St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

Sutton William Wade: February 11, 2024

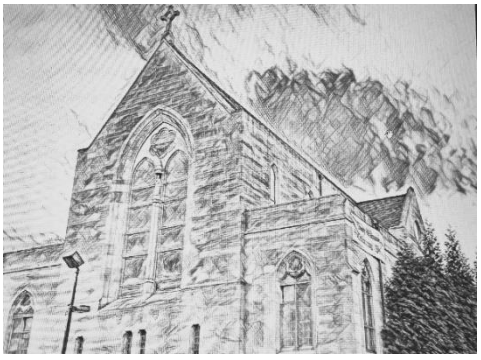
Sunday, February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Welcome to St. Paul's

Online and in-person services begin with music at 10:25 a.m.



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Our mission

St. Paul's is an exceptionally welcoming Episcopal community in downtown Canton, grounded in faith, and called by God's Love to minister to the world.

First Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite II (EOW)

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Prelude: *Saraband* by J.S. Bach

The Word of God

SILENT PROCESSION

GREAT LITANY (refer to handout)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins
People His mercy endures forever

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

The people sit.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

8 God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 "As for me, I am establishing my
covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10 and with every living creature that is
with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as
many as came out of the ark. 11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all
flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy
the earth." 12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you
and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow
in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I
bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,

[15]I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. [16]When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." [17]God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9

Remain seated.

[1]To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
[2]Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
[3]Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
[4]Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
[5]Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
[6]Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
[7]Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
[8]He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
[9]All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Remain seated.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

[18]Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, [19]in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,

[20]who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah,
during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through
water.
[21]And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the
body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus
Christ, [22]who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels,
authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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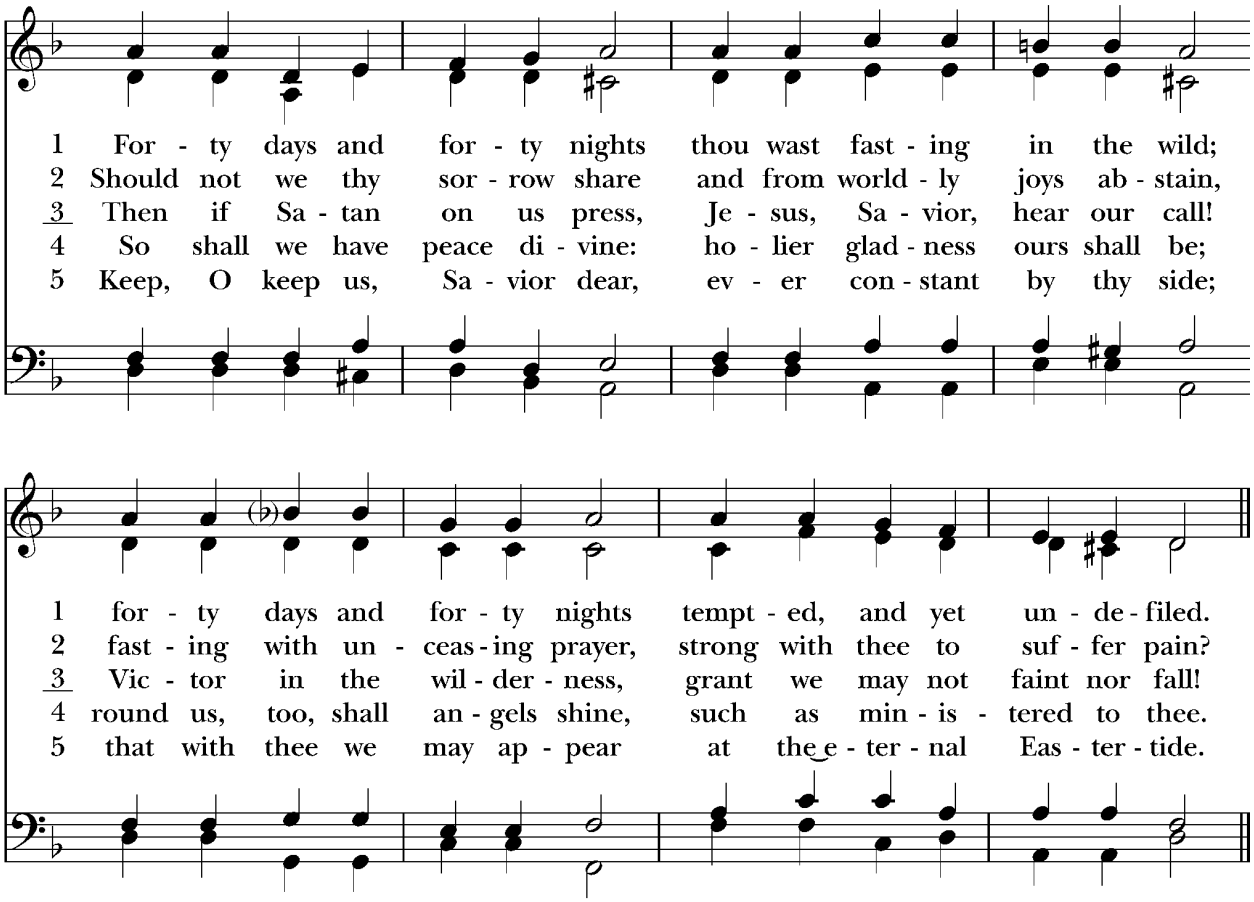
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: ***"Forty Days and Forty Nights" (H 150)***
All stand.



GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

All stand.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the
Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart
and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are
my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the
wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels
waited on him.

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,
15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and
believe in the good news."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: *Demetrius Carrothers*

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed

THE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. ***Amen.***

Commissioning of Vestry

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord

Church Announcements

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: "Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God." *1 Peter 3:18a*

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer EOW 2

(Please remain standing)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

SANCTUS: ***(Said by all)*** ***♪ ♪ ♪***

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.***

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM: ***(Said by all)***
Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament, have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen
(St Thomas Aquinas, 1227 - 1274)

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the clergy if you need gluten-free bread. If you come to the communion station for a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Priest of the parish.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE GIFTS

COMMUNION HYMN: ***"It Is Well with My Soul" (LEVAS 188)***

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -
1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,
It is well with my
— It is well, it is well with my soul.
soul,

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)
Let us pray together

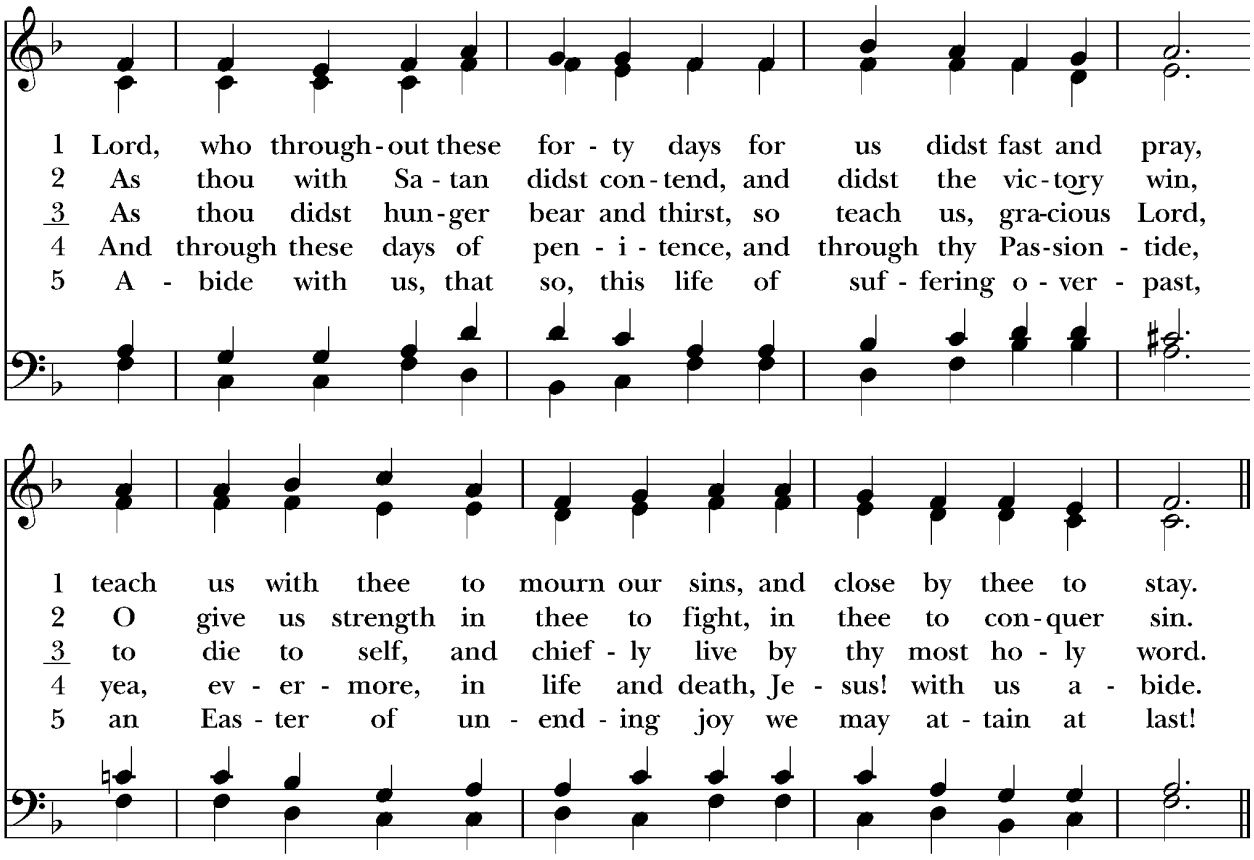
Loving God,
we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

BLESSING
Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

DISMISSAL

Celebrant	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People	Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: *"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (H 142)*
All Stand.



SILENT RECESSION

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Priest-in-Charge:	The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Guest Preacher:	Demetrius Carrothers
Director of Music:	Edward T. Grimes
Lector:	Valerie Frear
Eucharistic Minister:	Douglas Colmery
Crucifer:	Karl Roshong
Torchbearers:	Nancy Suba, Cara Warren
Camera/Audio:	David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Altar Guild:	Barbara Anderson, Shirley Brown
Counters:	M.L. Schultze, Cara Warren

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Finance Committee
The Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 20th @ 6:30p.

Wednesday Small Group Study
The 10a Wednesday Bible Study will follow a series entitled "Hazardous Saints: Christians Risking All, Changing Everything" by C.K. Robertson. This week we will learn about Barnabas: The Subversive Bridgebuilder.

Thursday Choir Rehearsal
Choir rehearsal is held on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Consider "Making a joyful noise unto the Lord" and join our great choir!! All are welcome!

Social Justice Book Club
The next book to be read is "American Sirens" by Kevin Hazzard. The Club will meet on Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. You can join us either here in the Guild Hall or via Zoom.

February Birthdays

4th- Marianne Arnold
5th – Kelli Green
8th – Demetrius Carrothers
14th- Nancy Suba & Valerie Frear
18th-Deborah Findlay 19th-Olivia DiMaria

Happy Anniversary

Rick Senften & M.L. Schultze: 5th
William & Linda Kendrick: 22nd
Mike & Beth Paynter: 29th

February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 **10:30 am Service (Great Litany)** **2 pm Emancipation Proclamation Service @ Shiloh**	**19**	**20**	**21** **10 am Bible Study**	**22** **7 pm Choir Rehearsal** **7 pm AA (Blue Room)**	**23**	**24** **11 am HOT Lunch** **7 pm AA (Library)** **7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)**
25 **10:30 am Service**	**26**	**27** **7 pm Social Justice Book Club**	**28** **10 am Bible Study**	**29** **7 pm Choir Rehearsal** **7 pm AA (Blue Room)**		

Bible Study

The 10a Wednesday Bible Study will follow a series entitled "Hazardous Saints: Christians Risking All, Changing Everything" by C.K. Robertson

February 21st—Barnabas: The Subversive Bridgebuilder

February 28th—Francis of Assisi: The Lovable Rebel

March 6th—Thomas Cranmer: The Tightrope Walker

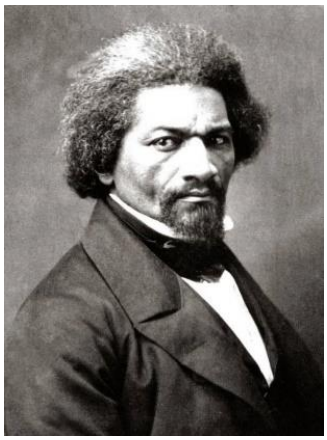
March 13th– Sojourner Truth: The Persevering Prophet

March 20th– Dorothy Day: The Idealistic Realist

March 27th—Oscar Romero: The People's Voice

Handouts will be provided.

For more information, please see Rev. Robin or call the Church Office, at 330-455-0286.
All are welcome!



Frederick Douglass was born into slavery, most likely in February 1818 — birth dates of slaves were rarely recorded. He was put to work full-time at age six, and his life as a young man was a litany of savage beatings and whippings. Douglass broke the law by teaching himself to read. At 14, he converted to Christianity in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which had music that bolstered his struggle for freedom. At age 20, he successfully escaped to the North.

Douglass spoke on tours in the North sponsored by the American anti-slavery society, but his renown as an orator magnified his fear of capture. When Douglass fled to England, his American friends bought his freedom so he could return to America, where he edited the *North Star*, a pro-abolition journal. Douglass championed the rights of African Americans and of all women and children.

To place your order for Easter Flowers, please complete this form and return it to Peggy in the Parish Office. Make checks payable to St. Paul's. Thank you for making our Sanctuary special this Eastertide!

Name: _____ Total Enclosed: $_____

In Loving Memory of: _____

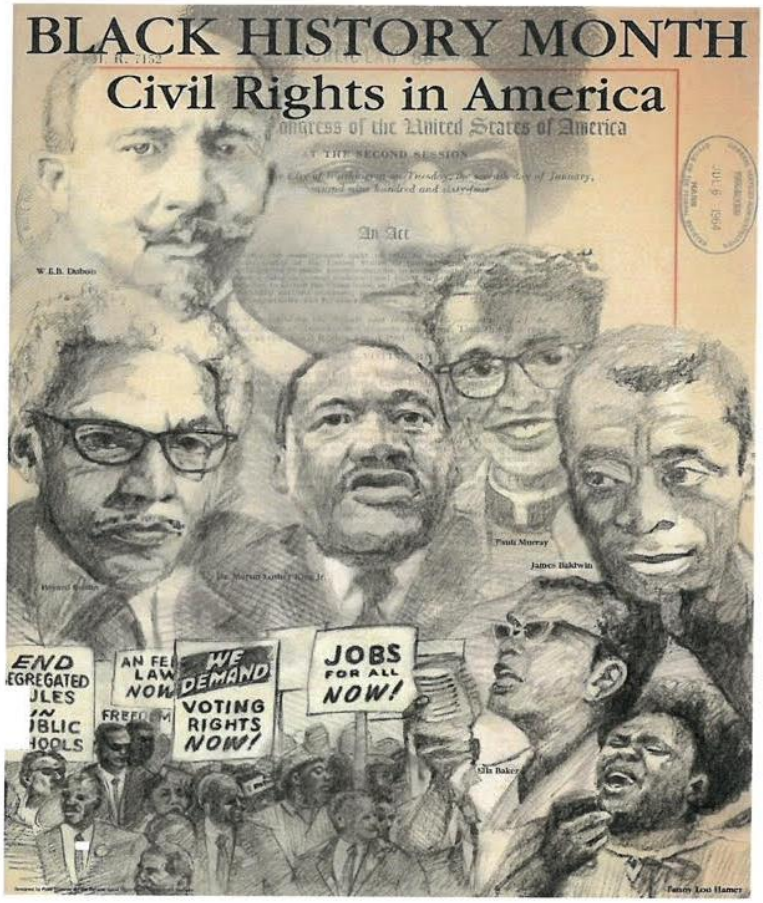
In Honor of: _____

To the Glory of God for: _____

Quantity	Type	Price	Donate *	Purchase **
_____	Easter Lily (8" – 29 needed)	$17.00 ea.	_____	_____
_____	Easter Lily (10" – 5 needed)	$22.00 ea.	_____	_____
_____	Tulips (6" assorted colors - 16 needed)	$8.00 ea.	_____	_____
_____	Paschal candle flower ring (one needed)	$55.00	_____	xxxxxxxx
_____	Majesty palm plant (4 needed)	$24.00 ea.	_____	_____

*Flowers donated will be distributed to homebound parishioners when the chancel area is cleared, and are tax-deductible.
**Flowers purchased will be labeled with the buyer's name and may be picked in the Narthex when notified (non-deductible).

Deadline to order flowers: Friday, March 8



Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church 700 South Market Avenue Canton, OH

Host Pastor,

Rev. Charles E. Prince

Minister Thomas Banks

Historical Drama

"Unity Through Diversity"

You are invited, bring a friend.

Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry

Priest-in-Charge St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Canton, Ohio

Music by

First Lady

Tammy Carter-Reaves

Historical Presentation Crystal Smith,

City Councilwoman at Large

February 18, 2024
2:00 pm

The 4th Annual Emancipation Proclamation Program

The Emancipation Proclamation was a Document signed by President Lincoln to free slaves, giving them independence and the opportunity to share in the American dream of ***Life, Liberty,*** and the ***Pursuit of Happiness***.

2024 Interfaith Justice Alliance Series

Uniting for Public Safety

Wednesday, February 21 - Faith Lutheran Church
The Law: Legal and Social Environment
Speakers: Martin H. Belsky, former University of Akron Law Dean
Bernard Smith, former Assistant United States Attorney

Wednesday, February 28 - Temple Israel
Local Public Safety Initiatives
Speakers: Representative from Citizens Police Oversight Board
Representative from Office of Mayor Shammas Malik (TBA)

Wednesday, March 6 - New Hope Baptist Church
Safer Communities Through Mentoring
Speakers: Dads on Duty - Russel Neal; Inner City Soccer Club - Dele Olabisi

Wednesday, March 13 - St. Hilary Church
Public Safety: How Schools Strive to Be Safe
Speakers: LaCresia Beecher - principal at Buchtel Community Learning Center
LaShawna Grimes - teacher at Buchtel Community Learning Center
LaMonica Davis - principal at Helen Arnold Community Learning Center
Denise Williams - teacher at Helen Arnold Community Learning Center
Jennifer Woodman - principal at St. Hilary School

Wednesday, March 20 - Prince of Peace Baptist Church
The Voices of Youth: A Cry for Safety
Speakers: a panel of young people

Evening Schedule:
5:45-6 p.m. - Registration
6-6:45 p.m.. - Shared Meal
7-7:30 p.m. - Worship
7:30-8 p.m. - Presentation
8-8:45 p.m. - Table discussions

**Each session will be livestreamed.

For all details and to register,
visit sthilarychurch.org/2024Interfaith
or call your congregation's office.

Join the Interfaith Violence Reduction Coalition of Stark County
for
Session 2: Ministering for a Less Violent Community: An Interfaith Workshop to Reduce Gun Violence

Saturday, February 24th
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Location: Christ the Servant Catholic Church (Seton Hall)
833 - 39th Street NW, Canton

Dear Friends in Faith,

If you were with us on January 13 at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church for Session #1, we hope you agree that it was a promising step forward, connecting our faith community through our common belief in nonviolence. Now it's time to take the next step in ***Turning Faith into Action***. If you were not with us January 13, participation in that Session is **not** a prerequisite for participation on February 24.

Participants in Session #1 identified barriers to the faith community addressing the gun violence epidemic, and ranked these as the top three:
LIMITED KNOWLEDGE of the facts of gun violence in America and of the political process to influence gun access/safety in our nation.

POLITICAL AND CULTURAL DIVISION about guns in America.

FEAR AND MISTRUST surrounding taking a stand on this painful issue, including fear of weapons and mistrust of "others" outside their community.

Before February 24, we ask that you convene a group of your congregants and discuss two questions:

1. Do you agree these are the top three barriers?
2. Do you believe these barriers can be overcome through **EDUCATION, CONNECTIVITY AND COMMUNITY BUILDING** within your congregation and as an interfaith community?

February is Black History Month. Black leaders have used their voices for years to draw attention to the disproportionate effects of gun violence on Black and Brown communities. The role of racism in gun violence will be a discussion topic on February 24.

Invite others from your congregation to the February 24 workshop with you, and please come prepared to share briefly the results of your congregational discussions. We will identify tools available for your future use and develop action steps. Please forward this email to other faith leaders in your network!

ORDAINED AND LAY FAITH LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

RSVP WITH THE NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR EMAIL ADDRESSES BY FEB. 19 to: interfaithcoalitionstark@gmail.com

You may address any questions to the above email address OR contact workshop co-chairs: Lynne Dragomier: Ldragom1@kent.edu or 330-417-7416 and Rev. Robin Woodberry: Robinw10@prodigy.net or 330-506-6647.

Invitation sent on behalf of the Interfaith Violence Prevention Coalition of Stark County

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS ON RACE RELATIONS

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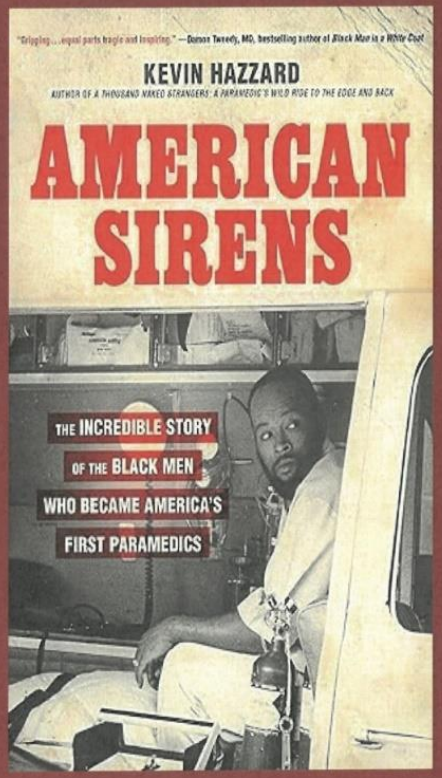
Social Justice BOOK Club

Until the 1970s, if you suffered a medical crisis, your chances of survival were minimal. A 9-1-1 call might bring police or even the local funeral home. But that all changed with Freedom House EMS in Pittsburgh, a group of Black men who became America's first paramedics and set the gold standard for emergency medicine around the world, only to have their story and their legacy erased—until now.



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February 27th • 7pm

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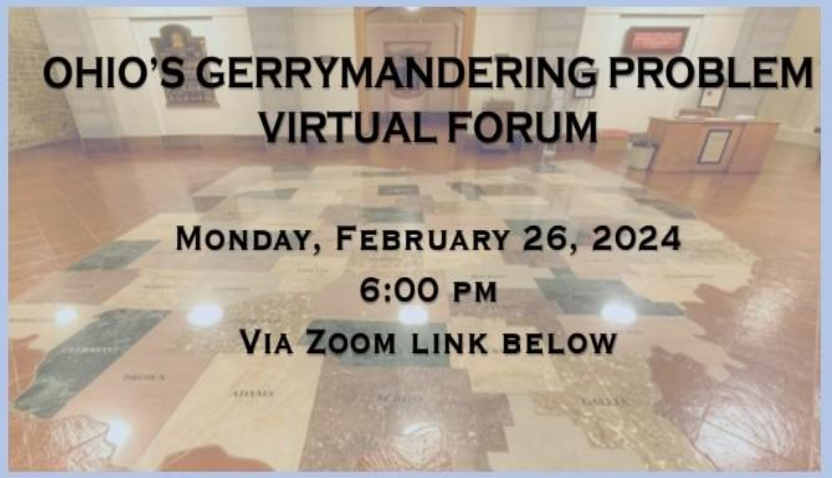

Guest Speaker
Retired Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court
The Honorable Maureen O'Connor

You must Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsde6przgsE9OpYjHczxC2MXKoq8q6PZAN

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Livestream on Jaladah Aslam Facebook pages

Sponsored by Community Mobilization Coalition
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Sojourn to the Past
YWCA of Youngstown

Questions call 330-727-5758
Jaladah3895@gmail.com

Lenten and Easter Worship Service Schedule

Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 6:00p

Sunday, March 24th, Palm Sunday Service, 10:30a

Thursday, March 28th, Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00p

Friday, March 29th, Good Friday Service, 7:00p

Sunday, March 31st, Easter Sunday Service, 10:30a

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Bishop
The Right Reverend Anne B. Jolly

Priest-in-Charge
The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry

Staff
Edward T. Grimes, Director of Music

Peggy Neidig, Office Manager

Paul Schmucker, Sexton

Music Begins Sunday Services at 10:25 am are also live-streamed on Facebook.

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