



# The Dove

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*W3K 2024 — still photos taken from Fr. Phil's wonderful movie of the 297 homes and other structures that he blessed during this year's Epiphany season. See page 4 for more information.*

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## All We Have to Do is Breathe

If you could name God in a single word, knowing that word would be different tomorrow or different yesterday, what would that word be?

Jeff: -- "omnipotent." Multi-syllable word. Very good.

What would you say, Vicki? -- "Love." OK, love. I've heard that before. But not often here. People come up with other words. Is your word the same as it was?

What is it today, Ellie? -- "Inclusive." OK, another word for love, I think. Very good.

Ron, you got a word? -- "Community."

By the way, I read a lovely article in *The New York Times* by the actor Hank Azaria. ["To Matthew Perry, God was a Bunch of Drunks in a Room" -- November 12, 2023, prompted by Perry's death]. It was all about being in the program. I recommend you search for it in the *Times*. It's really, really good -- my sermon for the last 30 years.

So how about over there? Alex, what was your word for God this morning? -- "It was actually 3 words." Which were? "I don't know." Gotta like that.

Well, Meg, same word? -- "Disguised." OK. "I don't know" and "Disguised"

Deb, anything? -- "love" as well. Well. OK, that's another four-letter word.

Judy? She doesn't know either. OK, we have a good group now. That's excellent, terrific.

Dot, same word -- "Savior". OK, cool.

This is wonderful. A friend of mine once said, "If God can't make two snowflakes alike, why would our encounter of God be the same, one person to another?" It just wouldn't, couldn't; something that vast and unimaginable.

Today is Transfiguration Sunday, with that story of Christ being illuminated in such a way that the disciples didn't know how to deal with it. Just for a point of reference, this is in Mark's gospel, the shortest of them all. You can read it out loud in under ninety minutes. In fact, you can go to Broadway and see a guy orally interpret the whole thing around Holy Week.

It's the simplest organizational principle in a Gospel. For instance, this Transfiguration story happens right smack dab physically in the middle of all the words. They organized it so. And it begins with the baptism in the river Jordan. Mark doesn't have a birth narrative. He has the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, in the waters of baptism with John the Baptist, peaks at the Transfiguration in chapter 9, and then from the Transfiguration we go directly to Calvary and the cross in chapters 15-16.

It's that wonderful structure that gives us such clarity. You know, and as I've said before, Mark is moving along fairly quickly. And his words "immediate" or "just as soon as" or "just then" — those are the words that are most popular in the whole Gospel. There's an alacrity, a presence, an intensity about this Gospel. It just moves through. And we get to this peak moment in the Transfiguration.

Now, I want to pause for a second and point out that we have some roof leaks. Did you notice? In the parish hall, it's much worse. These places aren't leaking anymore because someone went up and patched the roof, so for the moment, they're OK.

The parish hall, which was the original church, is a wonderful building structure. It was made to be mid-century modern, with a nice Asian influence. You ever notice it? Where's Richard Southwick when you need him? Ah yes, he's in the Narthex with the ushers. That's fine.

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The roof of the parish hall has a nice, gentle peak and wings that flare out. It's really gracious and lovely. The problem with that is, because it's so narrowly sloped and then flattens out, the water that usually wants to go downhill has to find an easier way. There's a sermon in there.

The roof will take a lot of money to fix. So I've been up there for several months now, chasing the leaks. I've got it pretty much fixed, and am planning to go up today after church, one more time. Don't try to stop me. I've had a lot of hassles from folks like Alex Van Veldhuisen: "You can't go up on the roof," blah, blah.

It's flat. I'm not going to fall, not yet. And it's down to one little leak, maybe, where the seam is, where it gets very flat.

The fact is I just love doing it. And as I look back over the years of being your priest, I recognize that I've done a lot: plumbing, electrical, sheet rock, painting of course, and welding. When the heating tray from Meals on Wheels broke down, I said, well, I can fix that. And I got the little portable welder up and it's all good. What other church do you know that has a welding unit in the basement?

You have to understand, I do these things because they are therapeutic. Right? And you don't have to be doing electrical work to understand that. It could be quilting. It has a beginning, it has a middle, and it has an end.

Coursework, right? Midterms, finals, boom, I'm out of here! Well, they have finals in New Zealand. Yes, they will. I can't imagine having to study in New Zealand. [Ellie Curtain was scheduled to fly off to NZ a few days after this sermon for her semester there]. On the beach. Well, it's summer there, right? Flights to New Zealand have a beginning, a middle and an end, right? 16 hours later.

But you know what doesn't have a beginning, middle and end? Our life in Christ. And community life doesn't. And our emotional lives don't. And our interpersonal lives don't. We have moments that feel like it, and are, in some ways tangibly, very, very much like it.

But our life in Christ begins when? In baptism. Does it conclude? In the perfecting grace of God, I think not. But, we have deaths. We are mortal.

Ash Wednesday is coming up. The purpose of Ash Wednesday is to remind of our mortality, not to scare us into some kind of behavioral compliance (better watch out, better not cry. Making a list, checking it twice, gonna find out who's naughty or nice).

This is not the God we believe in. This is not the God of the scriptures. This is certainly not out of Mark's Gospel. Where did that come from?

Can my power to do bad things defeat God, in the end? You've got a puny little God, probably. I have a God who doesn't believe in my end. My version of myself, or yours.

This transfiguring God, this God, you know — that's the thing. I want it to be easier and so I'll go on up on the roof because life is hard and I'd like to have a beginning and a middle and end, and it's therapeutic. But really I shouldn't be in denial about the fact that I'm living in the midst of something *transfiguringly* wonderful that I can't put a word to, and you can't either. We have a momentary word, like omnipotent. Or, even, love. But can that possibly contain the reality of God?

What does Peter do? He doesn't want to deal with this thing. He's going to build a house for these guys. He gets busy. Anybody here get busy?



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I've been busy for 37 years as your priest trying to prove myself to you. For part of it. I can't. I can't prove myself to God. BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE TO! God is not Santa Claus. And yet, somewhere in my brain, inside there, I don't realize I don't have to do anything. I don't have to be anyone else. I don't have to become another person. All I have to do is breathe.

Who do you know in your life who's worried about a Santa Claus? Or, are you? Who do you know in your life who's trying to prove themselves? Or, are you? Who do you know who doesn't think they're good enough? Or, do you? Who do you know who's trying to build a house, like Peter? Or fix a roof, like Phil? Or, are you? Who needs to know the very, very, very, very, very Good News, that all you have to do, in the presence of God, is breathe?

*Very Rev. Philip Carr-Jones†*  
February 11, 2024 — Transfiguration Sunday

*Note: This homily was transcribed from audio to text through the wonders of IT and the expertise of Meg McKenna (thank you Meg!). I took the liberty of smoothing it out a bit, since Fr. Phil's wonderful delivery style doesn't always translate verbatim from his voice to the page. And in this case he wasn't looking at a prepared text (how does he do that?). — Ed.*

## We Three Kings [W3K] 2024

As Meg McKenna so aptly put it recently, "W3K is a part of our very being." While that is certainly true for those of us who have been worshipping at Holy Spirit for more than a year or so, the only announcement of its imminent arrival during this past Epiphany seems to have been a postcard sent to all parishioners of record in November 2023. (And likely posted on the church website at the time.)

For newer parishioners and visitors, and those who happen upon this bulletin, here's a brief report. Each Epiphany Father Phil, with the assistance of faithful drivers, organizers, and compilers of the "goody bag" that he is handing to Sharon Tripodi in the photo below, visits each home of record to bless its door with the year and the initials C M B for Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, the three wise men who followed the Eastern Star to the stable in Bethlehem. This year he blessed 197 dwellings, including horse barns, a covered bridge, beehives, and a deli. His terrific movie captures most if not all of them. <https://vimeo.com/914509093?share>



Hello from the snow-covered Blue Mountains of Pennsylvania! I was delighted to see Father Phil and Elizabeth Van Veldhuisen at the door to bless my house. I had been rescheduled from January because of weather. This time their travel to and from was uneventful. After the blessing we had soup and fresh sourdough bread, along with a nice catch-up on current events and parishioners I miss seeing. I thank Elizabeth for the transportation and photos and Phil for his spirit! Miss you all,

*Sharon Tripodi*

*Lord,  
it is night.*

*The night is for stillness.  
Let us be still  
in the presence of God.*

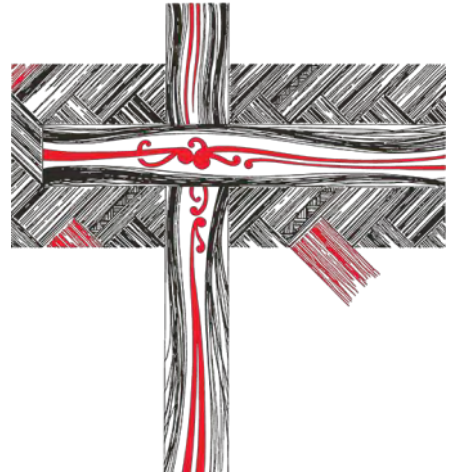
*It is night after a long day.  
What has been done has been done;  
what has not been done has not been done;  
let it be.*

*The night is dark.  
Let our fears of the darkness  
of the world  
and of our own lives  
rest in you.*

*The night is quiet.  
Let the quietness of your peace  
enfold us,  
all dear to us,  
and all who have no peace.*

*The night heralds the dawn.  
Let us look expectantly to a new day,  
new joys,  
new possibilities.*

*In your name we pray.  
**Amen.***



This prayer, part of the gift bag left during this year's house blessing, is taken from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, a publication of The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

## Meditations For Mind and Body

During Advent, Chris Wyglendowski introduced us to Holy Spirit Sangha for Mindfulness Meditation in the Plum Village Tradition of Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh ([PlumVillage.org](http://PlumVillage.org)).

The series was so successful that Chris agreed to continue it in 2024. Participants meet in the Sanctuary (usually on the second and fourth Mondays of each month). We practice slowing down, listening, and re-connecting our minds and bodies. The heated floor invites stretching out. If you'd like to sit on a cushion and mat (or folded towel or yoga mat), please bring one from home. Chairs are also available.

If you have questions, ask Chris in person or by email at [cwyglendowski@gmail.com](mailto:cwyglendowski@gmail.com).

## Report from the Vestry

At the 8:00 o'clock service on February 4, the new Senior Warden, John Andrews, reported that the vestry had just had a very productive 2-day retreat. They covered a lot of ground. On the first day, the focus was on identifying and discussing all aspects of how the church functions. On the second day, they discussed the process of transitioning to a new Rector.

John felt that the Vestry worked very well together and was appreciative of the effort that Vestry members and Fr. Phil and Deacons Dot and Michelleslie put into making the retreat successful.

In the true spirit of "Church of the Holy Appetite" we enjoyed wonderful food. Friday's dinner was provided by Jane and Jeff Anderson, Saturday's breakfast by Father Phil and Saturday's lunch by Andy Follansbee.

John Andrews and Diane Hrozencik, the new Junior Warden, look forward to providing you with periodic updates as the Vestry continues its work in the months ahead. As John was not able to stay for the 10:00 service, Eva Lesniak kindly made the announcement then. Thank you Eva!

## Archbishop Oscar Romero Prayer: A Step Along the Way by Bishop Ken Untener

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

*This prayer was composed by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw, drafted for a homily by Cardinal John Dearden in November 1979 for a celebration of departed priests. The words of the prayer are attributed to Oscar Romero, but they were never spoken by him. Contributed to this issue by Meg McKenna.*

## Open Cupboard Food Pantry Fire

Dear friends, By now, you have heard the devastating news about the Clinton Food Pantry being destroyed in the Walgreen's fire last week. I want to share with you a brief summary of a letter from Les Hall, Executive Director of the Pantry. First, they HAVE NOT sanctioned any online fund-raising or Go Fund Me efforts. They are accepting monetary donations through their website portal or by mail. [See Information below] You may also donate food gift cards from local markets. They are NOT accepting food donations at this time; if you do bring in items, Katie and I will bring them to the Flemington Pantry.

Open Cupboard is working with the Washington Basket to accept their clients. As of this writing they had no news about the Thrift Shop. There is a meeting on March 8 that I plan to attend, and then I can provide more information about how CHS can assist them. Thank you for your continued help to our neighbors in need. Most sincerely,

You may mail a gift card, check or money order, payable to :  
Open Cupboard Food Pantry, Inc.,  
P.O. Box 5071, Clinton, NJ 08809 or go to the pantry's  
website: [www.opencupboardfoodpantry.org](http://www.opencupboardfoodpantry.org)

*Suzanne and Katie Higgins*

## Want to Hold an Event or Party at Church?

Decide on a date and check the Master CHS Calendar for other events that day. Here is the link for the CHS CALENDAR: [https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=chs.calendar%40churchholyspirit.net&ctz=America%2FNew\\_York](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=chs.calendar%40churchholyspirit.net&ctz=America%2FNew_York)

To check room availability, go to SKEEDA. <https://churchholyspirit.skedda.com>. Then contact me to get your date on SKEEDA and/or CALENDAR.

*Marge Keller*

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## How Many Memories Can You Provide???

Alex Van Veldhuisen, party planner *extraordinaire*, has tasked me with collecting memories/pictures of the last 37 years at CHS for Phil's June 29th Celebration. Jan Paxton and Fr. John Rollins will perform the magic that turns these disparate images into a wonderful slide show.

Phil has been here since before digital photography was the way of the world, so we are very grateful for the Paxton/Rollins expertise to chronicle the years back when he was young and foolish! Do you have some photos in an album (or a box) that you would be willing to share? You can scan them or photograph them with your phone to send them via email. If you're a Luddite like me, you can drop photos or slides in an envelope with your name and current address and snail mail them to me (please text or email me for the address) or give them to me or Alex at church. Jan and John will scan them and have them returned to you.

Everyone, please look back at your albums/phones/hard drives etc. and forward any photos you feel would be appropriate. We are sure you will be selective in your choices, knowing that the images will be flooding in! My email for digital photos is [vicki.brooks24@comcast.net](mailto:vicki.brooks24@comcast.net) Cell is 908-752-3062. Thank you!

*Vicki Brooks*

## Around the County and Environs

### Eat Your Veggies

It's March. Spring is around the corner and we spring forward by an hour on the 10th. Daylight saving time will be a tonic. As we're waiting for the lettuce and asparagus and other early crops, there are local farm stands and collectives that remain open year-round because they have indoor venues. They include:

- ◆ Clinton Farm Market: Sundays from 9:00am—1:00pm at the Community Center next to the library
- ◆ Dutch Country Farmers' Market, Flemington: Thursday-Saturday starting at 9:00am
- ◆ Stangl Factory Farmer's Market, Flemington: Saturday 9:00am-3:00pm.
- ◆ Phillips Farms, Milford (Holland Township). Open all week. Hours generally 9-5 or thereabouts.

*Most of these have websites that afford much more information, including directions. If you have a favorite that isn't on this list, let me know and I'll mention it in a future issue.—Ed.*

### Save the Earth

Are you aware of the many recycling opportunities the county provides? Check them out on their website: <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/261/Recycling-Solid-Waste-Services>. Coming up this month and next:

- March 16: Electronics (now accepting most items with a plug, including air conditioners and dehumidifiers)
- March 23: Hazardous Waste
- April 20: Shredding

These and others later in the year are held at the Route 12 County Complex. The shredding days generally start at 8:00am and run until the trucks are full. Electronics starts at 9:00am. Check out the website for future dates (some have 4 opportunities, some 2). And depending on where you reside, your own town or township may offer additional sites.



### Tenet Vocal Artists: Pergolesi Stabat Mater

Saturday, March 9, 7:00—9:00pm, Community of St. John Baptist, Mendham Township

An intimate performance of a seminal work for Lent, Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* has become a treasured staple among Italian works for the season. TENET explores florid sonatas by Isabella Leonarda, who lived and composed one generation before Pergolesi, and whose works show the depth and versatility of her creative genius. It is an intimate, one-to-a-part performance for singers, string quartet and continuo.

More information on this concert is available on the St. John Baptist website or at

<https://www.musicsh.org/events-and-concert-info/stabat-mater>





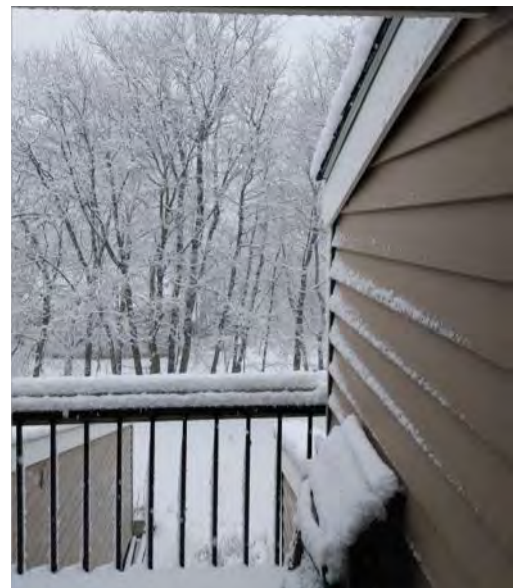
*The youth group and youth group alumni (college students) went bowling together on Friday, January 5, 2024 at Oakwood Lanes in Washington. What a lovely connection these young people maintain! — Michelle Marlow*

*One of the local paparazzi [aka David Cahall] caught these two off the reservation at Bishop Curry's movie, A Case for Love, on January 23rd. David's report: "The movie was very good. We had a Zoom meeting January 25 of those who attended. [It was] a good discussion that followed the post-movie discussion questions.....Hopefully we can rent it in the future to show to the entire congregation. Well worth it."*



*A week in a tropical paradise (Nevis). Fr. John Rollins captured some wonderful pictures of a recent February week with wife Jan Paxton. Thank s for reminding us that the sun and sea are warm somewhere not far away!*

*From the sublime to.....A February day in Clinton. View from my dining room as the white stuff continued to fall. Most snow we've seen here in a couple of years. It sure is beautiful when you don't have to drive in it. — Ed.*



## **Lent is a time of Fasting and Feasting**

**Fast from judging others;**

**Feast on Christ dwelling in them.**

**Fast from fear of illness;**

**Feast on the healing power of God.**

**Fast from words that pollute;**

**Feast on speech that purifies.**

**Fast from discontent;**

**Feast on gratitude.**

**Fast from anger;**

**Feast on patience.**

**Fast from pessimism;**

**Feast on optimism.**

**Fast from negatives;**

**Feast on alternatives.**

**Fast from bitterness;**

**Feast on forgiveness.**

**Fast from self-concern;**

**Feast on compassion.**

**Fast from suspicion;**

**Feast on truth.**

**Fast from gossip;**

**Feast on purposeful silence.**

**Fast from problems that overwhelm;**

**Feast on prayer that sustains.**

**Fast from worry;**

**Feast on faith**

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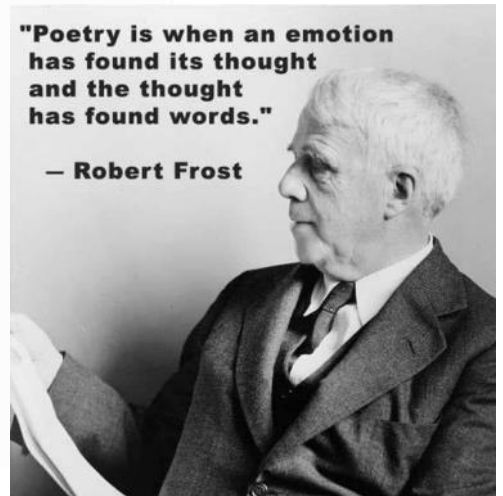
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You are not your age,  
Nor the size of clothes you wear,  
You are not a weight,  
Or the colour of your hair.  
You are not your name,  
Or the dimples in your cheeks,  
You are all the books you read,  
And all the words you speak,  
You are your croaky morning voice,  
And the smiles you try to hide,  
You're the sweetness in your laughter,  
And every tear you've cried,  
You're the songs you sing so loudly,  
When you know you're all alone,  
You're the places that you've been to,  
And the one that you call home,  
You're the things that you believe in,  
And the people that you love,  
You're the photos in your bedroom,  
And the future you dream of,  
You're made of so much beauty,  
But it seems that you forgot,  
When you decided that you were defined,  
By all the things you're not.

~e.h

**"Poetry is when an emotion  
has found its thought  
and the thought  
has found words."**

**— Robert Frost**



Quote from Maks Viktor Antiquarian  
Books; thanks to Ricky Waller

## *If Any Want to Become My Followers*

Although a bit irreverent and certainly not scriptural, imagine this picture: It's several years after Jesus' death and resurrection. The disciples are together. They are talking about the good old days, laughing, teasing, and reminiscing the way friends who have shared a life-changing experience often do. Then one of them looks at Peter and says, "Hey Satan, tell us about the day you rebuked Jesus!" Another joins in, "Yeah, how'd that work out for you?" Another, "What were you thinking about, Peter?" Peter begins to speak, "You know I just didn't like the whole suffering and dying thing. I didn't get it. That's not what I signed up for. That's not who I thought the Messiah would be." The others become quiet. They recall that day like it was yesterday. They begin to realize that Peter didn't say anything they weren't thinking.

Maybe Peter didn't say anything we haven't thought or even wanted to say. Jesus has a very different understanding of discipleship than what most of us probably want. When another's reality and vision begin to conflict with and overtake our own we rebuke. We take them aside to enlighten them, help them understand, show them the error of their ways. That's all Peter did.

If we are really honest haven't we, at some point, disagreed with Jesus, asking why he doesn't do what we want? Why won't he see the world our way? It all seems so clear to us.

- † If he can cast out the demons and silence the crazy guy in the synagogue, surely he could silence the voices that drive us crazy.
- † If he can heal Peter's mother-in-law why not those we love?
- † If he can make the paralytic walk why are so many crippled by fear, dementia, or addiction?
- † If he can calm the sea surely he could calm the storms of our world. Yet they rage on: violence, war, poverty.
- † If he can keep Jairus' daughter from dying why not our children, our friends, our loved ones?
- † If he can feed 5000 with a few fish and pieces of bread why does much of the world go to bed hungry?

Haven't we wondered about these things? Haven't we been asked these kinds of questions? There are some who have lost faith and left the Church over these things. These are our rebukes of Jesus. He is not being or acting like we want. Sometimes his words challenge and shock us. Maybe we're not so different from Peter.

Peter has an image of what the Messiah is supposed to do and who the Messiah is supposed to be. We all have our own images and wishes about who Jesus is and what he should do. All is well when Jesus is casting out demons, healing the sick, preventing death, and feeding the multitudes. We like that Jesus. We want to follow that Jesus. He is our Lord and Savior.

Jesus will not, however, conform to our images of who we think he is or who we want him to be. Instead, he asks us to conform to who he knows himself to be: the one who "must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again." He sets a choice before us. It is a choice we each must make. Again and again the circumstances of life put that choice before us.

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We either choose ourselves and deny Jesus or we deny ourselves and choose Jesus. “If any want to become my followers,” he says, “let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Self-denial is the beginning of discipleship.

That is probably not what Peter had in mind when Jesus said, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” Is that what we had in mind when we came to church today, or what we think about when our baby is baptized, or how often we understand and practice our faith as daily self-denial.

Jesus’ words are hard and his way extreme. Faith in Jesus, Peter is learning, is not about the elimination of risks, the preservation of life, and the ability to control. Instead, Jesus asks us to risk it all, abandon our lives, and relinquish control to God. That is what Jesus is doing and he expects nothing less of those who would follow him.

The way of Christ, self-denial, reminds us that our life is not our own. It belongs to God. It reminds us that we are not in control. God is. Our life is not about us. It is about God. There is great freedom in knowing these things. We are free to be fully alive. Through self-denial our falling down becomes rising up, losing is saving, and death is resurrection.

Jesus chose to give in a world that takes, to love in a world that hates, to heal in a world that injures, to give life in a world that kills. He offered mercy when others sought vengeance, forgiveness when others condemned, and compassion when others were indifferent. He trusted God’s abundance when others said there was not enough. With each choice he denied himself and showed God was present.

At some point those kinds of choices will catch the attention of and offend those who live and profit by power, control, and looking out for number one. They will not deny themselves. They will respond. Jesus said they would. He knew that he would be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes. It happens in every age for those who choose the path of self-denial. When it happened for Jesus, he made one last choice. He chose resurrection over survival.

“If any want to become my followers....

*Deacon Dot Hospador*

February 25, 2024 — Second Sunday in Lent



## MARCH DATES TO NOTE

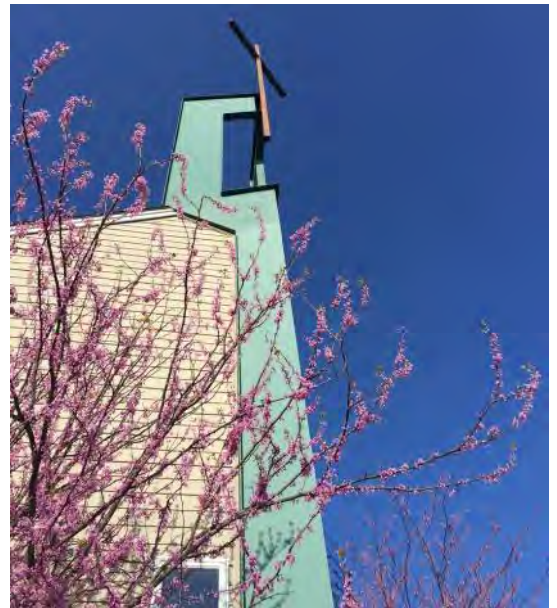
- 4 — Caregiver Support Group Zoom Meeting, 7:00pm
- 6 — Soup and Study, Readington Reformed, 6:30-8:30pm
- 10 — Youth Group Meeting, St. Jonathan Room, 6:30-8:30pm [**Did You Set Your Clocks Ahead??**]
- 11 — Sangha Meditation in the Sanctuary, 6:30-7:15pm
- 13 — Soup and Study, CHS, 6:30-8:30pm
- 14 — Dinner and Choir Rehearsal, 6-8:30pm
- 16 — Quiet Day, Daughters of the King, 9:30-12pm
  - Charcuterie Game Night, 7:00-10:00pm
  - Youth Group Lenten Retreat Overnight, 8:00pm-8:00am
- 17 — Communion Class Recognition, 10:00am
- 20 — Soup and Study, Cokesbury UMC, 6:30-8:30pm
- 21 — Vestry Meeting, 7:00-8:30pm
- 24 — Passion Sunday, 8:00 & 10:00am
- 25 — Sangha Meditation in the Sanctuary, 6:30-7:15pm

### The Great Three Days

- 28 — Maundy Thursday Simple Potluck Supper, 6:00pm and Eucharist, 7:00pm
- 29 — Good Friday Day of Service 9:00am-7:30pm
- 30 — Holy Saturday Liturgy of the Word, 9:00am
  - Easter Vigil with Bonfire, 7:00pm
- 31 — Sunrise Service, Readington Reformed, 6:30am
  - Resurrection Sunday, CHS, 8:00 & 10:00am

## Recurring Meetings

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| Mondays    | 1:00-3:00pm. Knit/Crochet and Chat at the church  |
| Tuesdays   | 7:00am, Bible Study at The Spinning Wheel Diner<br>9:00am-noon, Father Phil Office Hours  |
| Wednesdays | 9:00am-noon, Father Phil Office Hours<br>10:00am-2:00pm, Deacon Dot Office Hours  |
| Fridays    | 10:00am-2:00pm, Deacon Dot Office Hours<br>10:15am, Second Friday Prayers with CSJB   |
| Sundays    | 8:00 & 10:00 am, Virtual or in-person services (Eucharist can be delivered at home if requested).<br>9:30 & 11:15am, Choir Rehearsal, St. Francis |



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