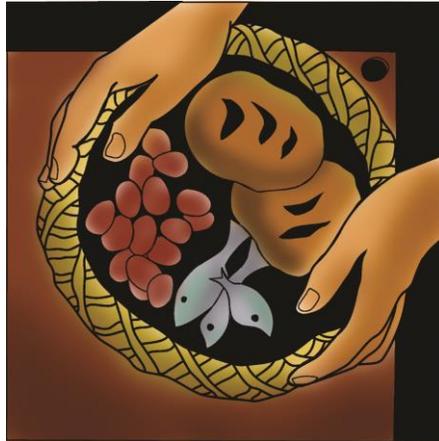


**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 23, 2023, 9:30 AM**



***We Gather in Jesus' Name***

***Prelude*** (a time for silent meditation)

***Announcements***

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.  
In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.  
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.  
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.  
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.  
**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**  
**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**  
**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.  
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.  
Where despair prevails, grant hope.  
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Song: “*The Heart of Worship*”**

Verse 1

When the music fades all is stripped away  
And I simply come  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth  
That will bless Your heart

Pre-Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song  
For a song in itself is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart

### Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You all about You Jesus  
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

### Verse 2

King of endless worth no one could express  
How much You deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours  
Ev'ry single breath

### Pre-Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song  
For a song in itself is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart

### Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You all about You Jesus  
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

### ***Greeting***

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

### ***Prayer of the Day***

Let us pray... O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **The Reading of God's Word**

### ***Children's Sermon***

#### ***First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41***

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, Word of Life  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

**<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came  
upon me;

I came to grief and sorrow.

**<sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name of the LORD:**

**“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?

**<sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God’s people.

**<sup>15</sup>Precious in your sight, O LORD,  
is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed  
me from my bonds.

**<sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God’s people,

**<sup>19</sup>in the courts of the LORD’s house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*Word of God, Word of Life*  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the

road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”<sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

### ***Sermon***

#### **Song of Praise: “*Find Me in the River*”**

Find me in the river, find me on my knees  
I've walked against the water, now I'm waiting if you please  
We've longed to see the roses, but never felt the thorns  
And bought our pretty crowns, but never paid the price

Find me in the river, find me there  
Find me on my knees with my soul laid bare  
Even though you're gone and I'm cracked and dry  
Find me in the river, I'm waiting here for you

Find me in the river, find me on my knees  
I've walked against the water, now I'm waiting if you please  
We didn't count on suffering, we didn't count on pain  
But if the blessing's in the valley, then in the river I will wait

Find me in the river, find me there  
Find me on my knees with my soul laid bare  
Even though you're gone and I'm cracked and dry  
Find me in the river, I'm waiting here for you

### **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 Intercession***

*(Each petition ends with... Hear us, O God.  
the congregation responds: **Your mercy is great.**)*

### **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

***The Offering*** *(Please leave your offering on our website: [https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco\\_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW\\_lQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW_lQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3))*

***Offertory Prayer***

Let us pray... **Generous God,  
in this meal you offer your very self.  
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
In the breaking of this bread  
reveal to us the Risen One.  
In the pouring of this wine  
pour us out in service to the world;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**SACRAMENT**

***The Great Thanksgiving***

The Lord be with you.  
**And also 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.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

### ***Distribution***

The body of Christ, given to you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

### ***Prayer After Communion***

Let us pray...Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

### ***Blessing***

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### ***Sending Hymn: "Trading My Sorrows"***

I'm trading my sorrow

I'm trading my shame

I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness

I'm trading my pain

I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord, Amen

I'm trading my sorrow

I'm trading my shame

I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness

I'm trading my pain

I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord, Amen

### ***Dismissal***

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **OUR MISSION – FAITHFUL IN THE WORD**

- + To *gather* as God’s people and nurture one another
- + To *know* the Word of God
- + To *grow* in faith, love, and service
- + To *go* into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ



### **SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Pastor: The Rev. Matthew E. Ollikainen  
Music Director: Michael Dettra  
Lay Reader: open  
Communion Assistant: open

### **GUEST REGISTER**

If you are visiting with us today, please sign our Guest Book in the narthex.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are presented by Janice Hoffmann in memory of Fred Hoffmann.

### **CONTACTING PASTOR MATT**

If you need to speak with Pastor Matt when he is not in the office, particularly in the case of a pastoral emergency, please feel free to call his cell phone 215-859-3778 or by email at [pastor@adventrichboro.org](mailto:pastor@adventrichboro.org). If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.

### **OFFICE HOURS FOR THE REMAINDER OF APRIL AND MAY**

Fran will be in the office Monday, April 24, Tuesday, April 25, and Friday, April 28.  
The office will be open Monday, May 1 and Tuesday, May 2. The office will reopen Friday, May 12.  
Starting Tuesday, May 16 regular hours; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### **CHOIR AND PRAISE BAND PRACTICES**

Practices of the Choir and Praise Band are on **Wednesday evenings; May 3 and May 10. Praise Band begins at 6:30, Vocal Choir practice begins at 7:15.** All are welcome and encouraged to join; no prior experience is necessary. Please see Mike Dettra, Music Director or Pastor Matt for more details.





**THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY RESUMING APRIL 27**

Bible Study will resume at 7:00 pm on Thursdays beginning April 27. We will continue to study The Sermon on the Mount. We will continue to meet by Zoom: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1Ba0VZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdzo9>



**SOCIAL MINISTRY**

During the month of March our church donated 100 lbs. of food to the Warminster Food Bank. As you know, the price of food has skyrocketed! The need has increased as well. If we could increase our giving, it would be greatly appreciated. If each family would contribute 2 or 3 items each month it would make a difference. Thanks for your continued support. Nancy Sclight/Social Ministry.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24 – 28**

The week of July 24 – 28, Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m.–noon will feature **OPERATION RESTORATION** for students age 4 through completion of grade 6. Learning with friends makes Bible School fun! As they make connections between Bible stories and actions, they'll discover simple ways to live out faith in daily life, such as feed, heal, forgive, pray and rest. Students will employ art, music, science and storytelling in this creative program, along with outdoor play and a snack each day. Registration forms are available.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Financial Report For February 2023		
	Rec'vd for February 2023	Budget for February 2023
Current	\$9,551.53	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,191	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$44	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$817	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,778.43</b>	<b>\$19,313.00</b>
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-2/28/23	Budget YTD 1/1-2/28/23
Current	\$21,353.96	\$34,562.00
Mortgage	\$4,772.00	\$3,796.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$154.00	\$268.00
Other Benevolence	\$1,102.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,381.96</b>	<b>\$38,626.00</b>



**STITCH CLUB SATURDAYS 10:00 A.M.**

Stitch club meets on Saturdays **at 10:00 a.m.** Stitch club is open to all who would like to join. If you like to knit, crochet, or do needlepoint, this is for you!



**DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION**

If you have food for the Warminster Food Pantry that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the pantry's most needed items is in the narthex or on the website [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION**

There are numerous dates available for 2023 to dedicate flowers to beautify the altar each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex with your name and dedication. Two bouquets are available each week. The cost is \$25 per bouquet. In addition to making the altar more beautiful, you take the flowers home after the late service to enjoy during the week. If you have any questions call Cindy Frey 267-205-0713.

**THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 23**

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion  
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:45 am Church Council Meeting

**MONDAY, APRIL, 24**

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**

- 7:00 pm Bible Study via zoom

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28**

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

- 10:00 am Stitch Club

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 30**

8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion  
9:00 am Adult Bible Study  
9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion  
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6  
10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open  
10:45 am Adult Bible Study