

# Responding to God with Thanksgiving

**\*Hymn #175:** "Seek Ye First"

*Karen Lafferty*

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles Creed

*(page 35 in hymnal)*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

"Bow Down Low"

arr. David Bridges

**\*Doxology (Hymn 606)**

*Genevan Psalter*

**\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

*Matthew 4*

**Merciful one, we do not live by bread alone**

**But by every word that comes from your mouth.**

**Still we seek your blessing upon this offering,**

**for many are hungry and need food,**

**many are naked and need clothes,**

**many are homeless and need shelter.**

**May these gifts reflect the depth of our gratitude**

**as they go into the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**\*Hymn 465:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*Charles C. Converse*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

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**Those participating in worship today:**

The Chancel Choir

Elder of the Month: Pember Edwards

Reader: Harriet Edwards

Sunday School Teacher: Kim Borsack

Deacon of the Month: Joy Anne Dixon

Ushers: Alana, Abigayle & Norah Leland

Wendy Mott, Florence Stone, Paul Vogel

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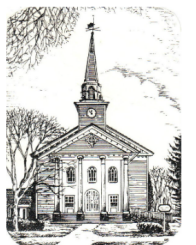


February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
First Sunday of Lent

Rev. Mike Smith, Guest Minister  
Jane Hastay, Director of Music  
120 Main Street  
East Hampton NY 11937



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**Pastors Emeriti: The Rev Dr Fred Schultz & The Rev Dr John Ames**

*If this is your first time worshiping with us we thank you for joining us. We are an open and affirming church and welcome all members of God's family in this sanctuary.*

# Gathering in God's Name

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

*Luke 4:1, Rom. 10:8b*

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

Unison: **The journey begins in the wilderness.**

Leader: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, temptation, and testing

Unison: **Like Jesus, we are not alone.**

**The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.**

Leader: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

Unison: **For God leads us not only into the wilderness,**

**but also through the wilderness.**

### \*Opening Prayer (unison)

**Faithful God, we seek to follow the ways of your son Jesus.**

**Cleanse our hearts and minds from all that might be a distraction.**

**Renew in us a desire to worship you, so we may be an example of your**

**love and grace to the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

### \*Hymn #161 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

*Day's Psalter*

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

*Psalm 32*

**We keep silent before you, Lord—**

**we are afraid to confront our transgressions;**

**we are terrified to face the reality of our sin;**

**we feel as if the weight of the world were upon our shoulders;**

**we no longer recognize ourselves or what we have become**

**as we keep our failings and fears inside.**

**Help us admit our sins and accept our imperfections.**

**Why is that simple act so difficult for us?**

**Why do we hesitate, knowing you stand ready to wash away our guilt?**

**You are the sanctuary where distress cannot reach us.**

**In your steadfast love, forgive us.**

**In your healing caress, cleanse us.**

**In your Holy Spirit, restore us.**

**In the name of our Savior, we pray. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

### \*Passing of the Peace

### \*Gloria (*Hymn 582*)

*"Glory to God"*

*Paul M. Vasile*

## Proclaiming God's Word

### Children's Message

### Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4: 1-11

### Sermon

"It Is Written"

*Rev. Mike Smith*

**Remember to pray for the following friends:**



*Liam Baum - Darlene Shields Bartoletta - Denise & Mike Chicca - Robert Fariel - Gordon Grant - The family of David Grimes - Dana Lester - Gay Quarty - Jane Schmitz - Lucas Sicuso - Jane Talmage - Jim Winkler - Susan Winkler - Joyce Walker - our sister church in Güines, Cuba, and their pastor Abel Mirabal - and our dedicated Pastor Nominating Committee*

**Elders:**

2023  
Kristy LaMonda  
Alana Leland  
Bruce Siska  
Don Smith  
Nicholas Cooper

2024  
Kim Borsack  
David Filer  
Michelle Grant  
Paul Vogel

2025  
Andrea Cooper  
Barbara D'Andrea  
Harriet Edwards  
Pember Edwards

**Deacons:**

2023  
Rachel Cooper  
Madeleine Lockwood  
Ann Roberts  
Florence Stone  
Shirley Wornstaff  
Brighton Lys

2024  
Kristine Eberhart  
Christine Martin  
Nancy Pearson  
Carol Sigler

2025  
Fran Chapman  
Joy Anne Dixon  
Suzanne Nicoletti

**Church Officers 2023:**

Clerk of Session: Mary Siska    Treasurer: Wendy Mott    Mission Treasurer: Andrea Cooper

Springs General Store Porch Musicians meet every Sunday from 4:30-6:30pm in our session house. All are welcome to join the music and fellowship.

Mondays at 9am prayer meetings are held in our Session House. All are welcome to come and be blessed as we pray for our PNC leadership and our future pastor.



Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Tuesday at 1pm. Contact Mary Siska for more information.



Food Pantry item: peanut butter and jelly



Please join us in welcoming June Lester to our office. Church office hours are now Tuesday-Friday from 9am-1pm. 631-324-0711



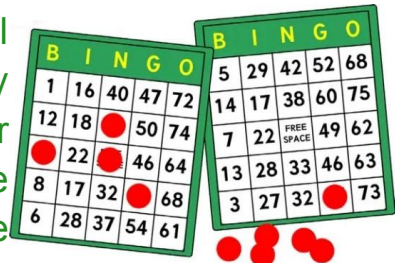
Next Sunday, March 5th  
Communion with Rev. Mike Smith



Our Congregational Meeting is TODAY, directly following worship. We will also vote to change our PNC search from a designated to an installed pastor.



This Friday, March 3rd at 6pm will be an early St. Patrick's Day celebration with a pot "luck" dinner followed by BINGO, hopefully the luck of the Irish will touch everyone! Please see Michelle Grant or Paul Vogel to sign up with your favorite dish.



Book Club meets Wednesday, March 8th at 1pm in the Session House. This month's book is Michele Obama's best selling memoir, Becoming.



**Per Capita for 2023 is \$40 per individual member.**  
**Please mark your checks "per capita".**  
*Offering Envelopes should be arriving soon.*



If you would like to donate flowers for the communion table (\$60) and/or pedestals (\$80) in honor or memory of a loved one please email Summer Borsack [summerborsack@gmail.com](mailto:summerborsack@gmail.com). Summer will place the order and you can send a check to the church marked "EHFPC Deacons' Flower Fund" with the date.