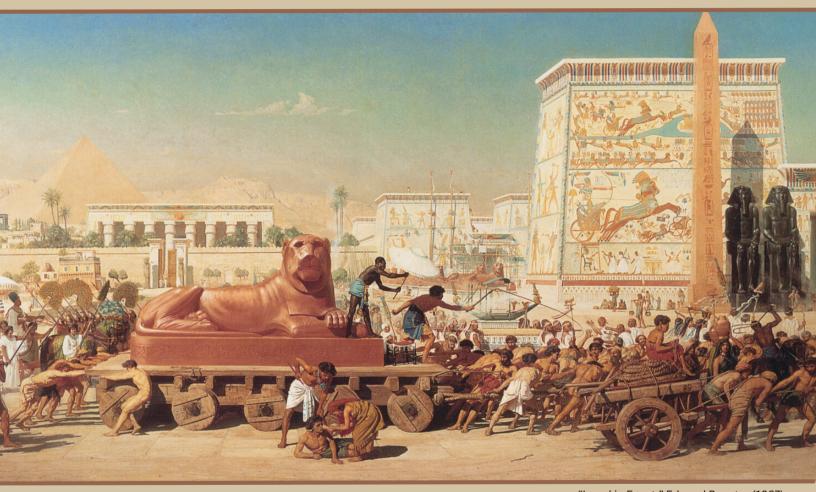
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCHIO, 2024



"Israel in Egypt," Edward Poynter (1867)

You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice. Remember that you were enslaved in Egypt, and the Holy One, your God, redeemed you.

Deuteronomy 24:17-18

Sunday, March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Lent | Second Sunday of Confirmation

Tolling of the Bells

Prelude O Blessed Spring Biery

Call to Worship Psalm 107:1-9

*Opening Hymn O Day of Rest and Gladness

Welcome & Announcements

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of desert times and holy contemplation, confront us again with your word. Jesus, we wish to answer your call. We want to follow you. Forgive us when we judge others from the well of our own fear. Forgive us when we exclude people from the storehouse of our own anxiety. Set again the borders of our lives that we may discover common purpose and a shared path. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Choir Anthem Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name Dennard

Luke 19:1-10

Blessing

Lenten Stories of Commonality

Message for All Ages

Sermon "Drop Your Nets or Climb Down Your Tree"

*Hymn There is a Balm in Gilead

Pastoral Prayer & 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, forever. Amen.

^{*} As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Saviour, When in Dust to You Near

Doxology Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that love has done.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

*Closing Hymn I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude Sinfonia Chorale Bach

HUSH! SOMEBODY'S CALLIN' MY NAME

(Spiritual arranged by B. W. Dennard)

Hush, hush, somebody's callin' my name.
Oh, my Lord, oh, my Lord, what shall I do?
I'm so glad that trouble don't last always...
I'm so glad I got my 'ligion in time.....
Soon one mornin', death come creepin' in my room...



Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Choral Response and Postlude in quiet contemplation.

All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks. We understand it can be difficult to step into a room of strangers. We hope, with every cup and cookie, we can deepen our connections and learn a little more about each other each week.

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393 O Day of Rest and Gladness



In this text the first day of the week represents a threefold commemoration of Creation, Resurrection, and Pentecost—each an encounter with Trinitarian activity centered on one of the Three Persons. The tune name recalls the secular German song adapted for use with several hymns.

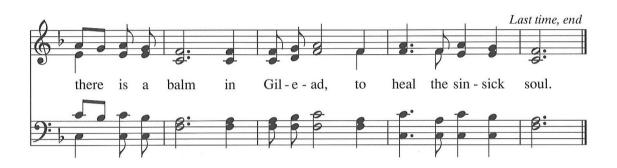
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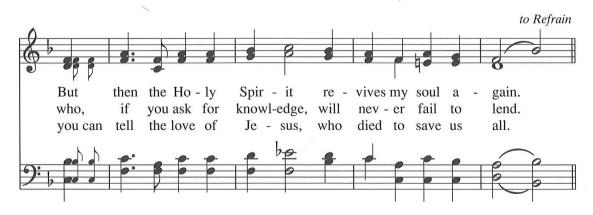
Jer. 8:18-22; 46:11; Acts 10:34-43

African-American spiritual; alt.









This is one of the most moving of the African-American spirituals because it illustrates the way in which the enslaved tried to encourage those who were feeling especially weighed down by the burden of their captivity.

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD Irr. with refrain African-American spiritual

182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



_Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10–14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

Bulletin Reminders

Each week, after worship, Rev. Morisse is available for conversation in the Parish Hall.

FALL FAIR 2024 ANNOUNCES DATE

This year, our Fall Fair will take place on Saturday, **September 28**. The Fair's "Setup Week," September 22 through September 27, will require just about all hands. So, please mark your calendars.

YOUTH GROUP PROVIDES FROZEN MEALS-TO-GO

The Youth Group has lovingly prepared two types of dinners: vegetarian chili and chicken and rice casserole. These meals are available for the taking in the freezer in the Parish Hall kitchen. There's no need to contact anyone. Just stop by and bring a meal to someone in need.

EASTER CASCARONES ARE BACK

We could use any giftwrap tissue paper, in white or pastel colors. And those little circles left over from your hole puncher. Drop off in marked bin in Parish Hall.

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION NOW WEEKLY

A scripture discussion will now occur every Sunday, in the Parlor, beginning 30 minutes after the service. Weeks 1 and 3 will be led by Shari Van Hook, and weeks 2 and 4 by Meg Doucette. All are welcome.

CWS HYGIENE KITS

We will be collecting items for CWS hygiene kits through Lent. This year, we need hand towels, washcloths, nail clippers, soap, combs, and toothbrushes. Please leave donations in the baskets near the lower elevator.

OPEN DOOR THEATER PRESENTS L. FRANK BAUM'S THE WIZARD OF OZ March 15, 7:00 p.m.

R.J. Grey Jr. High School Auditorium 16 Charter Road, Acton

We will present *The Wizard of Oz* in the inclusive and authentic way that makes Open Door Theater a home for so many of us. There's no place like Open Door Theater! This performance features our own **Erin McCarthy**, who plays "Nikko," the wicked witch's right-hand monkey. *See Wednesday Email for ticket info.*

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SATURDAY, MARCH 16 7:30-11:30

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