

Easter Flower Orders



Remember someone this Easter

Tulips, Hyacinths, Lilies & Daffodils: \$15 per plant

Order forms are at church. Fill one out and place it in the offering plate. Or you can phone in or email your order.

Please include:

- how many of each type of flower
- your name
- who you are giving the flowers in memory of
(please include the spelling)

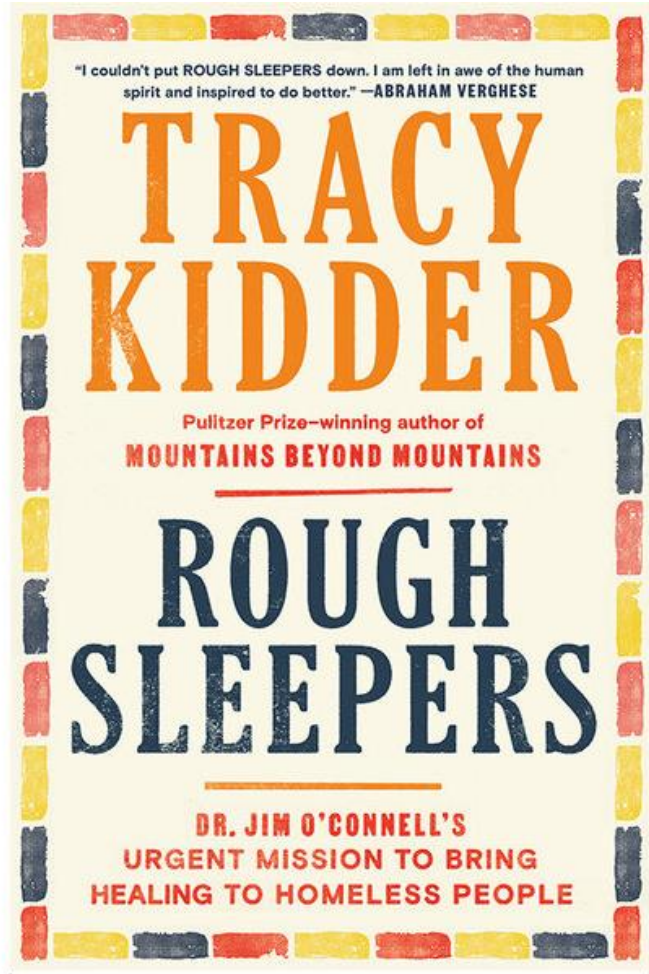
Payments can be put in the offering plate, mailed to the church, or made online by clicking here:

[Donate](#)

(401) 821-8888 churchoffice@emanuelww.org

Please submit orders & payments by Sunday March 17th

Readers of Emanuel



Next Meeting Sunday March 17th

The Readers of Emanuel book club is reading
“Rough Sleepers” by Tracy Kidder – #1 NYT best seller.

“The powerful story of an inspiring doctor who made a difference, by helping to create a program to care for Boston’s homeless community.”

We will meet after worship ~12pm in **Jacobs Hall** on
Sunday March 17th

Interview with the author Tracy Kidder:

<https://www.npr.org/2023/03/15/1163617477/rough-sleepers-how-one-person-can-make-a-difference-caring-for-the-unhoused>

Everyone is invited for good fellowship and food.

Pot Luck Coffee Hour

Sunday **March 3rd**



The 1st Sunday of each month we have a pot luck coffee hour after the 10:30am worship. You are invited to bring a favorite dish or dessert to share.

Are you a Thrivent Member?

There's still time to direct your

2023
THRIVENT CHOICE
DOLLARS

to **Emanuel Lutheran Church.**

March 31, 2024 is the deadline.

You can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars by going:

- Online at www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
- OR
- Phone: [800-847-4836](tel:800-847-4836) and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. The Member Connection Center is open until 6 p.m. Central time, Monday – Friday.

National Day of Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers' State House Assemblies

Saturday, March 2, 2024, 11:00 AM

State House, city side, Providence, RI 02903

10 AM: Gather at Gloria Dei, 15 Hayes St, Providence, RI 02908

10:45 AM: march to State House

MASS POOR PEOPLE'S & LOW WAGE WORKER'S MORAL MARCH TO STATE HOUSE ASSEMBLIES, A PART OF 40 WEEKS OF MASSIVE VOTER MOBILIZATION ACROSS THE US

MARCH 2, 2024 GATHER AT 10 AM | ASSEMBLY AT 11 AM



This is a RESURRECTION, not an INSURRECTION!

A DAY OF NATIONALLY-COORDINATED, SIMULTANEOUS DIRECT ACTION IN 31 STATE CAPITALS!

AL, AZ, CA, DC, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, MO, MS, NE, NC, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VT, WA, WI, WV

31 States Mobilizing for March 2nd



JOIN US IN BUILDING A 3rd RECONSTRUCTION BY DEMANDING:

- abolishing poverty as the 4th leading cause of death in the US
- a living wage (\$15+)
- full voting rights
- no more voter suppression
- worker's rights & labor rights
- healthcare for all
- affordable, adequate housing
- an end to gun violence, profit & proliferation
- clean air & water
- environmental justice
- fully-funded public education
- just immigration laws
- an end to systemic racism, white supremacy & the extremist political agenda

Abolishing poverty as the 4th leading cause of death in the US!

There are more than 135 million poor & low-wage people in the nation rising back towards 140 million in 2019 because of ending Covid relief.

Activate 85 million poor & low wealth eligible voters!

REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH Poor People's Campaign **KAIROS CENTER** FOR RELIGIOUS, RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

poorpeoplescampaign.org



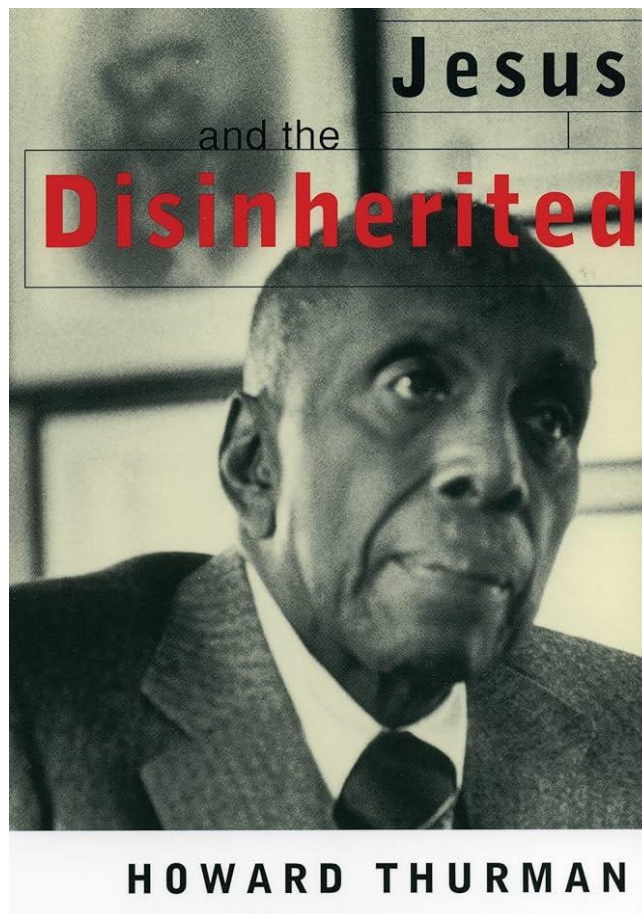
Bishop William J. Barber, II
Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis
National Co-Chairs,
Poor People's Campaign:
A National Call for Moral Revival

Contact Info: Rhode Island Poor People's Campaign, rhodeisland@poorpeoplescampaign.org

This Saturday, March 2nd, at the RI State House!

Please join faith leaders, advocates, community members and all who are fighting against poverty, on March 2nd, for the National Day of Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers State House Assembly at the RI State House.. The RI Poor People's Campaign invites you to come and be part of a national day of action.

Adult Forum – Wednesdays in Lent
“Jesus and the Disinherited”



This Lent we will discover who Howard Thurman was and listen to and discuss his small, but powerful book “Jesus and the Disinherited”. This book is still read and taught in seminaries. Martin Luther King Jr. often carried a copy of it with him.

Wednesday Evenings at 7PM

March 6, 13 & 20 – Jesus and the Disinherited.

We will meet in person in Jacobs Hall and over Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89402743938?pwd=TnVlaGk3dmZWTTiITkyU0FqMVhWQT09>

Meeting ID: **894 0274 3938** Passcode: **258717**

A FREE online copy of the book can be found here:

<https://archive.org/details/in.ernet.dli.2015.260684>

Looking for help/contributions



for this year's Easter Egg Hunt

the Saturday before Palm Sunday

Saturday March 23rd at Emanuel

Jen Hadden and Margaret Teehan are looking for helpers for the Easter Egg Hunt, which will be on Saturday March 23rd (the Saturday before Palm Sunday).

They are also looking for contributions of candy or anything else that would be helpful at an Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you.

Would you like to serve on the Discipline Committee?



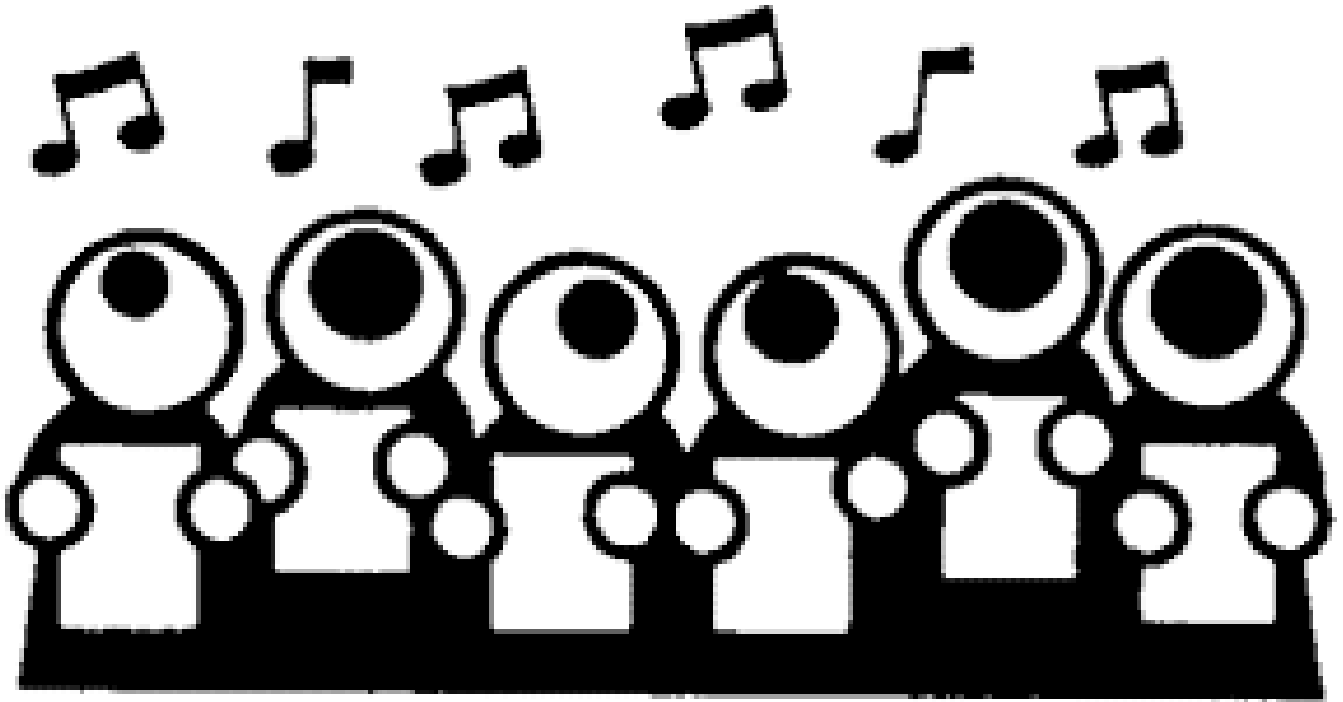
Nominations are being taken now for the Synod Council, the Synod Discipline Committee and to be representatives at the 2025 churchwide Assembly. Elections for these positions will take place at the New England Synod Assembly June 6-8, 2024.

For more information, watch this video from Bishop Hazelwood:

<https://vimeo.com/909276818/01aca1b3a7?share=copy>

If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please let Pastor Todd know. Thank you.

Choir at Emanuel



**Sundays at 9AM
in the sanctuary.**

**All who like to make
music are welcome.**

Bible Readings for Sunday March 3rd

First Reading

Mark 12:1-12

Through a parable Jesus shows the religious leaders how they have rejected God's prophets like John the Baptist and are now rejecting him.

¹ Then [Jesus] began to speak to [the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders] in parables. 'A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watch-tower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ²When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. ³But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. ⁵Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. ⁶He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ⁷But those tenants said to one another, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours." ⁸So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰Have you not read this scripture:

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

¹¹ this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

¹² When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:13-17

The religious leaders try to trap Jesus into going against either the Roman Emperor or God. Instead Jesus flips things with an answer that puts the question back on them. What things are the emperor's and what things are God's?

¹³ Then [the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders] sent to [Jesus] some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. ¹⁴And they came and said to him, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? ¹⁵Should we pay them, or should we not?' But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, 'Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.' ¹⁶And they brought one. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' ¹⁷Jesus said to them, 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' And they were utterly amazed at him.

How do the Bible readings speak to you?

On-line Worship at Emanuel Sundays at 10:30AM



What to Do - if You would Like to Come to On-line Worship

Just click on the Zoom link below on Sunday at 10:30AM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93690864460?pwd=cHZ5RVNsdnFYcDhhNVdMKzA2VENlQT09>

You can also join us by phone by calling (929) 205-6099 and entering Meeting ID: 936 9086 4460 and Password: 933328

A video of the service will be posted on Emanuel's website and Facebook group page later in the day.

Offerings to Emanuel



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who has been mailing in their offering or giving through Simply Giving and Givelify.

Offerings can be mailed to:

Emanuel Lutheran Church
9 New London Avenue
West Warwick, RI 02893

OR you can use either the Simply Giving program, which allows you to automate the giving of an offering from a checking account, or Givelify, which is online app that allows giving through a debit or credit card.

If you would like to find out more about either of these, please let Emanuel's Treasurer, Carol Johnson, or Pastor Todd know. Thank you.

You can give to Emanuel through Givelify by clicking on the DONATE button on Emanuel's website OR by clicking here: [Donate](#)

www.emanuelww.org

**Please keep these children of God
in your prayers this week:**

For Comfort & Healing: Caroline and her babies (friend of pastor Todd),
Mike Sharon (friend from the food pantry), Pam Watts (friend of Sue Wieboldt),
Sarah Sterns (friend of Laurie Phillips), Michael Gadoury

Worship Assistants

	<i>Serving March 3</i>	<i>Serving March 10</i>
Counter:	Kathy Marco	Kathy Marco
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector	Kathy Garriott	Kathy Garriott
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister:	Langdon Clough	Diane Gadoury
Acolyte	-	Bryce Principe
Ushers	Mark & Marcia Melanson	Bruce Johnson & Joanne Powers
Lector:	Elaine Johnson	Ray Nunez
Coffee Hour	Pot Luck	volunteer needed

February's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for February is given in loving memory
of **George Thomas Fekete** from Mary Schabek.

This Week at Emanuel

Monday, February 26 11 th Day of Lent	10:00am 7:00pm	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, February 27 12 th Day of Lent	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, February 28 13 th Day of Lent	10:00am 7:00pm	Ellie's Circle (JH) Adult Forum – Jesus and the Disinherited (JH & ONLINE)

Thursday, February 29 14 th Day of Lent Happy Leap Year Day!	12:30pm	Live, Laugh & Learn Lunch at Olive Garden

Friday, March 1 15 th Day of Lent		

Saturday, March 2 16 th Day of Lent		

Sunday, March 3 Third Sunday in Lent	8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am	Worship In Person Choir Sunday school Worship in Person & Online Pot Luck Coffee Hour

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, March 4 17 th Day of Lent	10:00am 7:00pm	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, March 5 18 th Day of Lent	10:00am 7:00pm	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor's Office Hours Worship & Music Committee ONLINE

Wednesday, March 6 19 th Day of Lent	10:00am 7:00pm	Ellie's Circle (JH) Adult Forum – Jesus and the Disinherited (JH & ONLINE)

Thursday, March 7 20 th Day of Lent	4:00pm 6:30pm	Christian Education Committee ONLINE Finance Committee ONILNE

Friday, March 8 21 st Day of Lent		

Saturday, March 9 22 nd Day of Lent		

Sunday, March 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent	8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am	Worship In Person Choir Sunday school & Confirmation Worship in Person & Online Coffee Hour

Upcoming Commemorations

George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633

Friday, March 1, 2024

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church

Saturday, March 2, 2024

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Vibia Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, an enslaved woman, were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

Double click on link below to see Emanuel's online calendar:

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.