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<u>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</u>	<u>February 8, 2015</u>

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-Souper Bowl Continued

Westmoreland Churches Committee for Emergency Aid

\*Ringing of the Bell

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

**All: Christ is the light, Christ is the light.**

**Goodbye to darkness, goodbye to night.**

**In the Eastern sky the stars are shining bright,**

**Oh, glory hallelujah children, Christ is the light. (repeat)**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: *Good people of the church lift up your eyes and see.*

People: **Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God greets us here.**

Pastor: *Good servants of the Most High, open your ears to hear.*

People: **Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God meets us here.**

Pastor: *Good children of the light, open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.*

People: **For we have seen, heard and known from the beginning to the end, our God...IS.**

**\*Hymn #26 "We Worship You, God" verses 1, 2**

Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31

Reader: Myrt Driscoll

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

Pastor: What do we hold and treasure most?

People: **Is it the promises of God?**

Pastor: What captivates our attention?

People: **Is it the grace of God?**

All: **God of mercy and grace, we are vulnerable people who sometimes ignore the vulnerable. We are broken people who don't always pay attention to the world's brokenness.**

- **Heal us, O God, to make us better healers.**
- **Mend our rifts, that we might be better builders.**
- **Cleanse our hearts, so we can clear out the damage of hurt and oppression.**

**We are yours, loving God. Help us to live and to know this better. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie # 750

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

Words of Assurance:

*Pastor: The burden of sin is but a far and distant memory for, through Christ our sins – all of them – are forgiven.*

**All: God is great in strength, mighty in power, and full of endless love for us all.**

\*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: "Learning to Fly"

(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery)

Sermon: "Renew Your Strength"

Anthem: "On Eagles' Wings"

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in honor of USMC Sgt. Hahn, 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: #26 "We Worship You, God" verses 4-5**

\*The Benediction

**\*Benediction Response #136**

**All: "Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child"**

\*Postlude

**Did you know** that we collected 261 items with our "kitchen shower" to benefit the Blackburn Center. Thanks you so much for your generosity. You will help survivors of domestic violence get a fresh start.

**The Blackburn Center's "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" Annual March** to stop domestic violence is Saturday, April 18 at St. Clair Park in Greensburg. Registration is 9-9:45AM, \$5 per participant; men, women and children are welcome. Get your free T-shirt while supplies last. Call 724-837-9540 x144 for more information or register online at [blackburncenter.org](http://blackburncenter.org) and click on 'register for an event'.

This week:

Monday-Christian Education Committee 7:30PM

Wednesday-Women's Fellowship 7:30PM

Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

Saturday-There **IS** Bible Study at the Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

Looking ahead:



Our **Ash Wednesday** service of penitence, ashes, and communion is February 18 at 7:30PM.

**Once again we will join our sisters and brothers in Christ from the Northern Westmoreland Association Cluster for Wednesday Night Lenten Services.** All services begin at 7:30PM. If you would like to attend any of these services and need a ride, please speak with Pastor Meredith.

**The schedule is as follows:**

February 25

Hill's Church, 7:30PM

(Emmanuel Reformed UCC)

3618 Hills Church Road, Export

"The Way of the Cross-

Jesus Condemned"

**Pastor Meredith Hutchison,**

**Preaching**

March 4

Trinity UCC, 7:30PM

39 East Pittsburgh St, Delmont

"The Way of the Cross-

Carrying the Cross"

Pastor John Titus, Preaching

March 11

First UCC-Harrison City

1008 Harrison City-Export Rd.,

Harrison City, 7:30PM

"The Way of the Cross-Servant

Leadership"

Pastor Joseph Hedden, Preaching

March 18

Denmark Manor

**7:30PM**

"The Way of the Cross-  
Nailed to the Cross"

Pastor Ryan Lucas, Preaching

March 25

First UCC Apollo

212 South Second St., Apollo

7:30PM

The Celebration of Holy  
Communion

"The Way of the Cross-Jesus  
Has Risen"

**Combined Choir led by**

**Kelly Millar and Irina**

**Thomas**

**Conference Minister, the**

**Rev. David Ackerman,**

**Preaching and officiating at**

**communion.**

Attendance for February 1: 45

Offering for February 1: \$1,852.00

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Dan Walk is our representative at the Penn Township Commissioner's Meetings for Oil and Gas Zoning. If you have questions, please speak with Dan, Steve Cherep or Robin Brautigam.

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**From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ**

**A Face to Die For** - "Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation.'" - Luke 2:29-31

A boy named Eduardo stood looking over Rio de Janeiro as he talked with Robert Coles during an interview for Coles' landmark research on the spiritual lives of children. Eduardo said, "If I had a choice to pick the way I'd die, I'd choose to be carried off by the wind over the ocean. I'd be made clean twice before I saw His face." Coles was intrigued and asked what the boy meant. Eduardo whispered, "God's face." That ten-year-old shared the greatest human hope: to see the face of God.

Seeing the face of God in Jesus is also the promise of Christianity. When the elderly Simeon looked upon the face of baby Jesus he prayed, "My eyes have seen your salvation." It was a bold thing to say. Up to that point no one had seen the face of God except Moses, also at the very end of his life. There's a lesson here: The closer we are to birth or death, the more likely we are to see the face of God.

Seeing the face of God is our purpose. When we fulfill that task, regardless of our age, we die and are reborn. The status quo dissolves under God's loving attention. Eduardo, Simeon and Moses saw that and rejoiced. Will you?

Prayer . . . My heart says of You, "Seek God's face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek. (Psalm 27:8)

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