

**The First
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Church in
Stoneham**

The Meetinghouse Messenger

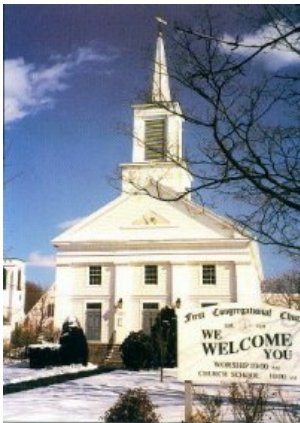
March 2011

**United Church of
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Pastor's Corner

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Coming Events:

**March 9: Ash
Wednesday Service**

**March 25: Ping Pong
Tournament**

**April 9: Yard Cleanup
Day**

**April 10 : Easter
Cantata**

Dear Friends,

It's been a harsh winter! The snow seems relentless and we're all feeling a bit world-weary. Headlines and sound bites talk about roofs caving in, plowing budgets blown to bits and school days needing to be made up. The weather makes us feel as if life is out of control. Where is God in all this?

Sometimes we need gentle reminding that God really *does* direct our lives. But we need to let go of dictating to God how we think they ought to go! Let me give you an example. One March day many years ago, when I was still a member of the United Methodist Church, I sat with the District Superintendent. He made some suggestions about how I could balance itinerating (being sent by the bishop to serve an assigned church, most likely far from family and friends) with the demands of single-parenting two school-age daughters who were happily rooted in their routines. I drove away from that meeting thinking that surely the D.S. had provided answers to my aching dilemma. On my way home I spied the first robin of spring, sitting jauntily on a patch of grass . . . and I took that robin as certain proof of God's direction in my life. Talk about grasping at straws!

Ultimately, I found that the D.S.'s suggestions simply didn't fit my life. The solution to my blending the seemingly conflicting covenants of ministry and motherhood lay in an entirely different direction. It required continued soul searching and introspection, and it demanded that I continue to delay my ordination. This was a time of major emotional upheaval as I wandered in my own personal wilderness.

Through that whole nerve-wracking process, however, one thing comforted me: I looked for reassuring signs of God's presence guiding my life, and I found so many of them! I just needed to remember the countless ways in which God had said "I love you" to me. God had glued me together through a painful divorce. God had made a family (not a "broken" family!) out of my girls and me. God had accompanied me on the bewildering journey through seminary. Signs were *everywhere* when I began to look. I only had to remember to know God wasn't ever going to abandon me, no matter how barren my wilderness felt.

Yes, it's a harsh winter. In the midst of it we need to remember. Remembering is what we do when we recall Jesus' self-giving love every time we share in the Eucharist. Remembering is what we practice in the season of Lent as we recall God's saving deeds. You and I need to look for and remember God's faithful presence with us. Search your memory: Discover where God has been tenderly at work in your life. *And remember!*

Blessings, *Merrie*



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COME WORSHIP WITH US!
Sundays, 10AM

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We are on the Web!

www.firstchurchstoneham.org

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www.facebook.com

Books & Chocolate

Upcoming events for the Books & Chocolate Group:

March 21 - Book Night at the church - 7:30pm "In the Time of Butterflies" by Julia Alvarez

April 25 - Movie Night at Judy's - 7pm "In the Time of Butterflies"

May 23 - Book Night at the church - 7:30pm "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese

June - date TBD - field trip tentatively to the Garden in the Woods and the Wayside Tavern

Missions / Outreach

Ping-Pong Tournament **March 25 6:00 PM**

Our third annual Ping-Pong Tournament will be held on Friday, March 25.

Adults (grade 9 and over): \$10 Youth: ages 8-12: \$5

Food & Beverages Available, Children's Room available with activities and snacks.

Funds raised will be donated to Partners in Health for relief in Haiti and to Hungry Helpers. Come join us!!

Missions Schedule

Tuesday, Mar. 8th 5:30 p.m. Hungry Helpers

Sunday, Mar 13th, Missions Committee Meeting

Sunday, Mar. 20th – Coffee Hour

Needed:

2 ping-pong tables to borrow for the March 25 tournament
a truck and driver to move borrowed ping-pong tables.

Please contact a member of the Missions Committee or leave a note in the church office.

Volunteers Needed for Hungry Helpers

Volunteers are needed to assist with our church's Community Dinner meal on the second Tuesday of each month. If you can help out, arrive at 5:30 to serve or come a bit later to assist with clearing tables and washing up. For more information, contact Lynn Haddad.

Coffee, Tea, Chocolate, Oh My!!

The Missions/Outreach Committee is pleased to once again offer fair trade coffees, teas and chocolates for purchase to support small farmer cooperatives in 19 countries around the world.

Missions obtains the items from Equal Exchange, a fair trade coop located in West Bridgewater, MA. All items are produced using sustainable growing methods and most, if not all, are organic. The quality of these products is excellent and they are offered at very reasonable prices. Check out the items for sale during coffee hour while enjoying a cup of fair trade coffee. For more information about Equal Exchange, go to <http://www.equalexchange.coop/ucc>

Travel Toiletries

We continue to collect travel sized toiletries for donation to Rosie's Place in Boston for distribution to their guests.

Unopened items can be left in the church office in the basket marked "Missions Toiletries."

Sunday School News

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{{Lorraine Savage has agreed to take over the role of Sunday School Superintendent so that Judi Perry can focus on her health issues. We thank Judi for all her love and work and wish her continued strength and healing both in her current recovery and with her upcoming surgeries. Thank you Judi!}}

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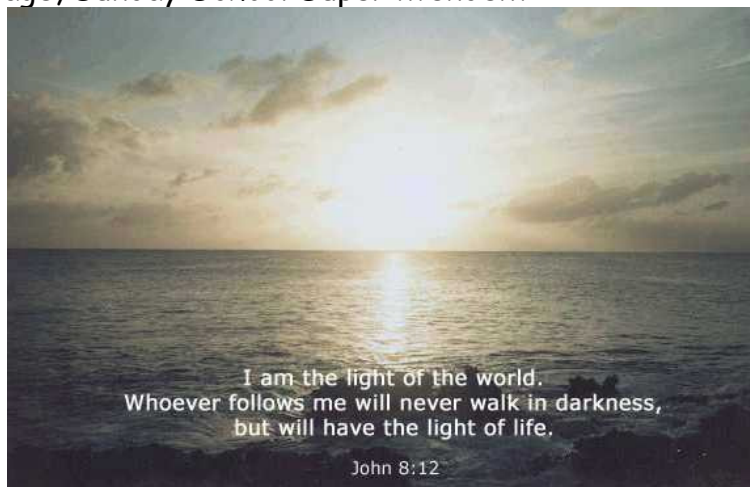
We will be finishing up on our first workbook the end of February vacation. The children are excited to be taking it home. They are learning about Joseph and his coat of many colors.

I will be attending 4 workshops on Learning to Teach by MACUCC. We will be learning, among other important things, how to have a better Sunday School and how to bring in more families and keep them interested. I will learn a lot to bring back to all our teachers and congregation. I am really looking forward to going.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me anytime. My office hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday 10 am until 2 pm.

God's Blessings,

Lorraine Savage, Sunday School Superintendent





March

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|----|-------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 1 | Billie Fucci | 20 | Nicholas Oliver |
| 4 | Shirley Movsesian | 21 | Megan Daly |
| 4 | Robert Bardell | 21 | Alice Johanson |
| 5 | Barbara Walsh | 24 | Skylar Jacques |
| 7 | Damon McLaughlin | 26 | Linda Cerretani-Arsenault |
| 10 | Stephen Savage | 27 | Alexis Baker-Moore |
| 11 | Kira Wall | 29 | Emily Paolini |
| 13 | Emily Oliver | 31 | Paul Jacques |
| 15 | Kathy Bergstrom | | |
| 17 | Robert E. Dearth | | |
| 17 | Joyce Fucci | | |

If you would like to be added to the birthday list, please email heatherwiw@rcn.com

Let's Go Green!

We currently have **78** people out of **219** on the mailing list who have opted to receive their Messenger by email. Let's help the planet and the save the church money by increasing that number. If you are willing to receive an e-messenger, please send an email to the Editor heatherwiw@rcn.com or hohover@thecia.net.
THANKS



Crafts

Crafts will meet March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. Come and join us from 9:30-12:00 in the craft room.



First Church is on TV!

Couldn't get to service this week? Loved the sermon so much you want to hear it again? First Church services are rebroadcast all week!

The schedule and channels are as follows:

- Comcast users: Channel 9
- Verizon users: Channel 34
- RCN users: Channel 3



Cantata

IN EXULTATION of the LORD of LORDS

by: Kirkland and Fettke

Fresh musical expressions in a variety of styles are woven together by the dramatic monologues of the apostle Paul, as he recounts his conversion, insights, and his service to the risen Lord.

We invite you to recount with us the most momentous event in the history of the universe.....

Presented on Sunday April 10th at 7 P.M

Cantata rehearsals have begun. I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who can sing from age 16 on up to join us.

- Weekly Schedule:
- Monday 6:00 PM
 - Tuesday 10:00 AM
 - Wednesday 4:00 PM
 - Thursday 10:00 AM
 - Saturday 8:00 AM
 - Sunday 8:00 AM

Thank you!

Do you know what a "Koinonia" is? It is a Greek word that identifies the state of fellowship and community that should exist within a church community. But here in First Church, that 'should' should be replaced in an "is!" The word is mentioned about 20 times in the New Testament and is used to describe the relationship among each of the early Christians. Well, that word also describes best what Dick and I have found here among you. It is the word that comes to our minds when we think of all you have done for us not only these last several weeks but also since we came among you.

"Thank you" doesn't seem good enough; but belonging to a Koinonia does. We feel so privileged to belong to this church fellowship. In so many ways you have been our answer to our prayers. We sincerely thank you for the many, many cards, which we've read over and over, and for the many continuous rings of our doorbell bringing us a delicious meal. This has been most helpful for Dick with all he has had to do. Your prayers have meant the most! We truly believe in the power of prayer and are grateful for all those you have uttered on our behalf.

Thank you for welcoming us as you have and for being so very good to us. You continue in our prayers.

Hugs and love, Dick and Judi Perry

Dear Friends,

A Happy and healthy New Year to First Church! How time flies at the speed of light.

As I peruse your *Meetinghouse Messenger* It is heartening to see your vital missions through Community Dinner, English as a Second Language, and more. Your ministry of music programs are enviable and VBB still going strong!

It is delightful to read that you have called Rev. Meredith Allen as your Pastor, and I offer a toast to the Spirit in your midst!

May the effervescence of joy permeate your mission and ministries together in this new year.

Interim Ministry allows me to remain nearby and ready to respond to their needs and to the needs of Steve's aging elders.

It has been great fun to live on the Cape for the summer providing Sabbatical coverage as West Parish Barnstable. I am currently serving the Evangelical Congregational Church in Westborough, here I am challenged by the programmatic size of the community and the administrative skills needed to steer the course.

Steve continues his love for historic shorelines, sailing, and working for Durand and Anastas.

Grace and Peace to you all, Rev. Dr. Dirkje Legerstee

A Historical Tidbit.....

Meet a member in the history of First Congregational Church of Stoneham
Silas Dean

Mr. Dean was born in Reading on November 11, 1815. He was the son of Silas and Mary (Willey) Dean. He was married twice, first on September 21, 1840 to Miss. Sarah Fuller. He had two daughters with Sarah, only the eldest daughter's name is know, Ellen Elizabeth. Mrs. Sara Dean died on February 1, 1859. He married his second wife in Taunton, Miss. Sarah Reed of which they had no children.

Growing up Mr. Dean attended the "common school" but, later transferred to an Academy kept by John *Batchelder*. He practically finished school at the age of 16. Although, he did attend the Academy for a few months 2-3 years later.

While attending school he learned the trade of cordwainer (shoemaking). He worked at this on his own for 16 years making shoes for manufacturers. Before moving to Stoneham he lived in Malden briefly and worked in a dry goods store. Then in a country store in South Reading (now Wakefield). He made his permanent residence in Stoneham in a Greek Revival home located at 8 Pine Street in September of 1839. At that time he became a member of the First Church.

Mr. Dean served as a Deacon at First Church for 45 years. At that time there were 18 Deacons, 325 students in Sabbath School and 29 Teachers

Among some of Mr. Dean's contributions to the town he taught students at his own private school in his office. He also served on the School Board for 11 years. In 1849 he was chosen a s Town Clerk and was elected a total of 39 years thereafter. He was also a Justice of the Peace starting in 1852 and united 147 couples in the bonds of holy matrimony. Silas also held his license as an auctioneer for 46 years starting in 1845. In 1853 he represented Stoneham in the constitutional conversion held in Boston for the purpose of revising the constitution of the commonwealth.

Mr. Dean was elected the overseer of the poor in 1866. Most landowners or church wardens who were appointed to this position did not like this unpaid position but, Silas served the poor for 24 years. There were 4 duties of the Overseer: Reckon how much poor relief money was needed in order to set the poor rate accordingly; collect the poor rate; Distribute poor relief; and Supervise the poorhouse. Mr. Dean also penned many deeds of land in Stoneham (they are still stored here in the church). He was also an author of historical and genealogical books of Stoneham.

In 1893 the Boy's Brigade formed. It was a bible study group and a drill group where the boys wore uniforms. Mr. Dean started the girl's Sunday School in 1905 at First Church and named it after his wife Sarah. Sadly, Mr. Dean passed October 5, 1906 at the golden age of 91. During his lifetime Mr. Dean lived during the gold rush. In 1855 women became voting members of our church. In 1859 Oil Wells were discovered and in 1871 the Dean School was built for the High School in Stoneham. Alas, in the 1890's along came railroads, steamships, automobiles, telephone and electricity.

In the novel *The History of Stoneham* by: William Burnham Stevens and Francis Lester Whittier: "Mr. Dean has always been a careful painstaking and accommodating in office and is one the most esteemed citizens of the town. He is considered the personification of honesty and there are never anything but good words spoken of him."

I am certainly proud and honored that he was a member of the First Church in Stoneham. How about you?

Researched and written by: Kim McLaughlin

A photo of Silas Dean can be seen in the Historical cabinets in the hallway outside the church sanctuary.

Deaths

Adeline (Lina) Laycock, a member of First Church for over 90 years died on February 16 at the age of 94. Her funeral was Monday, February 20th, in our sanctuary. Lina was a long time member of Amica and the Craft Group. She knitted and crocheted many items for the church fairs over the years. In the craft group she was famous for the seasonal baskets she knitted for us to fill with candy and sell to happy children and for the chickies she knitted to fit over plastic eggs that we filled with jelly beans at Eastertime. She had a wonderful outlook on life and a very cheery personality. She will be sorely missed by all of us. Donations in her memory may be made to the Steeple Fund. Lina's family has pledged to match any donations in her name to the Steeple Fund, so please give generously, and thanks to Lina's family.

The **father of Rev. Dirkje Legerstee**, our former pastor, passed away on February 17. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dirkje's family.

FROM THE TRUSTEES

Heating our Church: The Trustees are painfully aware that the Sanctuary is uncomfortably warm on Sundays and that we are wasting money. We are trying to upgrade and improve the heating system. Some of the changes made to the system are causing the Sanctuary to overheat. We are working on fixing this problem. Once it is fixed, we plan to keep the sanctuary cool.



Messenger Deadline

The deadline for the April Messenger is Saturday, March 19th. Please leave all submissions in the Messenger box in the office or email to holiver@thecia.net

Thanks!



Please do not bring food & drinks into the Sanctuary.

To keep our Sanctuary beautiful, comfortable and focused on worship, please do not bring food or drinks (except bottled water) into the Sanctuary.

Thank You!



Souper Bowl recipes wanted!

We had such a wonderful response to the "Souper" Bowl luncheon put on by the youth group on February 6th that plans are in the works to put together a cookbook of the soup recipes shared that day, and any other soup recipes as well. Kathy Bardell has agreed to lead the effort, and would love it if everyone who brought soup that Sunday could please submit their recipe to her. It can be in any format by email to dreamscape.rk@gmail.com or hand it to her in person during church and she will work on getting it put together. Then we can have copies here in the church office for folks to pick up and enjoy. Please send along your recipes to Kathy, thanks in advance!

Food Pantry News

Here is our list of "Items of the Week" for the month of March. Please remember to pick up these items when you are grocery shopping. Please do your part to help stock our pantry for those in need in our church community and in Stoneham and the neighboring communities.

Feb. 27 – Mar. 5	Sugar (2 lb. Box)
Mar. 6 – 12	Dish Detergent
Mar. 13 – 19	Instant Coffee
Mar. 20 – 26	Pasta Side Dishes
Mar. 27 – Apr. 2	Baked Beans



We have been fortunate to be able to buy quite a few items for the pantry with coupons at great discounts. If you would like to help the food pantry in this way, please leave your coupons in the church office.

Thank you all for your continued help!

The "Food Pantry Crew" (Lynn Haddad, Lorraine Savage, Sara Thompson, and Kim Savage-McLaughlin)

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN STONEHAM STEEPLE FUND

1 CHURCH STREET, STONEHAM, MA 02180

Yes, I would like to donate to the Steeple Fund

Name: _____ Address: _____

Amount of donation: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:

First Congregational Church in Stoneham Steeple Fund

Please make this donation in memory of:

Name: _____

The Steeple Fund Committee will be printing a list of name of those people who have donated to the Steeple Fund. This list will be displayed in Fellowship Hall. If you do not wish to have your name printed on this list, please indicate here:

NO, do not print my name _____

Meet a Member



Q: Full Name:

A: Donna Marie Faul Wall

Q: How long have you been involved at First Church?

A: Almost 21 years

Q: What is your oldest memory of the church?

A: Our first Sunday in church Carol Brown welcomed me and my kids at Church. And Bob Dearth(the son) welcomed us also and he knew my husband, they used to play together in the neighborhood. It is sort of amusing that my husband grew up in Stoneham but he keeps asking me 'who is that person?' when people stop us when we are out.

(Meet a Member is a new feature which will appear in the monthly newsletter. Each month you will get to know a member better...it may be someone you have known for years or someone who has just joined)

Q: What do you spend your days doing?

A: : Work(mon-thurs), community dinner(helping hands and site manager), VBB prepping), Deacons, Choir, knitting, crocheting, reading, more work at home (2nd job), finding time for husband and loving my grandchildren and helping my family.

Q: What is your favorite part of First Church?

A: The family. You really feel connected and want to be with everyone, find out how their lives are going, and help or support them if possible.

Q: Tell me something interesting about yourself:

A: Sometimes i over plan my time, but i really love the things i say yes to. i wouldn't do it otherwise. i like being involved with people who like the similar things but enjoy offering my own opinion, too.

Q: Anything you'd like to see the church doing that we're not already?

A: We already do so much for others but I think we forget what it was/is like being the new kid on the block. We really need to show new people how to get involved and be a part of us. Sometimes they just want to know if they can make brownies for coffee hour. Make new friends, talk to people you do not recognize, introduce yourself and ask what THEY like to do. Somewhere in the conversation you should be able to how you could help them fit in and be involved. Yes, this is how you recruit. but everyone needs to feel apart of a great community, which we have. Invite...Welcome...Introduce.

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 Crafts 5:45 Comm Dinner 7:00 Book Study	2 3:30 Chimes 4:30 Drama 7:30 Iglesia	3 7:00 Cantata Rehearsal	4	5 9-2 Iglesia
6 8:30 Choir	7 7:00 CE 8-9 AA	8 9:30 Crafts 3:30 Historical 5:45 Comm Dinner 7:00 Diaconate	9 3:30 Chimes 4:30 Drama 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship 7:30 Iglesia	10 7:00 Cantata Rehearsal	11	12 9-2 Iglesia
13 8:30 Choir 8:30 Youth Group Field Trip	14 8-9 AA	15 9:30 Crafts 5:45 Comm Dinner 7:00 Book Study	16 3:30 Chimes 4:30 Drama 7:00 Bible Study 7:30 Iglesia	17 7:00 Cantata Rehearsal	18	19 9-2 Iglesia
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27 8:30 Choir	28 8-9 AA	29 9:30 Crafts 5:45 Comm Dinner 7:00 Book Study	30 3:30 Chimes 4:30 Drama 7:00 Bible Study 7:30 Iglesia	31		

Youth Group

Thank you to everyone who helped support our annual Souper Bowl! We had 16 different soups, as well as a full house in Fellowship Hall!

We ended up raising \$380 that will all go to Hungry Helpers. As a whole, the Souper Bowl raised over \$7.5 million dollars world wide!

Thanks again to everyone who cooked, came, or ate.

Upcoming Youth Group Events:

March 13: Field trip to Common Cathedral, a church service in Boston with members of the homeless community. We will meet at the church at 8:30 am to start making sandwiches. We will travel to Boston to attend the service, and after the service we will serve sandwiches to the homeless with another local youth group. Afterwards, we will have some pizza and discuss what we thought about the whole experience.

March 25: Missions Ping Pong Tournament. There will be a tournament for the youth, hope to see you all there!

April: TBD

May: There will be a youth group retreat; further details to come.....

Thanks,
Kevin



Ash Wednesday is March 9. Please join us at 6:00 p.m. for a **soup and salad supper** and at 7:00 p.m. for a 45-minute family-friendly **worship** service.

The children will help us prepare to hide the Alleluia. Many congregations intentionally omit the use of the word "Alleluia!" in the congregation's worship during Lent. To highlight this, the children are going to create a beautiful banner of the word during our supper. We'll show off the poster at the beginning of the service on the first Sunday of Lent, March 13. Then we'll hide it somewhere in the sanctuary. On Easter morning, we will bring the Alleluia back out shout it, sing it and enjoy it!

Second, at 7:00, we will worship with music, Easter eggs, magic paper and, of course, ashes. Let's begin the Lenten journey of memory and repentance together Please make time for this special Lenten evening!

Lenten devotions: The children will be receiving Lenten calendars on March 13 (the first Sunday in Lent) to help them reflect on this special season. Each Sunday School class will have an activity book entitled "Magnify the Lord" which will provide some fun and creative ways to help the children understand and interpret Lent. Each class will also assemble a special Lenten mobile over the course of the season.

We've ordered enough Lenten calendars that adults in the congregation might want to take one too. We will also have some meditation booklets available for your private prayer time.

Church grounds cleanup

the Trustees would like to invite all those who would like to help us spruce up the church grounds to come down to the church from 9am to noon on Sat., April 9(raindate April 16) with their rakes, pruning tools, and wheelbarrows to cleanout the winter debris, trim the perennial gardens, and spread fertilizer/weed killer and mulch in the garden areas. Yard cleanup bags, coffee, juice, and munchkins will be provided.

This is a hearty adult and family event! With lots of help we can do a great job. Any questions - ask one of the Trustees.

Library

We have some adult and children's books for the Lenten and Easter season on display in the library. These can be borrowed by signing them out at anytime.

Daily Lectionary Scripture References March 2011 (Year A)

Tues., Mar. 1
Psalm 104
1 Kings 17:1-16
1 Corinthians 4:6-21

Wed., Mar. 2
Psalm 104
Isaiah 66:7-13
Luke 12:22-31

Thurs., Mar. 3
Psalm 2
Exodus 6:2-9
Hebrews 8:1-7

Fri., Mar. 4
Psalm 2
Exodus 19:9b-25
Hebrews 11:23-28

Sat., Mar. 5
Psalm 2
1 Kings 21:20-29
Mark 9:9-13

Sun., Mar. 6
*Ninth Sunday after Epiphany/
Transfiguration*
Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Mon., Mar. 7
Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55
Exodus 33:7-23
Acts 7:30-34

Tues., Mar. 8
Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55
1 Kings 19:9-18
Romans 11:1-6

Wed., Mar. 9
Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
or Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thurs., Mar. 10
Psalm 51
Jonah 3:1-10
Romans 1:1-7

Fri., Mar. 11
Psalm 51
Jonah 4:1-11
Romans 1:8-17

Sat., Mar. 12
Psalm 51
Isaiah 58:1-12
Matthew 18:1-7

Sun., Mar. 13
First Sunday in Lent
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Mon., Mar. 14
Psalm 32
1 Kings 19:1-8
Hebrews 2:10-18

Tues., Mar. 15
Psalm 32
Genesis 4:1-16
Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Wed., Mar. 16
Psalm 32
Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28
Matthew 18:10-14

Thurs., Mar. 17
Psalm 121
Isaiah 51:1-3
2 Timothy 1:3-7

Fri., Mar. 18
Psalm 121
Micah 7:18-20
Romans 3:21-31

Sat., Mar. 19
Psalm 121
Isaiah 51:4-8
Luke 7:1-10

Sun., Mar. 20
Second Sunday in Lent
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

Mon., Mar. 21
Psalm 128
Numbers 21:4-9
Hebrews 3:1-6

Tues., Mar. 22
Psalm 128
Isaiah 65:17-25
Romans 4:6-13

Wed., Mar. 23
Psalm 128
Ezekiel 36:22-32
John 7:53-8:11

Thurs., Mar. 24
Psalm 95
Exodus 16:1-8
Colossians 1:15-23

Fri., Mar. 25
Psalm 95
Exodus 16:9-21
Ephesians 2:11-22

Sat., Mar. 26
Psalm 95
Exodus 16:27-35
John 4:1-6

Sun., Mar. 27
Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Mon., Mar. 28
Psalm 81
Genesis 24:1-27
2 John 1-13

Tues., Mar. 29
Psalm 81
Genesis 29:1-14
1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Wed., Mar. 30
Psalm 81
Jeremiah 2:4-13
John 7:14-31, 37-39

Thurs., Mar. 31
Psalm 23
1 Samuel 15:10-21
Ephesians 4:25-32



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