACE OPENING



☐ It is in - deed right and good that we should everywhere and



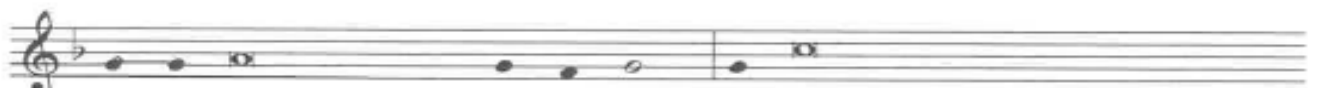
al - ways of - fer thanks and praise to you, Ho - ly



God, might - y and im - mor - tal, through Christ, our Lord... *To Proper Preface*



☐ You bid us return to you and be re - newed, that your justice may shine like the sun



and the poor of the earth be lift - ed up. And so with the Church on earth and the



hosts of heav - en, we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn. *To Holy, Holy*

“Holy, holy, holy” (next page), from “Tree of Life”, Pew Edition, pp. 14-15, by Marty Haugen:

HOLY, HOLY

Introduction omitted when Preface is sung.

© Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,
5 God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
9 glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
12 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
15 bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
18 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
21 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER/COMMUNION:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: Invitation to Communion: This is the table, not of this church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little; come, you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come, you who have never been before; come, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the church invites you; this is Christ, and he invites you to meet him right here.

Communion Hymn #1: “Lamb of God”, from “Tree of Life”, Pew Edition, p. 17, by Marty Haugen

LAMB OF GOD

6
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have

10
mer - cy on us. Lamb of

14
2.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

19
world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Hymn #2 (next page):

ELW, #779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

P: Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING:

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✝ bless you and remain with you always. **C: Amen**


Sending Song:

ELW, #660

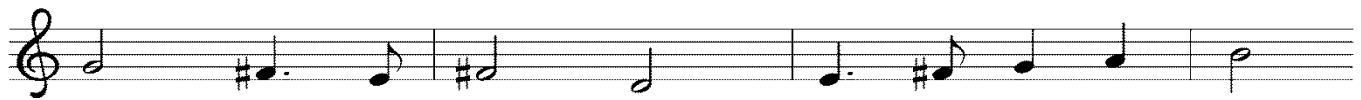
Lift High the Cross



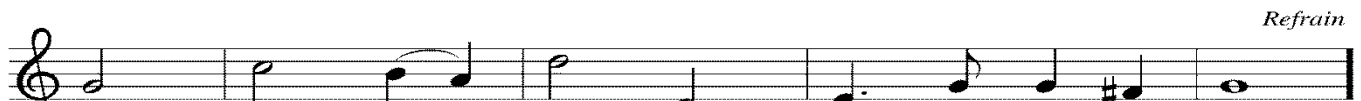
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Refrain
 our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
 Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Share your bread. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Dinah Helgeson

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Worship Assistants This Morning:

Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich
 Assisting Minister – Gail Larson
 Lector – Judy Carr
 Communion Assistant – Martha Gebhard
 Usher – Jim Dam
 Musician – Dinah Helgeson
 Cantors – Marita Ericksen, Rev. John Barich
 Communion Set Up – Martha Gebhard

Worship Assistants Next Week (3/17/24):

Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich
 Assistant Minister – TBA
 Lector – TBA
 Communion Assistant – TBA
 Usher – Jim Dam
 Musician – Dinah Helgeson
 Cantors – TBA, Rev. J. M. Barich
 Communion Set Up – TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Rev. John Michael Barich for your participation in worship today at VLC!

Contact Gail Larson (206/567-4779) with your prayer requests.

IFCH Dinner Program: VLC provides hand out meals at Vashon Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM the fourth Thurs. of the month. Contact Patte Wagner: pattewags@aol.com to help.

The Care Closet, Medical Equipment/Supplies – 206-473-8715. Vashon Care Network – 206-473-8715.
Email: contact@vashoncarenetwork.org; website: www.vashoncarenetwork.org

VCN FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP - Vashon Care Network invites you to join other family caregivers in a safe, supportive space to share the experience of caregiving. Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 PM at VLC. ?? Call Kathy Shafel, kshafel@comcast.net, cell: 206.718-1458 or Tory Hayes, 206.304-4544, victoriansmith@comcast.net.

Worship Assistants Needed: For next Sunday, Mar. 17, at VLC, and for Maundy Thurs. Mar. 28, 5:30 PM at CHS (Episcopal) and Good Friday, Mar. 29, 7:00 PM at VPC (Presbyterian). Please sign up on the clipboard on the banister at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY

1st
10:30 AM
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Food Bank Sunday
Worship
AA Group

MONDAY

10:00 AM
4th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
March 18, 7:00 PM

Intercessory Prayer Group
VCN Board Meeting
Worship Committee Mtg. at June Langland's

TUESDAY

2nd, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
3rd, 10:00 AM – noon

Quilt Sewers Group
Vashon Quilting Group

WEDNESDAY

1st, 9:00 AM – noon
Mar. 20, 7:00 PM

Lutheran Quilters Group
VLC ZOOM Council Meeting

THURSDAY

6:30-7:30 PM
Mar. 28, 5:00 pm

VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC
IFCH Dinner, prepared by VLC, served at VPC

FRIDAY

7:00 – 8:30 PM

AA Group for Men

REMAINING LENT – EASTER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MAR 6 – MAR 20, MID-WEEK 5:00 PM, WEDS. TAIZE 30-MINUTE ZOOM SERVICE @ Vashon Presbyterian Church
MAR 24 – PALM SUNDAY 10:30 AM @ VLC w/ CHS (Fr. Evan Clendenin presiding and preaching)
MAR 25, 26, 27– MON, TU, WED 6:00 PM @ VPC
MAR 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:30 PM @ CHS w/ VLC (Fr. Clendenin & Pr. J. M. Barich)
MAR 28 – MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM @ VPC
MAR 29 - GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM @ VPC w/ VLC & CHS (Pr. Weber preside & preach; Pr. Barich & Fr. Clendenin participate)

MAR 31 – EASTER SUNRISE 6:45 AM @ CAMP BURTON
MAR 31 – EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 AM @ CHS
MAR 31 – EASTER BRUNCH 9:00 AM @ VLC
MAR 31 – EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE @ 10:30AM @ VLC



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Hymns for March 10, 2024

ELW, 848

Give to God Immortal Praise!

ELW, 666, v. 1 - 3

What Wondrous Love is This

ELW, 186

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW, 779

Amazing Grace

ELW, 660

Lift High the Cross