



Our Daily Bread

**Order of Worship
March 20, 2022
The Third Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM**

*10:00 Online Worship
YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"*

Welcome

Introduction of Pastor Maggie Croghan

Michelle McCann
Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee

Prelude

We, Your People, Praise You

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Invocation

Brenda Krens

You call your people to prayer and praise in many ways.

This day, bring us together just as you called the people of Israel to gather manna in the desert to eat and sustain life.

God of unity, give us this day our daily bread.

Offer us the nutrients we need to remain connected to you.

As spiritual beings, we desire to receive food that endures—faith, hope, and love.

God of grace, give us this day our daily bread.

All life is created and nourished by you!

May we grow into new circles of understanding and being, reflecting the ways in which we have been touched by your holy manna.

Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

Morning Prayer

Pastor Debra

The Lord's Prayer

All Praying

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. Amen.

Ministry of Music

How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them

Alexis House

Prayer for Illumination *(All Praying)*

Brenda Krens

O Christ, the Bread of Life, we hunger for your presence. Come to us now in the reading of scripture that we may learn to follow in your way of truth. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 9:19-21

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¹⁹“Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the wilderness. By day the pillar of cloud did not fail to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take. ²⁰You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst. ²¹For forty years you sustained them in the wilderness; they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet become swollen.

Gospel Readings

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Matthew 6:9-11

“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

¹⁰your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us today our daily bread.

John 6:30-31, 35

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³⁰So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ...³⁵Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

James 2:15-17

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¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Sermon

Our Daily Bread

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Ministry of Music

Endless Song

Alexis House

Call to Confession

Pastor Debra

To be invited into the practice of confession is to be invited into the possibility of reconciliation that is available through the grace of God. To participate in the prayer of confession is to admit the truth that all is not right, and that we need God to make it right. Trusting in God's grace and love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

Prayer of Confession

All Praying

Pastor Debra

Holy God, all is not right. We are not right with you or with each other. Anger and fear and disappointment rest uneasily in our hearts. It is hard to trust and it is even harder to forgive. Help us to turn to you to find the strength we need. Help us to look to the example of Jesus to see how to love. Help us look deep within ourselves for our own fault. We pray for your forgiveness, and we pray to be forgiven. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is my joy to tell you that in Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God for this gift of grace! Alleluia. Amen.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Debra

Offertory

Over the Brook Kidron

Hughes

**Doxology*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication (All Praying)*

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Generous God, we rejoice in your wonderful power! In Christ, you give us the true bread from heaven. You satisfy our spiritual hunger and thirst, filling our hearts with your abundant love. Help us to work not for perishable goods, but for love that

endures. May these offerings contribute to your nurturing work in the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (*John 6:24-35*)

Closing Hymn (See last page) *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

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Benediction

Pastor Debra

Filled to the brim with the goodness of God;
the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life,
and the power of the Holy Spirit,
go now in peace to serve God in all that you think, do and say.
Go knowing God's peace will always be with you. AMEN.

Sung Benediction

Shalom to You

**Shalom to you now, Shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom,
Christ be your shalom.**

Postlude

Christians Marche

Grieg

GATHER US IN

*Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,*

Give us the courage to enter the song.

*Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away, but
Here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.*

*Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

Refrain

*Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
bring forth the City of God!*

*You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God! **Refrain***

*You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! **Refrain***

You are a seed of the Word, O people:

*Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God! **Refrain***

*We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God! **Refrain***