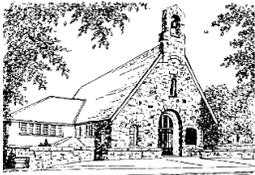


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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Beloved of God,

The time changes to Daylight Saving Time (DST) on Sunday, March 8. Remember to "Spring forward" with your clocks or you'll be late for church. Sunday, March 1, begins the season of Lent in the church year. The word "Lent" comes from an Old English word for "lengthen," and refers to the gradually lengthening days of late winter and early spring. Over the centuries, Lent evolved into a 40-day period of repentance and reflection, reflection on the meaning of Jesus death...and resurrection.

In the ninth chapter of Luke's gospel, there came a time when "Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem." He was destined to confront the powers and principalities of his time that had succumbed to the temptation to use their power for self-serving means. The poor, the dispossessed of society, the "least" of his time suffered. He would confront the powerful and hold them to account. And they killed him, nailing him to a cross. And they thought that was the end of him. But we know, as Paul Harvey used to say, "the rest of the story." It has been said that the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good people do nothing. Jesus revealed that in his world, and ours, what is good, what is just, what is right, comes with a price. A price that he paid... During this season of Lent, we may want to ask, "What does it cost us?"

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Steve

## LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Lent is the season when we prepare to celebrate the miracle of Resurrection. Lent is a time we set aside to open our hearts to God's refining grace through prayer, confession, fasting and the giving of help to those in need as we anticipate Holy Week. In order to help draw closer to the Lord the Diaconate has made available a wonderful Lenten devotional titled "Deliver Us" from the Stillspeaking Writers' Group, which is composed of United Church of Christ ministers and authors. Devotionals are available at the church or by contacting Ralph Jacobs. May we all truly contemplate what our Lord did for us on the Cross and prepare ourselves to celebrate the overflowing grace God offers us with the Resurrection!

**SEASIDE SOCIAL CLUB****Seaside Social Club – Candy Making****March 10, 2020**

Join us for a candy making session. Learn how to make several types of candy, some of which do not require a candy thermometer or a lot of fussing. Get the recipe for fool-proof 3 ingredient fudge! Taste the recipes and you will get to bring home a sampling of the treats. The program begins at 7:00. A business meeting will be conducted by President Maureen Flores at 6:30. The program is open to all interested individuals.

**PRAYER LIST**

Anne Baxendale  
Linda DellaCroce  
Linda Beck  
Marie Blanchard  
Bob Craig  
Mary Giggey  
Donnie Gamble

Edward Duddy  
Elizabeth M. Orchard  
Sheena Giggey Curley  
May Keith  
Maeve Hughes  
Jane Neale  
June Paul

Martha Chase  
Jaime Toby  
Joan Kirby  
Beth Little  
Laurie Milligan  
Kelly Stewart Cassier  
Mark Paul

Paula Younie  
John White  
Eileen Menz  
Wink Wakelin  
Bernie Van Tassell  
Sandy White



# **GIGANTIC INDOOR YARD SALE**

***SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020***

**HOUGH'S NECK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
9A.M - 1 P.M.  
310 Manet Avenue**

**Kitchen items, household items, dishware, clothing, holiday decorations, etc. available at great prices!**

**Snack bar open during the sale.**

**Items may be dropped off on Friday, March 27th from 9:00 - noon.**

**If you need items picked up, or have questions, please contact Nancy**

**617-479-6441 or [jacobs0511@gmail.com](mailto:jacobs0511@gmail.com).**

EASTER FLOWERS



Seaside Social Club is once again sponsoring an Easter Plant Drive. If you would like to purchase a plant(s) to be displayed in the sanctuary please fill out the order form below and they will be purchased for you. Each plant will be \$15- see below for the options.

If you are paying by check please make it payable to **MOTHERS CLUB** and mail to the church at 310 Manet Ave. Quincy MA 02169 or you may place your order in the offering plate during worship service.

The deadline for orders is Sunday, **April 5th**. For more information contact Nancy Jacobs at 617 479-6441 or [jacobs0511@gmail.com](mailto:jacobs0511@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone# \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips@\$15 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Lilies@\$15 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils@\$15 each      TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_





Houghs Neck Congregational Church  
310 Manet Ave Quincy

# Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School

August 3 - August 7  
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

For students entering  
Kindergarten- 5th grade

Suggested donation \$15



Register at [www.hncong.org](http://www.hncong.org)



## HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY!!



Wish a happy birthday with a smile, a call  
or a card to our MARCH birthday folks!

### MARCH

1	Kevin Murphy	25	Carrie Hallett MacLean
2	Karen Grillo	26	Joan Kirby
3	Robert Bassett		Laura Hallett
4	Karen Christie	27	Robert Sparks
5	James Mackay		
13	Cheryl Baldwin Shaw		
19	Kindred Joy Sparks		
23	Robert Rheault		

## SPIRITUAL MESSAGES



Scripture: *For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?*

-Matthew 5:46

Quote: *Man's greatest sin is not hatred, but indifference to one's brother.*

-Mother Teresa

Scripture: *"Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."*

-Daniel 3:25

Quote: *When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace all sufficient, shall be thy supply.*

-George Keith, "How Firm a Foundation"

Scripture: *So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

-Isaiah 55:11

Quote: *Faith cannot stand, unless it be founded on the promises of God.*

-John Calvin

Scripture: *But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.*

-Daniel 7:18

Quotes: *Before we pray, "Lord, Thy Kingdom come," we must be willing to pray, "My kingdom go."*

-Alan Redpath

Scripture: *Now it came to pass, when the time had come for him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem.*

-Luke 9:51

Quotes: *In all true faith there is complete committal to God.*

-Lee Robertson

## March 2020 Daily Lectionary

*These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.*

### **March**

Sunday, March 1

1st Sunday in Lent  
Morning Pss. 84, 150  
Evening Pss. 42, 32  
Dan. 9:3–10  
Heb. 2:10–18  
John 12:44–50

Monday, March 2

Morning Pss. 119:73–80, 145  
Evening Pss. 121, 6  
Gen. 37:1–11  
1 Cor. 1:1–19  
Mark 1:1–13

Tuesday, March 3

Morning Pss. 34, 146  
Evening Pss. 25, 91  
Gen. 37:12–24  
1 Cor. 1:20–31  
Mark 1:14–28

Wednesday, March 4

Morning Pss. 5, 147:1–11  
Evening Pss. 27, 51  
Gen. 37:25–36  
1 Cor. 2:1–13  
Mark 1:29–45

Thursday, March 5

Morning Pss. 27,  
147:12–20  
Evening Pss. 126, 102  
Gen. 39:1–23  
1 Cor. 2:14–3:15  
Mark 2:1–12

Friday, March 6

Morning Pss. 22, 148  
Evening Pss. 105, 130  
Gen. 40:1–23  
1 Cor. 3:16–23  
Mark 2:13–22

Saturday, March 7

Morning Pss. 43, 149  
Evening Pss. 31, 143  
Gen. 41:1–13  
1 Cor. 4:1–7  
Mark 2:23–3:6

Sunday, March 8

2nd Sunday in Lent  
Morning Pss. 84, 150  
Evening Pss. 42, 32  
Gen. 41:14–45  
Rom. 6:3–14  
John 5:19–24

Monday, March 9

Morning Pss. 119:73–80, 145  
Evening Pss. 121, 6  
Gen. 41:46–57  
1 Cor. 4:8–20 (21)  
Mark 3:7–19a

Tuesday, March 10

Morning Pss. 34, 146  
Evening Pss. 25, 91  
Gen. 42:1–17  
1 Cor. 5:1–8  
Mark 3:19b–35

Wednesday, March 11

Morning Pss. 5, 147:1–11  
Evening Pss. 27, 51  
Gen. 42:18–28  
1 Cor. 5:9–6:11  
Mark 4:1–20

Thursday, March 12

Morning Pss. 27,  
147:12–20  
Evening Pss. 126, 102  
Gen. 42:29–38  
1 Cor. 6:12–20  
Mark 4:21–34

Friday, March 13

Morning Pss. 22, 148  
Evening Pss. 105, 130  
Gen. 43:1–15  
1 Cor. 7:1–9  
Mark 4:35–41

Saturday, March 14

Morning Pss. 43, 149  
Evening Pss. 31, 143  
Gen. 43:16–34  
1 Cor. 7:10–24  
Mark 5:1–20

Sunday, March 15

3rd Sunday in Lent  
Morning Pss. 84, 150  
Evening Pss. 42, 32  
Gen. 44:1–17  
Rom. 8:1–10  
John 5:25–29

Monday, March 16

Morning Pss. 119:73–80, 145  
Evening Pss. 121, 6  
Gen. 44:18–34  
1 Cor. 7:25–31  
Mark 5:21–43

Tuesday, March 17

Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Gen. 45:1–15  
1 Cor. 7:32–40  
Mark 6:1–13

Wednesday, March 18  
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Gen. 45:16–28  
1 Cor. 8:1–13  
Mark 6:13–29

Thursday, March 19  
Morning: Pss. 27;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Gen. 46:1–7, 28–34  
1 Cor. 9:1–15  
Mark 6:30–46

Friday, March 20  
Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
Gen. 47:1–26  
1 Cor. 9:16–27  
Mark 6:47–56

Saturday, March 21  
Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Gen. 47:27–48:7  
1 Cor. 10:1–13  
Mark 7:1–23

Sunday, March 22  
4th Sunday in Lent  
Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
Gen. 48:8–22  
Rom. 8:11–25  
John 6:27–40

Monday, March 23  
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
145  
Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
Gen. 49:1–28  
1 Cor. 10:14–11:1  
Mark 7:24–37

Tuesday, March 24  
Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Gen. 49:29–50:14  
1 Cor. 11:2–34  
Mark 8:1–10

Wednesday, March 25  
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Gen. 50:15–26  
1 Cor. 12:1–11  
Mark 8:11–26

Thursday, March 26  
Morning: Pss. 27;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Exod. 1:6–22  
1 Cor. 12:12–26  
Mark 8:27–9:1

Friday, March 27  
Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
Exod. 2:1–22  
1 Cor. 12:27–13:3  
Mark 9:2–13

Saturday, March 28  
Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Exod. 2:23–3:15  
1 Cor. 13:1–13  
Mark 9:14–29

Sunday, March 29  
5th Sunday in Lent  
Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
Exod. 3:16–4:12  
Rom. 12:1–21  
John 8:46–59

Monday, March 30  
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
145  
Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
Exod. 4:10–20 (21–26)  
27–31  
1 Cor. 14:1–19  
Mark 9:30–41

Tuesday, March 31  
Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Exod. 5:1–6:1  
1 Cor. 14:20–33a, 39–40  
Mark 9:42–50

## **Contact Information**

### **FOR ALL**

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### **FOR THE NEWSLETTER:**

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**Weekly service of worship**

**Sundays  
at 10:00 a.m.**

**Reverend Stephen Vandergrift**

**There is a potluck Coffee Hour each Sunday in the Conference Room after our service. All are welcome, please join us! We serve coffee, tea and whatever goodies are donated. Please volunteer to make and serve coffee and clean up!**