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Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017

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

*Ringing of the Bell

***Introit**

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All: Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

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

I want to see you. (repeat 1st three lines)

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".

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Holy, Holy, Holy I want to see you

I want to see you.

I want to see you.

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*Opening Prayer

***Hymn #208 "God Loved the World"**

Scripture Lesson: John 3:1-17

Call to Reconciliation

Pastor: When we least expect it, even when we are not ready, God comes to us, calling us to trust, calling us to follow, calling us to set aside our foolish lives, for the grace-full ones which are offered to us. Let us confess how often we choose not to follow, as we pray together saying,

Prayer of Reconciliation

All: We are all too human, Faithful God.

- **We think we have nothing to learn from others, and thus discount ancestors in the faith like Nicodemus or Sarah.**
- **We close tight the shutters of our souls, so the Spirit can only rattle us, but not get in to transform our lives.**

Yet you continue to keep watch of us, Promise Giver, whether it is when we swagger through the sunshine of our lives, or in those shadowed moments of uncertainty in the night.

- **You will not stumble as you continue to come to us, to lead us into your kingdom.**
- **You will always be our help, even as you remained faithful to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior in whose name we pray. Amen**

Adapted from Lectionary Liturgies/blog spot by Thomas Shuman

A Moment of Silent Reflection

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.

A Time for Children: “God So Loved the World”

Anthem: “Without His Cross”

Sermon: “Spiritual Direction”

***Hymn #605 “As Moses Raised the Serpent Up”**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in hope that the Holy Spirit would bring peace to the world. In lighting it we remember all past and present military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm’s way.

Call to Prayer “Pray”

All: **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 #433 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”**

*The Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude

Denmark Manor seeks the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we work together through.....

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ

Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor

Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard

Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant

Wade Anderson.....Sexton

Bonnie Malovitz, Rob Driscoll and Doreen Cherep ..Today’s Readers

Did you know that our Help Fund is reaching out to persons in need in our own neighborhoods? Even though we receive donations to the Help Fund at Christmastime, the fund welcomes donations at any time of the year. Mark your check “Help Fund”.

This week:

Monday-Pastoral Relations Committee 7:00PM

Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study 8:45AM (Note the change in time)

All-Association Meeting at St. John’s United Church of Christ in Larimer, 10:00AM

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Lenten Cluster Get-togethers:

Our Gatherings with the United Church of Christ Churches in our Cluster will be different this year

(continued)

as we think about Reimagining Church. This past week we meet at Hill's church and discussed what it is like to live in this "Brave New World"

The second gathering will be March 22 at First UCC in Harrison City, 1008 Harrison City-Export Road, Harrison City at 7:30PM. The topic will be "Changing World, Changing Church."

Finally, we will meet on April 5 here at Denmark Manor, beginning with dinner at 6:30 and the discussion and worship at 7:30PM. The focus will be "Where Do We Go from Here?" We will conclude with worship, the Rev. David Ackerman-Penn West Conference Minister, preaching.



Looking ahead: On Palm Sunday (April 9) we will hear the Passion Story is told in the Gospel of Matthew.



During Holy Week, we celebrate Maundy Thursday with a simple meal of soup and bread at 6:30PM. This is followed by communion in the Fellowship Hall and a silent procession into the Sanctuary for a Tenebrae Service of light and darkness.



Easter Sunday is April 16. Please spread the word that there will only be ONE service and it will be at **10:00AM.**

Our Annual Beef Dinner is April 29.

About Our Prayer List

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
I Thessalonians 5:16

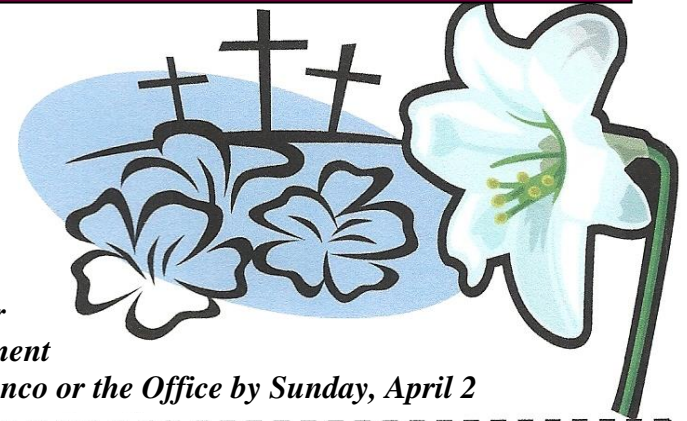
We invite your input into our prayer list. If you would like to have someone listed (and you have their permission), there is a clear plastic box in the back of the sanctuary for your prayer concerns. Simply fill out the form and put it in the box. Be sure to include your name along with the name of the person for whom you are requesting prayers.

Attendance for March 5: 58 Offering for March 5: \$2,425.00
OGHS: \$82.00, History Book: \$5.00

Attendance for Ash Wednesday: 33
Offering for Ash Wednesday: \$238.00

Last Day to Order is Sunday, April 2!

Easter Flower Order Form



Please give your Order and Payment to Elaine DiFranco or the Office by Sunday, April 2

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| LILIES - White | \$10.00 | number _____ |
| TULIPS Mixed Colors | \$10.00 | number _____ |
| HYACINTHS Mixed Colors | \$10.00 | number _____ |
| MUMS White__ Yellow__ Purple__ | \$10.00 | number _____ |
| HYDRANGEAS Pink__ Blue__ | \$20.00 | number _____ |
| AZALEAS White__ Pink__ Red-Pink__ | \$20.00 | number _____ |
| | TOTAL | \$ _____ |
| | PAID w/order | _____ |
| Your Phone _____ | | |
| Your Name _____ | | |
| In Memory of _____ | | |
| In Honor of _____ | | |

All flowers come in 6.5 inch gold foil-wrapped pots.

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