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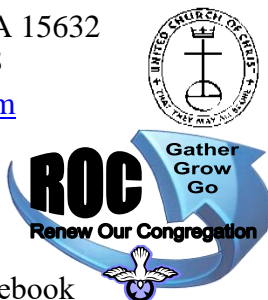
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Second Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2016

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Preparation Music

(Please be seated and prepare yourself for worship)

The Entrance of the Light

Welcome

Moments of Concerns and Announcements

Mission Moment

***Gathering Music-Please stand and join the choir in singing:**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you, I want to see you.**

**To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing “Holy, holy, holy.” (Repeat from beginning)
Ending: Holy, holy, holy- Holy, holy, holy-
Holy, holy, holy-I want to see you. (repeat ending)**

*Opening Prayer

Anthem: “Who Is That Man?”

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: Almighty God, in this season of penitence, prayer, fasting and reflection on the ministry of Jesus, we confess our desperate need for your grace. The sorrow from our sins is overwhelming.

- **We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul and strength.**
- **We have not loved our neighbors as we have loved ourselves.**
- **We have lived lives of greed and consumption while others have gone without.**

Forgive us, O Lord. Have mercy on us. Raise us anew so that we may learn to love you and our neighbors according to the gospel of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie # 750

**All: Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance

*Act of Praise..... #760

(Please stand)

**All: Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)
Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)
Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen!
Amen we praise your name, O God!**

*The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please share a greeting of Christian love with those sitting around you.

Children's Time: "Helping Others"
(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery)

Sermon: "Mercy!"

***Hymn: # 541 "They Asked, 'Who's My Neighbor?'"**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit by Wade Anderson in memory of Air Force Veteran Craig Elliott Anderson, and as a prayer for all military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Call to Prayer "Pray"

Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our world_____.
Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our souls_____.
Pray___, pray___, pray___ for love and unity_____;
Quiet our busy hearts
Pray___, pray___, pray___ .
Pray___, pray___, pray___

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer,
Prayer of Our Savior (spoken)

All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Our Time of Sharing

Invitation to the Offering, The Sharing of Gifts

Offering Music

*Offertory Response "We Are Giving in the Light of God" (526)

All: We are giving in the light of God,
We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)
We are giving, giving, we are giving, Oo,
We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #498 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"**
Verses 1, 2, 3, 4 (omit verse 5)

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response**

#547 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" Verse 1

*Postlude

Natalie and Claire Hartung are participating in today's service along with.....

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor
Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard
Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant
Wade Anderson.....Sexton

In case of bad weather and cancellation of worship, we will be listed on WPXI (Channel 11) TV or at www.wpxi.com as well as on the WPXI Weather App.

This week:

Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study 9:00AM at Panera's in Murrysville

Looking Ahead



On March 2, at noon, we will "Land Into Lunch" with the Northern Cluster of the Westmoreland Association, which includes Denmark Manor, Emmanuel Reformed (Hill's) Church, Trinity in Delmont, First UCC in Harrison City and First UCC in Apollo. **Hosted by First UCC** (Harrison City Rd. in Harrison City), "Land Into Lunch" will be a Moravian Love Feast. This is especially designed to accommodate retirees, Sr. Citizens and those who may work in the area and be able to take an hour for lunch and worship. There will be a meal and a special worship time based on the theme of God's abundant love. Please bring items for the Westmoreland County Food Bank. A free-will offering will also support the Food Bank.



On March 16 we will take “One Small Step Into Supper” here at Denmark Manor. We will have a potluck supper beginning at 6:30PM. The focus will be on mission and the supper will be followed by worship and an activity, assembling Hygiene Kits for Church World Service. We will be putting together **50 kits**. The Rev. Liddy Barlow, executive Director of Christian Associates will preach and there will be a combined choir under the direction of Linda Dulaney. (Those who wish to sing with the choir will meet at 6:00PM.) Everything will be held in the Fellowship Hall.



On Good Friday, Pastor Meredith and persons from our congregation will be joining other churches in Penn-Trafford on a Prayer Walk through Harrison City. Pastor Meredith will be praying at the businesses in the Penny Lane (Giant Eagle) Plaza. If you would like to be a part of this, please speak with Pastor Meredith or sign the list on the bulletin board in the Education Wing. Pastor Meredith will be glad to do the praying, but your presence in joining her will be a prayer as well. We will gather at the Harrison City Post Office parking lot at 5:30PM.

Attendance for February 10, Ash Wednesday: 10
 Offering for February 10: \$155.00 (Flint Michigan water supply)
 Souper Bowl: \$10.30 (Bring ‘Em Here Fund for Philippine visitors – we will accept an offering for this Fund again on Maundy Thursday)

Attendance for February 14: 60
 Offering for February 14: \$1522.00
 \$25.00 (Flint Michigan water supply)



Our One Great Hour of Sharing Giving Banks are now available. Our funds will be divided between the Westmoreland Churches Committee for Emergency Aid (for local assistance) and One Great Hour of Sharing (for national and international assistance). This is a tangible way to practice your Lenten discipline. Follow the calendar each day and use the devotional resources provided as well. Please bring them back on March 13 or 20.

Your Easter Flower Order Form is in the Bulletin. Please fill out and give to Elaine DiFranco or the office by March 13. Thank you for gracing the Sanctuary this Easter!

Did you know that our Global Partner Church is Piddig United Church of Christ in the Philippines. Thanks to your generous noisy offering (and some quiet gifts) we received \$109 for the “Bring ‘Em Here Fund” for a Penn West Conference Exchange with the Northwest Luzon Conference of the Philippines. (*see below*)



Pictured above is the Rev. Joseph Hedden of Hill’s Church and Ms. Melissa McClean who visited the Philippines to celebrate the partnership there, along with a representative of the UCCP.





Thank you to our Church Family for all the cards, prayers, thoughts, visits and phone calls during my recovery, with love from Ethel Hill and her family.

From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ Forgiveness - "In Christ God was reconciling the world to Godself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us." - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

You know what would make Christianity a lot easier? If we could just do away with this whole "forgiveness" thing.

I mean, none of the other religions requires it. Also, it's inefficient. Achieving it can take a lifetime. Also, it's not as fun as holding a grudge, or as just smacking the person who wronged you. Also, that person totally doesn't deserve forgiveness. Also, it's hard.

On the other hand, doing away with the whole forgiveness requirement would make Christianity a whole lot less, well, Christian.

See, here's the thing: You think forgiving your ex is hard? Try being a deity, getting a body and entering history to try to bring your creations back to you because you love them so much, and then getting killed by them. Now, that's hard to forgive.

But somehow, God did. Isn't that why we're here? Isn't that what your church is built on, what inspired the music your choir sings, what made them write the Bible you read, what saved the world you live in? You know what would make Christianity a lot easier? Doing away with the whole forgiveness thing. But then, what would be the point?

Prayer . . . God, I know you wouldn't ask this of me if you didn't have a plan for helping me do it. So, thanks for any help you can send my way.

About the Author . . . Quinn G. Caldwell is the Pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, Syracuse, New York. His most recent book is a series of daily reflections for Advent and Christmas called All I Really Want: Readings for a Modern Christmas. Learn more about it and find him on Facebook at Quinn G. Caldwell.



Thank you to our Church Family for all the expressions of sympathy and caring, the cards, prayers, thoughts, visits and phone calls as our father and brother, Craig Anderson, entered eternal life. With love and appreciation from the Anderson family.

Last Day to order is Sunday, March 13.

Easter Flower Order Form



Please give your Order & payment to

Elaine DiFranco by Sunday, March 13.

LILIES – White	\$10.00	number _____
TULIPS – Mixed Colors	\$10.00	number _____
HYACINTHS – Mixed Colors	\$10.00	number _____
MUMS –	\$8.00	
White ___ Yellow ___ Purple ___		number _____
HYDRANGEAS –	\$20.00	
Pink ___ Blue ___		number _____
AZALEA –	\$20.00	
White ___ Pink ___ Red-Pink ___		number _____
TOTAL		\$ _____

Please enclose cash or check with order made out to: DMUCC.
All flowers come in 6.5 inch gold foil-wrapped pots. Late Orders: add'l. \$2.00

Your Phone _____

Presented by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Thank you for gracing the Sanctuary during Easter Services with your flower order. Please don't forget to take your flowers home on Easter.