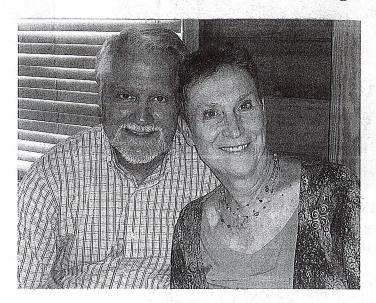
### \*Welcome our New Pastors: Rev. Dr. Jimmy Reader & Rev. Joy Bergfalk

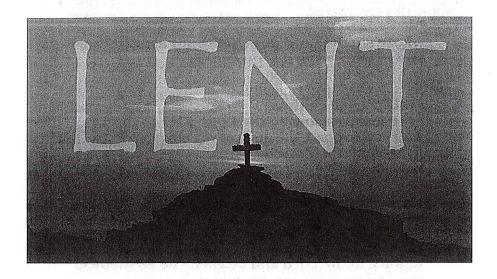


The Rev. Dr. Jimmy Reader and Rev. Joy Bergfalk prefer to be called Jimmy and Joy. Married since 1999, they have a blended family of eight children and 37 grandchildren living in several states. As copastors, they bring a combined 93 years of ministry to their pastoral work in Victor.

After decades of ministry in Kansas, Jimmy served as interim pastor at four Presbyterian churches and retired in 2021 from the United Church of Pittsford. Joy served Baptist and Presbyterian churches in Minnesota, Iowa, and New York, and has preached at dozens of churches in recent years while being the executive director of the Coffee Connection, a non-profit business empowering women in recovery from addiction, trauma, and incarceration.

Both are ordained American Baptist clergy.





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**Organist** Ayn Patrowicz

Order of Worship February 26, 2023, 10am 1st Sunday in Lent \*Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

"It Is Well with My Soul", arr. by Cindy Berry

### Welcome & Announcements

\*Responsive Call to Worship.

(from Psalm 32)

Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are those whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found.
You are our hiding place;
you will protect us from trouble and surround us with songs of deliverance.

The Lord's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in God. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

\*Opening Hymn Glory to God No.43

"On Eagles' Wings"

### Invocation

Scripture Reading

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

(cont.)

Scripture Reading (cont.)

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' "4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**Unison Prayer of Confession** 

We come before you as people who often get tripped up by the trappings of our world, and so we come today, acknowledging our missteps, our acts of commission and omission to you, opening our hearts for you to cure our wonderings, doubts, and fears. By your Holy Spirit, free us to live and move and have our being in your grace. Amen

**Assurance of Pardon** 

\*Gloria Patri No. 579

\*Passing the Peace

**Unison Prayer for Illumination** 

Dear Lord, we hunger and fear your word, as it nourishes and strengthens us after stripping us bare in your presence. Give us the grace to hear, be renewed and inspired in these moments, Amen. 4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"
7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the
Lord your God to the test.'"

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, 9 and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Sermon

"Says Who"

**Hymn of Response** No.333

"Seek Ye First"

Offering \*Doxology

**Unison Prayer of Dedication** 

Generous God, we come with grateful hearts for all that you have given us. We give back to you in order to honor you and so that you might bless our church, our community and our world with our gifts, tithes, and offerings. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Song

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 355 (music)/No. 356 (words)

\*Benediction

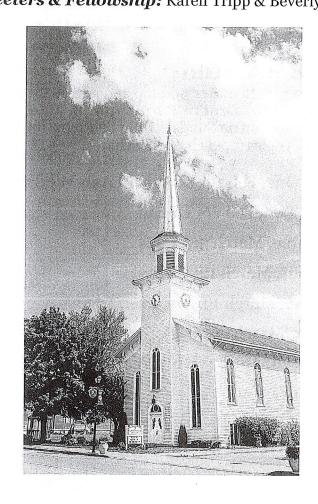
**Postlude** 

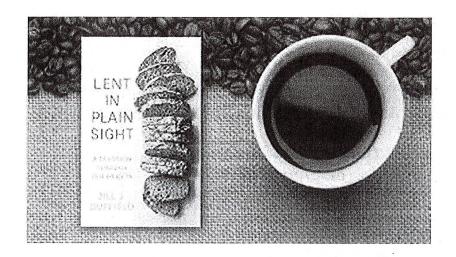
"Toccata in E Minor" by Johann Pachelbel

## Thank you to these members who are helping with worship today-

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AV: Steve Simpson
Liturgist: Dean Cornwell
Greeters & Fellowship: Karen Tripp & Beverly Frost





**Lent Book Study** 

Grab a cup of coffee after worship and join us for a 7-week study on the book *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield. The study will run on Sundays from February 19th through April 2nd. Topics for each week include:

√ Week One, Feb 19: **Dust and Ash Wednesday** 

➡ Week Two, Feb 26: **Bread** 

Week Three, March 5: Cross

Week Four, March 12: Coins

Week Five, March 19: Shoes

Week Six, March 26: Oil

Week Seven, April 2: Holy Week and Easter Sunday



# **Upcoming Church & Community** events to add to your calendars:

\*details on each event in your eNews\*

### **Church Calendar**

### Sunday, February 26th

1st Sunday in Lent

10 am

Sunday Worship

11:15am

Fellowship Hour, Choir Rehearsal, & Lent Book Study

7:30pm

AA & Al-Anon meetings

### Monday, February 27th

\*Office Closed

### Tuesday, February 28th

10 am

Free Panera

5:30 pm

Girl Scouts

### Thursday, March 2nd

Noon

Bridge Class

### <u>Friday, March 3rd</u> World Day of Prayer

7pm

AA Meeting

# 43 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord



Although the body of this text is a paraphrase of Psalm 91, the refrain combines allusions to Exodus 19:4, Psalm 139:9, and Isaiah 40:31; 49:16. Written in response to the death of a friend's father, this piece has been a source of consolation to many people.

