

John Knox Presbyterian Church

March 9, 2025 First Sunday in Lent

Meeting Jesus at the Table



*Welcome! Please be seated and prepare your hearts
and minds for worship.*

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Arr. Faye Lopez

Words of Welcome

*May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

*** Call to Worship**

Why have you come to this place?

We have come to find Jesus.

Why have you come today?

We are tired in body and spirit.

Jesus bids you sit and be at ease.

We are hungry with nothing to eat.

Come and eat your fill.

But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.

There is plenty for all.

Will we find wholeness here?

Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

*** Hymn**

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

#320

*** Call to Confession and Silent Prayer**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

**We come believing in our emptiness,
believing that we will never have enough,
believing that what we have is unworthy.**

**We come fearful of sharing,
fearful of losing our tenuous grip on security,
fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others.**

Sermon "The Feeding of the Multitude" Rev. Maggie Lewis
*** Hymn** "Where is Bread?" tune #409 Text projected

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Minute for Mission

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory

*** Response** "As of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" verse 3 #712

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayers.**

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*** Sending Song** "Christ Be Beside Me" #702

*** Charge and Benediction**

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude "Lord, Throughout Out These Forty Days" ST FLAVIAN, Day's Psalter

Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the social hall after the congregational photo, which will be taken in the narthex.

"The key to making a difference in your world is not trying to build something big. The key is to take your little, look for the needs around you, and simply start serving those needs a little at a time with great love."

— Jimmy Larche, Five Loaves, Two Fish: Your Little is Never Too Small In The Hands of a Big God

Church and Community Life

PDA BLUE SHIRT SUNDAY is today, the first Sunday of Lent. We wear blue shirts to honor PDA's work in the country and around the world, and we receive a special offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. After worship, we'll gather in the narthex to take our annual congregational picture.

GATHERING WITH OTHERS to share a meal is at the heart of the human experience. This Lenten Season, we meet Jesus at the Table, reflecting on our physical and spiritual hunger, and engaging in familiar table stories from the gospels. We will feast with Jesus at the Table that stretches around the world and across time, as He teaches us how to love, serve, and extend hospitality. We celebrate that there is always room for whoever shows up and there

is always enough for all to be fed; AND we hold the tension of those who often struggle with mealtimes because they are occasions of loneliness rather than community and of the many also who simply do not have adequate resources to provide food for themselves or their families.

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK food of the month is **RICE AND PASTA**. Please leave your donations of rice, pasta, or any kind of food in the grocery cart. The food bank can also use medium-sized boxes and sturdy bags for packing up food. Designated monetary donations are always welcome. More info about helping is available by checking with Lane, the KCFB Facebook page, or their website at <https://keizercommunityfoodbank.org/>.

Looking Ahead

TODAY **After church:** Congregational photo
Mon. March 10 7:00 Administration Comm – Zoom
Thurs. March 13 1:30 Mission Comm meeting at JKPC
Fri-Sat Mar 14-15 Cascades Presbytery meeting at
 First Presbyterian Church - Portland
Sun. March 16 10:30 Worship - Second Sunday of Lent
 Christ Jar Offering
 Birthday/Anniversary celebration
Tues. March 18 2:00 Women’s Fellowship – Social Hall
Wed. March 19 7:00 Session – Zoom
Sun. March 23 10:30 Worship – Third Sunday of Lent

March Celebrations - Birthdays

2	Sally H.	27	Maxine E.
8	Adam R.	31	CJ H.
9	Bronwyn C.		
6	CJ & Carrie H.	Anniversary	

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This gathering of JKPC is occurring in the traditional land of the Kalapuya people. We offer our gratitude to the elders, past and present, who have stewarded it through the generations.