

# First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 6

We cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors.  
The LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil,  
and our oppression.

Deuteronomy 26:7

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## FAITH WORKSHOP IS BACK FOR LENT!

### Beginning TODAY, March 6!

Faith Workshop will be available during worship for children Pre-K to 5th grade. Youth in grades 6 - 12 are encouraged to join their pastors in a book study or participate in the worship service.

## AID TO UKRAINE

In an effort to help in the Ukraine crisis, I am again offering copies of Grandmas Love to Read books, inspired by the founder of Daniel's Table. We are asking for \$20.00 per copy in an effort to raise money for Elena Kochetova, the book's illustrator, who is from Kiev, Ukraine and who is trying to get her family to safety. 100% of the money will go to the Elena fund. Checks can be made out to Daniel's Table adding "Elena Fund" in the memo line. Call Mattie Schadt, at 774.217.3477, for questions. Thank you!

## ST PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

### Sunday, March 13

Need a little extra oomph to bring your family back to church? How about a little Irish soda bread and cabbage bowling?! Join us on Sunday, **March 13** for a special St. Patrick's Day Faith Workshop followed by an intergenerational St. Patrick's Day Party in the Parish Hall! Don't forget to wear your green and rainbows!

## ORDER CHANCEL FLOWERS ONLINE

You may now order Chancel flowers online, via our website. Go to [plymouthchurchframingham.org](http://plymouthchurchframingham.org) and click on the *Church Family* tab. You'll find *Order Chancel Flowers* in the drop-down menu.

## "MENDING CHURCH" BANNER PROJECT

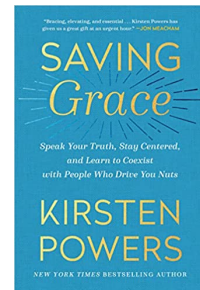
### Sundays, March 6 and March 20

Thanks to all of you who decorated fabric pieces for the Mending Church Banner Project in the fall. We are hoping to finish the project in the next few weeks, in time for the banner to grace the front of the church on Easter. But there is still some work to be done, including decorating more white fabric squares and sewing fabric pieces together. Please join us, after worship, in the Parish Hall, on Sunday, **March 6**, and **March 20** to help complete this project. We will have all needed supplies, including markers and templates for decorating the fabric squares and sewing machines. Contact Shari Van Hook at [shari.vanhook@gmail.com](mailto:shari.vanhook@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## LENTEN BOOK STUDY

### 4-Session Book Discussion Begins March 9

*Saving Grace: Speak Your Truth, Stay Centered, and Learn to Coexist with People Who Drive You Nuts*, by Kirsten Powers, columnist for USA Today, and political analyst at CNN.



The Racial Justice Ministry Team invites you to join us for this 4-session book discussion, via Zoom, on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., starting on March 9 and continuing March 16, March 23, and March 30. To register, please e-mail Rob Schadt, at ([rschadt@bu.edu](mailto:rschadt@bu.edu)).



**American  
Red Cross**

## Blood Drives at The Plymouth Church

Thursday, **March 10**, 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, **March 24**, 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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Prelude *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Wood

Tolling of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: There are things you can't reach, But You can reach out to them, and all day long.

**All: Holy God, we come into your temple in search and in longing, but we are easily distracted by what's missing and misplaced.**

One: I love; morning to night I am never done with looking. Looking I mean not just standing around, but standing around as though with your arms open.

**All: Jesus, reveal to us the wide wonder of creation, and our place in it. Even when we are uncomfortable, show us the work we are—and are not—called to.**

One: And now I will tell you the truth.

Everything in the world comes.

At least, closer.

And, cordially.

*(Inspired by Mary Oliver's poem  
"Where Does the Temple Begin and Where Does It End?")*

Passing of the Peace

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Prayers of the People & The 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.*

*Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Amen.*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Air from Suite in D Major* Bach

Doxology

Sermon

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Holy Communion

Closing Hymn

*Blessed Be the Tie that Binds*

Benediction

Postlude

*Jerusalem*

*Blake*



# Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

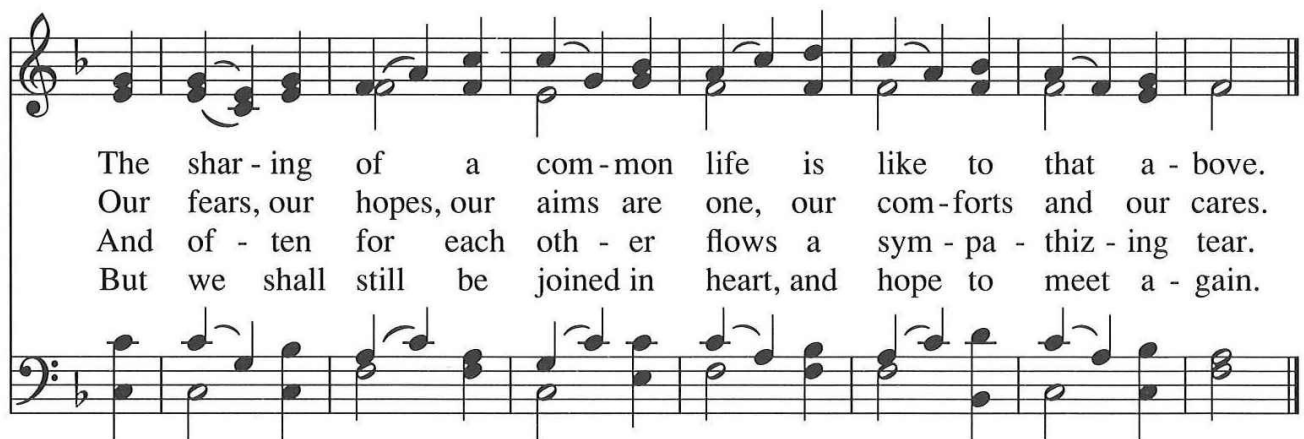
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*John Fawcett, 1782; alt.*

*Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15*



1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,  
4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,



The shar - ing of a com - mon life is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

*An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.*

Tune: DENNIS S.M.  
Melody by Johann G. Nägeli (c. 1768-1836)  
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845