

*Fifth
Sunday
in Lent*

***Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
500 South Wayne Avenue
Waynesboro, VA 22980***

March 21, 2021

***“ A Community of Servants Sharing in the
Word and Work of Jesus ”***



Service of the Word via YouTube

(Based on ELW Setting Four)

Congregational responses are in bold print

*In this time of Coronavirus, the "Order of Worship" that we use has changed. From the earliest years of the Church the order of Worship was to **GATHER**, bringing ourselves and all that we are before God; then to hear the **WORD** of God, letting it enter our lives with the expectation, as the prophet Isaiah tells us, that it will not come away empty, but accomplish succeed in that which God purposes for it. (Isaiah 55:10-11). We are hearing that word from (usually) two readings during this time of Coronavirus; the gospel, and one additional reading, either from the Old Testament, the Psalms, or an epistle reading. Then we hear the Word proclaimed through the Sermon. We confess our faith, we share in Prayers to God for the world we live in and in thanksgiving to God for the promises that we will not be alone in whatever we are going through. And we are thankful for God's Living Word, Jesus, the embodied Word of God, and the ways Jesus is revealed through the Old and New Testament. Then we are **SENT** into this world - perhaps the most important part of worship, even if the shortest - because it is then that we live out our faith proclaimed in Word and Worship.*

*MISSING from these weeks of physically distant worship is the **MEAL** and times to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. As mentioned during our Maundy Thursday worship, we are in a wilderness time, where the promises of God we desire so greatly, to taste and drink and see God's forgiveness of sins and new life in bread and wine, in water, are still ahead of us. And as the apostle Paul wrote so powerfully in I Corinthians 11, we wait to receive the Sacrament together until ALL can receive it, not restricted by distance, and/or accessibility to technology that might allow some in the Body to receive it, and not others. So we pray for that time when we are re-united and able to receive the Meal together, and place our hope in the God who has called us through Water and the Word to bring us together again.*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the Father, the **+** Son, and the Holy Spirit.
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.
The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are ✝ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus.
Amen.

Musical Presentation

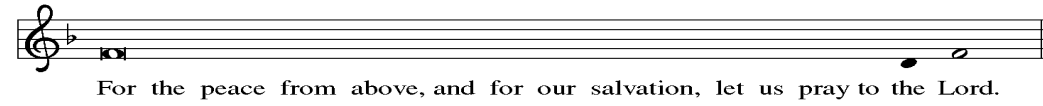
Greeting

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

Kyrie



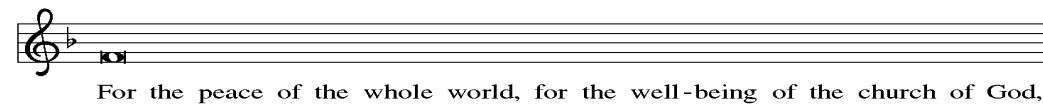
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



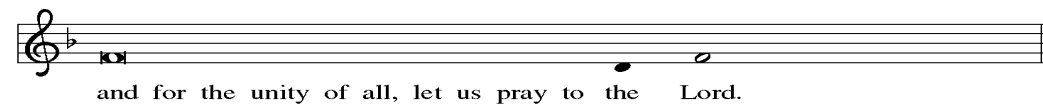
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



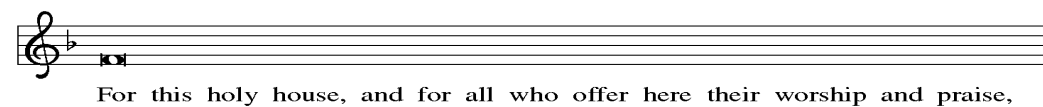
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



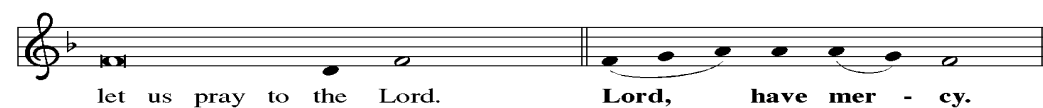
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

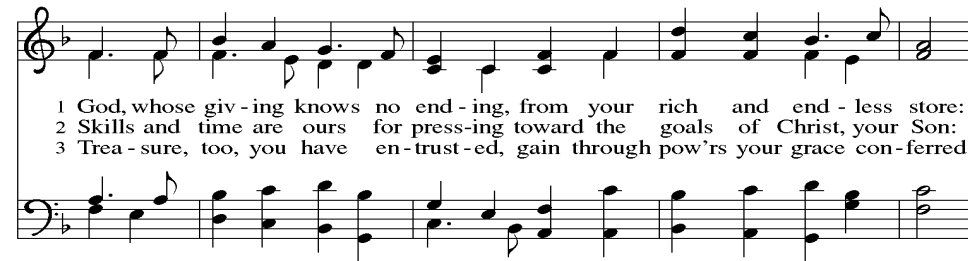


let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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Prayer of the Day

Lord of the lost,

We are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. But you show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. We honor your name for teaching us to love, for the sake of the one who is the essence of love itself, Jesus Christ our loving Lord.

Amen.

Word

A reading from the Psalms:

Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12

¹How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

²My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

³Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

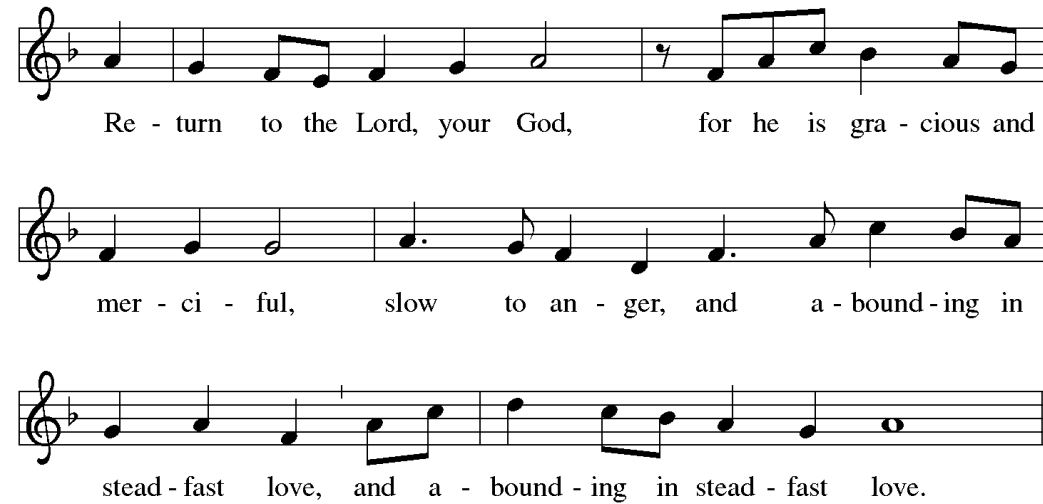
⁴Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

¹⁰For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹For the Lord GOD is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the LORD withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹²O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel: Luke 18:31—19:10

The holy gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. ³³After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." ³⁴But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

Continued

³⁵As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." ³⁸Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹"What do you want me to do for you? He said, "Lord, let me see again." ⁴²Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." ⁴³Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

The Stollings/Cooper Family

Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Musical Offering

Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Sending

Blessing

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you that you may be a blessing in the name of the Father, Son ✝ and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sending Song: “*Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*”

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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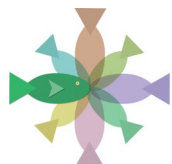
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

- Assisting Minister:** Linda Meyer
- Offering Steward:** Pat Brady
- Altar Flowers:** Karlton and Jane Stein
- Council Person of the Week:** Amy Warren
- Children's Sermon:** The Stollings/Cooper Family



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God



United in Christ

Our Unity in Christ—Grace Racial Reconciliation Verse

Galatians 3:27-28—²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.



Hosanna
in the highest!

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday
Service of the Word In-Person and via YouTube
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Triumphal Entry
Luke 19:29-44
Psalm 118:19-23



Please call the Church Office if you need to add someone to the Prayer List. In an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us, **names on the Prayer List will remain for four weeks.** If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need"

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

**Emily Almarode
Joe Moyer**

Dick Tomey

**Frannie Knicely
Flossie Myers**

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Lisa Barmore, Friend from Christ Tabernacle
Kathy Lambertson, Daughter of Hal Aaslestad
Dennis Wasielewski, Brother-in—Law of Bradys

Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Cooper James Lawson, born to Emily & Chris Lawson, Daughter of Robin and Cathy Crowder
Fisher Lee Ritchie, born to Brooke, Granddaughter of Tom and Holly Carper, and Forrest Ritchie

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes)

**Liz Ann Binns
Nancy Fitzgerald
Bob Knemoller**

**Fred Brower
Pete Giesen
Glenn and Flossie Myers**

**Marie Brown
Sandra R. Hoy
Janet Parmer**

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends *(Please advise of status changes)*

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Larry Hinebaugh, Friend of Donna Gum

George Toop, Friend of the Schwiesows

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife

Regan Grant, Friend of the Bumps

Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey

Family of Yumi Frazier, Daughter-In-Law of Eleanor Sampson

Family of Sally Massey, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Nicole Meicke

Amber Bokelman

Raegen Van Bremen

The Needs of the World

Patience and Abiding with each other as vaccines and pressures to return to normal rise

Tornadoes and Severe Weather in our nation

The murder of eight in Atlanta, six Asian-Americans, And the rise in violence against Asian-descent people

Students and teachers in area school districts

Our nation and world

The Church

The Student Care Center at Grace

Our unity in Christ with Churches in our Community

Bishop Bob Humphrey, Assistants to the Bishop: Kelly Bayer Derrick, John Wertz, Dave Delaney and Synod Staff

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in the Pelham area



Return to In-Person Worship at Grace - After much discussion, we will offer the first In-Person Worship in over a year on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday! See the letter that was sent to you this week via email or U.S. Mail. Following best-practice advice from our medical experts, we are limiting attendance to 30 people per worship service. ***You will need to sign-up for the services you wish to attend.*** Again, please see the letter sent recently for details.



Holy Week Schedule - We have a full Holy Week observance and invite you to take part in Jesus' Passion and love for us in, as we come and worship!
Mundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m. via You Tube and Zoom (phone) - Worship Service of Holy Communion, and the Stripping of the Altar.
Good Friday - 7:00 p.m. via You Tube - We worship together with all Virginia Synod congregations in a Synod-wide worship service.
Easter Vigil - 7:00 p.m. outside, also available via You Tube and Zoom (phone) - We celebrate the Service of Light - the hope of the resurrection soon to come - and remember God's faithfulness and love through Creation, the Exodus, and the Prophets.



Lent: Broken and Healed on the Cross - From Brokenness to Restoration on the Cross, and in Our Lives Today - This is our theme for the Season of Lent. We join with our sisters and brothers at Zion, St. James and Bethlehem to worship at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent via You Tube and Zoom. All will be recorded at Grace and broadcast Live. We all have experienced

brokenness; come, worship and experience the healing of God's Word this Lenten Season.

- **March 24 - Broken Bread** (Last Supper, Body of Christ)



Noon Ecumenical Services also available: For many years, downtown Waynesboro congregations have joined for Noon-hour Lenten services. They are available this year on First Presbyterian's You Tube channel - go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and type in FPC Waynesboro.



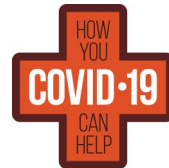
"Coffee Fellowship" Still Available After Worship! - In this "in-between" time upcoming where many of us are still worshipping via You Tube while we also have In-Person worship, our Zoom Coffee Fellowship continues after worship at approximately 10:50pm. It continues to be a great time to catch up, see each other's faces, and celebrate joys and concerns! Each week via email or U.S.

Mail, you receive the Zoom link. Let the Church Office know if you are not receiving that invitation!



Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made

fourteen deliveries thus far, six to Main Street United Methodist, and eight to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Last week, **93 pounds of food** went to Calvary United Methodist breaking our previous records! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Temperature Table Staff needed: As we begin to resume In-Person Worship in accordance with the cautions recommended by medical experts and the CDC, we will need volunteers to staff the "Temperature Table" as people come into the worship space to check temperature, make sure all have a mask, and that people know where hand sanitizers are located. For April 10, 17, 24 and May 2, we need two volunteers to staff the table. Please call the Church

Office if you can help!

Fifth Sunday
in
Lent

Life of Grace Church
March 21-28, 2021

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	03/21	10:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday in Lent Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	03/22	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	03/23	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	03/24	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall Nancy Dowdy Off—Carolyn Hite in Church Office Ecumenical Lenten Service via YouTube Season of Lent Evening Prayer via YouTube
Thursday	03/25	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom
Friday	03/26	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Sunday <i>Palm Sunday</i>	03/28	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Service of the Word In-Person And via YouTube Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

Monday

Jeremiah 1:11-19
Romans 1:1-15
John 4:27-42

Tuesday

Jeremiah 2:1-13, 29-32
Romans 1:16-25
John 4:43-54

Wednesday

Jeremiah 3:6-18
Romans 1:(26-27) 28—2:11
John 5:1-18



Thursday

Jeremiah 4:9-10, 19-28
Romans 2:12-24
John 5:19-29

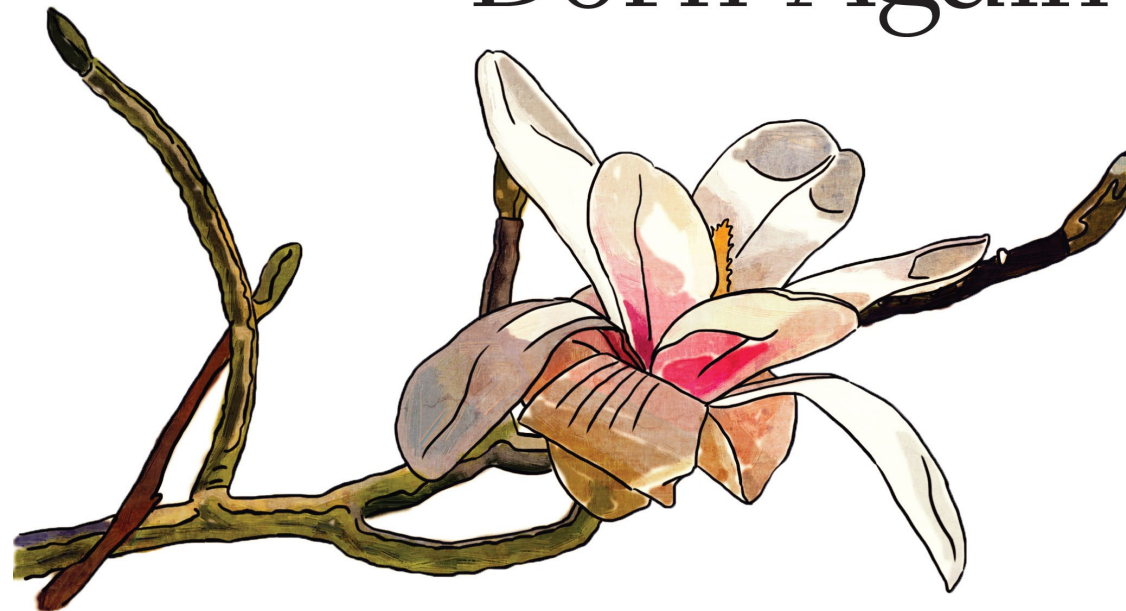
Friday

Jeremiah 5:1-9
Romans 2:25—3:18
John 5:30-47

Saturday

Jeremiah 5:20-31
Romans 3:19-31
John 7:1-13

Born Again





Members of Grace

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