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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 6, 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

Responsive Reading-Psalm 63:1-8

Pastor: *O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;*

People: **my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Pastor: *So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.*

People: **Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

Pastor: *So I will bless you as long as I live;*

People: **I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

Pastor: *My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;*

People: **for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

Pastor: *My soul clings to you;*

People: **your right hand upholds me.**

Call to Reconciliation

Pastor: *The God who knows us better than we know ourselves invites us to come and confess the state of our lives so that we might receive forgiveness and newness of life.*

Reconciliation Prayer

All: **We confess before one another and to our God that we are a sinful people. We have not loved others as ourselves. We have not even loved ourselves well. We have taken God's love for granted and failed to reform our lives. We have looked down on others in an attempt to feel better about ourselves. Forgive us and renew us as your image so that we may freely share your love with others. 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: *God loves you and all creation, delighting in your life and not your death. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Amen.*

*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

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

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9

Sermon: "Thirst"

***Hymn: # 502 "Dear God, Embracing Humankind"**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit as a prayer for peace and in remembrance of 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

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Children are welcome to receive Communion at the discretion of their parents. Gluten free wafers are found in the center of the plates of bread.)

Pastor: *All who wish to be in Communion with Jesus Christ are welcome to this table.*

The Invitation-Choral Anthem-"In the Upper Room"

The Communion Prayer

Pastor: *God be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts.*

Pastor: **We lift them to God.**

Pastor: *Let us give thanks to God Most High.*

Pastor: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: *We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being. We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none.*

We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless.

We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory.

For in the night of betrayal Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also after supper, Jesus took the cup, and after giving you thanks, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Holy One, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your entire church through these holy mysteries. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of our risen Savior may be one in Jesus Christ. May we remain faithful in love and hope, until the perfect feast with our exalted Savior in the eternal joy of your heavenly realm. Amen

*Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.
Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.
Come, for all things are ready.*

The Distribution of the Elements

Pastor: *Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you.*

Pastor: *Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you.*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn #328 "Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed" Verses 1, 2, 4 (omit verse 3)**

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response #547**

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" Verse 1

*Postlude

We welcome the Rev. Bobbie Hineline as our worship leader and preacher today. Bobbie is the Chaplain at Redstone Highlands Continuing Care Community in Greensburg. She is filling in while Pastor Meredith is on study leave. Pastor Meredith will be in the office tomorrow and will be preaching next Sunday, March 13. The Rev. Joseph Hedden, Pastor at Hill's church is covering emergencies while Pastor Meredith is away.

We are Denmark Manor United Church of Christ whose leadership includes...

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.

Did you know that we live in the midst of the largest refugee crisis since World War II. One in every 122 people in the world today is forcibly displaced from their home, seeking refuge either within their national borders or beyond (according to the UNHCR).

One Great Hour of Sharing is our all-church offering that funds UCC sustainable development, refugee and disaster ministries. We go the extra mile to respond, to stay for the long term, and to work on root causes because we are walking with those who are forced to go many extra miles simply to survive and, along the way, to thrive. Thank you for your support of One Great Hour of Sharing. Without you, none of this work would be possible. It all starts with your decision to give. Envelopes are provided in today's bulletin for your convenience. You may give today or in the coming weeks.



This week:

Monday-Consistory 7:00PM

Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

Saturday-There is NO Bible Study this week!

Looking Ahead:

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.

We will celebrate Maundy Thursday, March 24 with our traditional simple meal of soup and bread with communion in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a Tenebrae Service in the sanctuary.

On Good Friday, March 25, 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 28: 66

Offering for February 28: \$2,613.00



A Big Thank-You to all my Church Family for your prayers, cards and concerns after the deaths of my Sister and Niece. They were appreciated and very comforting. Thank you again for your kindness and love, Dorothy Martin

Please check your Church Mailbox today, the Good News for March has been inserted for you.

Easter Flower order forms have been included in today's bulletin.