



# WELCOME

March 22, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

L: Why have you come to this place?

**P: We have come to find Jesus.**

L: Why have you come today?

**P: We are tired in body and spirit.**

L: Jesus bids you sit and be at ease.

**P: We are hungry with nothing to eat.**

L: Come and eat your fill.

**P: But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.**

L: There is plenty for all.

**P: Will we find wholeness here?**

L: Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost. Let us now worship Him.

Song: How Great is our God

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Most Merciful God, we come before you acknowledging our emptiness. We confess we often try to fill it with things that do not satisfy us. Like the crowd that followed Jesus only for the loaves, we too have sought temporal comfort over enduring spiritual food. Forgive us when we hold back what little we have, fearful that we will not have enough for ourselves. We confess our hoarding hearts and our refusal to trust in your capacity to multiply our meager offerings. We have seen the suffering of the world and acted as if the task was too great, overlooking the hungry and neglecting to bring our gifts to your table. We have doubted your abundance and relied on our own strength. Break us of our selfishness and take our meager, hesitant offerings. Multiply them by your grace that we might be used to feed a broken world, trusting in you alone, who are the true Bread of Life. Amen

Song: Hungry

Scripture: . Matt.14:13-21 ESV

Sermon: Jesus Provides

Song: We Fall Down

Prayers of the People

Offering and Doxology

Song: King of My Heart

Blessing

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## EASTER LILIES

The white Easter lily is a symbol of the Resurrection. The lily bulb decays in the ground over the winter, and yet from that decayed bulb new life appears in the spring. If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary with lilies for Easter Sunday, please fill out this form and return in the offering plate. You may order your lily from your favorite florist. Please ask for a green pot wrap with a purple bow. Lilies may be delivered to the church on Good Friday, April 3rd, before 12:00 p.m.

You are requested to pick up your lily after the 9:00 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday. The church office is closed on Easter Monday, April 6. Lilies may be picked up any time after 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, if you prefer. (Any lilies remaining after April 10th will be disposed of.)

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YES!! I will be happy to provide a lily for the Easter Sunday Services!

My lily is in  
\_\_\_\_\_ Memory (deceased) Or \_\_\_\_\_ Honor (living)

of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

More than green beer! Yes, it's St. Patrick's Day and I thought I'd mention a book we have about this day. Well, I looked and sorry to say, we don't have any books about St. Patrick! So, we are going to order a couple so that both children and adults know the truth about St. Patrick's Day celebrated on March 17 (the anniversary of his death). Way more than the secular meaning.

Yes, we're getting ready to order more books and the list is growing as we've gotten a few suggestions from some of you! Big thanks.

But I do want to at least tell you a little about St. Patrick in the meantime. For starters, he wasn't even Irish. He was born in Britain, then part of the Roman Empire. At sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and spent 6 years in captivity. During this time he converted to Christianity. After finally getting back home for a while (a story in itself), he decided to return to Ireland and spent the rest of his life working as a Christian missionary.

I have read more about him lately and it was very interesting reading. I had no idea what he went through plus what he accomplished for the Lord in his lifetime. I'm sure it makes for good reading which we will be glad to add to our library.

Judy Schermerhorn of the Library Committee

### EASTER BREAKFAST

Fellowship Commission invites everyone to gather for breakfast following the Sunrise service on Easter morning. If you would like to provide a coffee cake (storebought or homemade), please let Karen Cech know.

If you have a prayer request that you would like to be put on the "Prayer Chain", please send it to Mary Kay Merema. She sends the prayer requests to the texting threads.

Mary Kay's phone number is 815-761-3428.

Wanted!! Wanted!! Wanted!!

Models - All Sizes, All Ages, Girls, Boys,  
Ladies and Men

Thrift Shop Fashion Show  
Sunday, April 12th during the 10:00 Fellowship  
Hour

Want to help? It's easy! Just stop at the shop and pick out 1 or 2 outfits that you would like to model. Leave your name and number on the sign up sheet at the shop. Leave your outfits at the shop and we will do a write up and bring them to the church for you! Just be ready to change and model after the 9:00 service.

IT'S FUN! IT'S EASY! IT'S FOR A GREAT  
CHURCH MISSION!

Questions: Kathy Olson 815-562-8000 or  
Taryn Brooks: 815-329-3962 - Please Help!



**EGG MY YARD**  
*Fundraiser*  
For the 1st Pres. Church Youth Groups  
**BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY!**

PRE-FILLED EGGS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE CHURCH, DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME OR HIDDEN IN YOUR YARD  
Please specify when ordering:  
FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd BETWEEN 6:00PM-8:00PM  
SATURDAY, APRIL 4th BETWEEN NOON-3:00PM  
SATURDAY, APRIL 4th BETWEEN 6:00PM-8:00PM  
(WE ARE ABLE TO TRAVEL 10 MILE RADIUS OF THE CHURCH)  
QUESTIONS? EMAIL TESSA@PLACEFORGRACE.COM

EGGS WILL BE FILLED WITH AN ASSORTMENT OF CANDIES AND TOYS  
**SIGN UP HERE**

30 EGGS \$25  
50 EGGS \$45  
75 EGGS \$60

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All Ladies, Young and Not-As-Young  
**SPRING TEA PARTY**

SUNDAY, MAY 3rd | 1:00-3:00 PM

"A Love Story": A Conversation  
Between Ruth and Naomi  
Scripted by Jeana Valdivieso

We will have Tea & Treats  
and Special Music

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Sign up here or call  
the office 815-562-7053



APRIL 25, 2026  
**SPRING**  
*Craft Show*

9:00AM - 2:00PM

LUNCH SERVED  
LOCAL VENDORS + ARTISANS  
1ST PRES. CHURCH  
1100 CALVIN ROAD  
ROCHELLE