

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

(\*=**please stand if you are able**)

**Prelude (A time for Silence and Reflection)**

**Welcome**

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

**\*Call to Worship**

L: O Lord, open my eyes,

**P: so I might see the vision of your truth.**

L: O Lord, open my ears,

**P: and I will hear your word.**

L: O Lord, open my lips,

**P: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**\*Praise God in Song**

**\*Praise Song** (See insert for lyrics)

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

**\*Praise Song** (See insert for lyrics)

“God of Great and God of Small”

**Call to Confession**

To you, O God, we give up the burdens of this week, trusting your love and mercy. To you, O God, we surrender ourselves, trusting our risen Lord to lead us always in the way of peace, today, tomorrow and forever.

**Prayer of Confession**

**P: O God, we confess that we often look back. We look back on mistakes we have made, work left undone, people we have hurt, and excuses we have made. We see these as things for which we feel guilty. We overwhelm ourselves with regret. Free us, O God, from self-condemnation that immobilizes us. Allow us to remember that you call us to look back, to remember those times of joy, to remember those people who were kind and compassionate, to remember that we did the best we were able to do, to remember that in Christ our past is transformed, to remember that you journey with us each day of our life. May we continue to grow in grace and truth.**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

L: This we know for certain - we are forgiven by our gracious God. This good news never ceases to astound us!

**P: This promise is passed on to us, so we may share it with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

“Glory, Glory, Glory”

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading**

Matthew 13: 3-23

He said many things to them in parables: “A farmer went out to scatter seed. As he was scattering seed, some fell on the path, and birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because the soil wasn’t deep. But when the sun came up, it scorched the plants, and they dried up because they had no roots. Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorny plants grew and choked them. Other seed fell on good soil and bore fruit, in one case a yield of one hundred to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of thirty to one. Everyone who has ears should pay attention.” Jesus’ disciples came

and said to him, “Why do you use parables when you speak to the crowds?” Jesus replied, “Because they haven’t received the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but you have. For those who have will receive more and they will have more than enough. But as for those who don’t have, even the little they have will be taken away from them. This is why I speak to the crowds in parables: although they see, they don’t really see; and although they hear, they don’t really hear or understand. What Isaiah prophesied has become completely true for them: *You will hear, to be sure, but never understand; and you will certainly see but never recognize what you are seeing. For this people’s senses have become calloused, and they’ve become hard of hearing, and they’ve shut their eyes so that they won’t see with their eyes or hear with their ears or understand with their minds, and change their hearts and lives that I may heal them.*” Happy are your eyes because they see. Happy are your ears because they hear. I assure you that many prophets and righteous people wanted to see what you see and hear what you hear, but they didn’t “Consider then the parable of the farmer. Whenever people hear the word about the kingdom and don’t understand it, the evil one comes and carries off what was planted in their hearts. This is the seed that was sown on the path. As for the seed that was spread on rocky ground, this refers to people who hear the word and immediately receive it joyfully. Because they have no roots, they last for only a little while. When they experience distress or abuse because of the word, they immediately fall away. As for the seed that was spread among thorny plants, this refers to those who hear the word, but the worries of this life and the false appeal of wealth choke the word, and it bears no fruit. As for what was planted on good soil, this refers to those who hear and understand, and bear fruit and produce—in one case a yield of one hundred to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of thirty to one.”

L: This is the word of God.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

**Second Reading**

Matthew 13:24-32

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Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like someone who planted good seed in his field. While people were sleeping, an enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and went away. When the stalks sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared. “The servants of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Master, didn’t you plant good seed in your field? Then how is it that it has weeds?’ “‘An enemy has done this,’ he answered. “The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and gather them?’ “But the landowner said, ‘No, because if you gather the weeds, you’ll pull up the wheat along with them. Let both grow side by side until the harvest. And at harvesttime I’ll say to the harvesters, “First gather the weeds and tie them together in bundles to be burned. But bring the wheat into my barn.’” He told another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in his field. It’s the smallest of all seeds. But when it’s grown, it’s the largest of all vegetable plants. It becomes a tree so that the birds in the sky come and nest in its branches.”

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Reflection on Silent Spring”

Jeniffer Rodríguez

**\*Hymn** (See insert for lyrics)

“Soft Rains of Spring Flow”

**RESPOND IN GRACE**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

L: May the gifts we offer be used to open doors closed to strangers, hands shut tight against generous giving, and hearts frozen by fears of the unknown. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

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**\*Hymn** (See insert for lyrics)

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

L: Now, as friends: May all that is true, all that is noble, all that is just and right, all that is lovable and gracious, whatever is excellent and admirable, fill our thoughts and our hearts.

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

**Postlude**

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## **EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2020**

### **English Bible Study on Thursdays at 11:00AM via Zoom**

By Computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/376838854>

By Phone: +16465588656, **Meeting ID: 376 838 854**

### **Spanish Bible Study on Tuesdays at 11:00 via Zoom**

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Computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/740643056?pwd=bmpDbnFFMUxBYkY5aXRxSUxHcE1xdz09>

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### **Prayer Time on Fridays at 7:00PM via zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting

By Computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95150584654>

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**Next Worship Team meeting will be on Wednesday May 6, 2020 at 9:30AM, via Zoom**

**Next Session meeting will be on Tuesday May 14, 2020 at 7:00PM**

**If you are incline in writing a prayer, song, poem or reflection, do not hesitate** share it with us as community. Please send them to [pastorjeniffer.ossining@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjeniffer.ossining@gmail.com)

### **Soap Drive**

The Town of Bedford Prison Relations Advisory Committee is running a soap drive for the women at Taconic and Bedford Hills to give them an alternative to lye-based state-issued soap that makes their hands red, dry and raw. It's not as good as a visit but will remind the women that they are in our thoughts! I hope you'll participate. We've got a goal of 2,000 bars!

The soaps must be wrapped and be alcohol free. Apparently, there are some color restrictions and so white soap is best. No receipts are necessary. Also, the soaps should be sealed. (Dove is a safe choice.)

Contact Carol Parker to coordinate pickup or drop off to her home [carol.lilypond@gmail.com](mailto:carol.lilypond@gmail.com). If you have any ideas about other congregations or organizations that might be willing to donate, please contact them or let Carol know and she'll reach out.

**The Emergency Shelter program had to close due to someone coming down with a fever.** Please keep them in your prayers.

## **Prayers and Praise**

Please pray for Bonapace family.

Please pray for the Yumart family.

Please pray for the Perez family.

Please pray for Gisela Marin.

Please pray for the Cilas family

Please Pray for Isabella Versace

Please pray for the world and this crisis

Please keep the Emergency Shelter Program in your prayer

## **PRAISE SONGS AND HYMNS:**

### **For the Beauty of the Earth**

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

*Refrain:*

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: *[Refrain]*

3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: *[Refrain]*

4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: *[Refrain]*

5. For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: *[Refrain]*

### **God of Great and God of Small**

1. God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all, God of weak and God of strong,  
God to whom all things belong,

*Refrain: alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

2. God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny, God of never ending power, yet beside  
me every hour, *[Refrain]*

3. God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found, God of day and darkest  
night, God whose love turns wrong to right, *[Refrain]*

4. God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth, God of now and days before,  
God who reigns forever more, *[Refrain]*

### **Soft Rains of Spring Flow**

1. Soft rains of spring flow through the fields; earth awakes and greets a new year. Deep  
withing the soil of our hearts seeds of love begin to take root. Summer brings floods, tempest  
and storm; sun breaks forth; birds tend their young. Then the day of harvest will come, when  
we gather all that God gives.

2. Tender young shoots, green in the sun, glisten with the beauty of spring. God will watch and  
care for each one, bring the growth and strength to bear fruit, speaking the word quenching  
their thirst, hearing their prayer, feeding their souls. God will love and care for each one, till  
the bright day harvest will come.

3. Our hearts are filled: God gives us grace; overflowing we give our praise. We come humbly  
bringing our thanks, bring our hearts and offer them back. Our harvest here on God's rich  
earth, all is a gift God freely makes. Lord and Savior, we sing your praise, thank and bless you  
all of our days.

## **All Things Bright and Beautiful**

*Refrain:*

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. *[Refrain]*

2. The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky: *[Refrain]*

3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. *[Refrain]*

4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *[Refrain]*