

## Weekly Schedule

Every Sunday - online worship & printable bulletins available  
at [faithlilacway.org](http://faithlilacway.org)

(After the 9:30 service has streamed, there may be a slight delay)



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### Thursday, February 23rd

7 PM Book Club–The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman–In Library  
or Online

### Sunday, February 26th

8:30 AM Sunday School

8:30 AM Confirmation

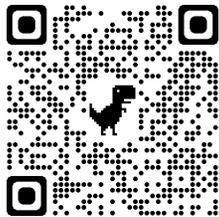
9:30 AM Weekly Worship in the Sanctuary, Parking Lot and Streaming  
online at [www.faithlilacway.org](http://www.faithlilacway.org)

10:30 AM Treats and Talk

10:45 AM Visio Divina–Exploring the Parables Through the Artwork of  
Paul Oman

During our worship service we pause to worship God with our offerings. At  
this time, in support of the ministry we share, some people put in the  
offering plate cash or checks or envelopes. Other people give online  
through regular banks or other mailed in donations. Another way to give  
online is by using the QR code below. Thank you for your support.

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**February 22, 2023**

**Invitation to Lent****Invocation:****Prayer of the Day:**

Almighty and ever-living God, **you reject nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who seek forgiveness. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Lesson** Isaiah 58:1-12 (NRSV)

The lesson is from Isaiah, the 58th chapter.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me, and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be

**Sending Hymn***Be Thou My Vision*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Blessing**

God, the giver of love,  
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.

**Amen.****Dismissal**

Go in grace, grow in faith, serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Worship Leaders**

Pastor  
Intern Pastor  
Music Director  
Soloist

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Vicar Joanna Kathol  
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Dave Pelouquin

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For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare: Holy God,

**Have mercy on us.**

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation: Holy God,

**Have mercy on us.**

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm; Holy God,

**Have mercy on us.**

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace: Holy God,

**Have mercy on us.**

In the mercy of almighty God...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God ..Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, .in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **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;**

**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.**

### **Offering**



like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 51: 1-12 (NRSV)**

**Refrain: Cantor**

**Refrain: All**

## Lord Restore to Me

Psalm 51

Rafael D. Grullon  
Raquel Mora Martinez



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your  
sight;**

**so you are justified when you speak and right | in your  
judgment. Refrain**

Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

**Let me hear | joy and gladness;**

**that the body you have broken | may rejoice. Refrain**

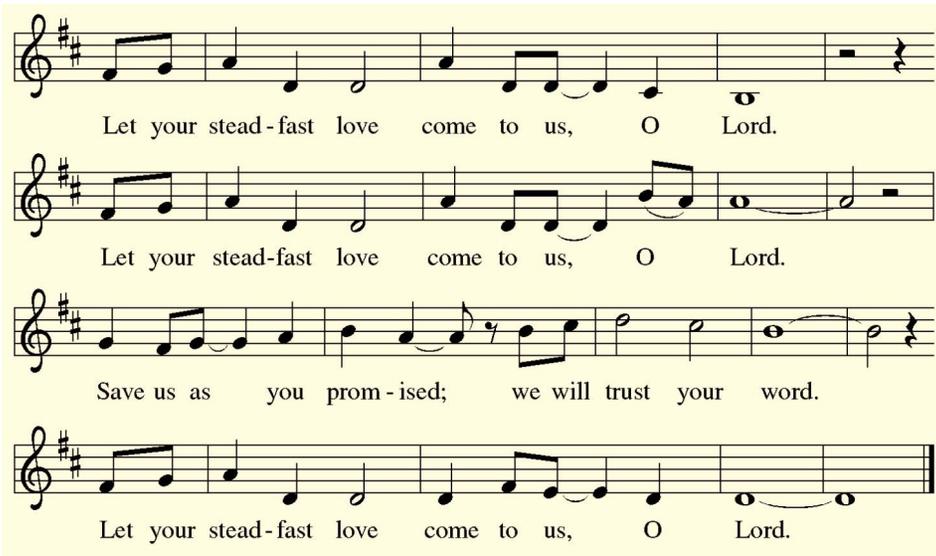
Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.

**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit. Refrain**

### The Lenten Acclamation



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

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Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

### **Gospel** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (NRSV)

The gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The gospel of the Lord.

#### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### **Homily**

Vicar Joanna Kathol

#### **Hymn**

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

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Lord Jesus, think on me,  
and purge away my sin;  
from selfish passions set me free  
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
by anxious thoughts oppressed;  
let me your loving servant be  
and taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity  
point out your chosen way.  
Lord Jesus, think on me,  
that, when the flood is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see  
and share your joy at last.

#### **Prayer of Confession**

For self-centered living and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness: Holy God,

#### **Have mercy on us.**

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves: Holy God,

#### **Have mercy on us.**

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others: Holy God,

#### **Have mercy on us.**