

March 17, 2024

11:00 AM

Pastor Dennis Molnar

Patti Reep, Organist

Deborah Snyder, Pianist
& Choir Director

PRELUDE “Lord Have Mercy”

Jesus I forgotten-The words that You have spoken-Promises that burned within my heart-Have now grown dim-With the doubting heart I follow-The paths of earthly wisdom-Forgive me for my unbelief-Renew the fire again. *Lord have mercy-Christ have mercy-Lord have mercy on me-Lord have mercy-Christ have mercy-Lord have mercy on me.* I have built an altar-Where I worship things of man-I have taken journeys-That now draw me far from You-Now I am returning-To Your mercies ever flowing-Pardon my transgressions-Help me love You again. I have longed to know You-And all Your tender mercies-Like a river of forgiveness-Ever flowing without end-So I bow my heart before You-In the goodness of Your presence-Your grace forever shining-Like a beacon in the night. *Lord have mercy....*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Vicki McClain, Liturgist

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.

Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.

Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation.

Let us worship God!

MORNING PRAYER

* Hymn of Praise #302 CLH “Take My Life, and Let It Be” (*Verses 1-5*)

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to “me and mine.” Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

* SILENT CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI #579 PH

* Passing of the Peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

CHILDREN’S SERMON “*A Covenant Plan*”

CHOIR ANTHEM “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: John 12: 20-33

SERMON “*The Death to Come*”

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional) Pg. 14 PH

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER Pg. 16 PH

MOMENT FOR MISSION *Curt Reep*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

* OFFERTORY

* THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, it is our joy to return the gifts of our lives to you. May our offering this morning forever bring glory to your name, and may we continue to work tirelessly for the well-being of your whole creation. Amen.

* Closing Hymn #165 CLH “Lead Me to Calvary”

* BENEDICTION

* Response “Make Me a Servant”

Make me a servant, humble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

* POSTLUDE

* Congregation please stand if you are able.

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue), CLH - Christian Life Hymnal (Red)

We welcome all visitors worshiping with us today! Please sign our guest book

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Dennis Molnar can be reached by calling/texting 412-389-6844 or by e-mail at molnarzoo@verizon.net if you have a pastoral concern or question.

Adult Sunday School – Sundays at 9:45-10:30am. There will be no Sunday School on March 24th and March 31st.

Children's Sunday School – First Sunday of each month.

Choir Practice – Sundays at 10:30am in the rehearsal room.

Christian Ed Meeting – Today following worship to finalize plans and stuff eggs for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt.

Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday March 24th-see insert for details. The Christian Ed Committee is asking for donations of prizes and cand.

Maunday Thursday Communion Service – Thursday, March 28th at 7:00pm.

Worship Committee Meeting – There will be no meeting in March.

Birth - Congratulations to Martha Jean Daily on the birth of her 11th great granddaughter on March 8th, Joleen Taylor, born in Cincinnati, Ohio. Daughter of Coleen and Wesley Taylor and sister of Killian.

Devotionals – Please pick up your copy of the Lenten Devotional

Local Pilgrim. You may pick up a copy in the back of the church.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offerings - We will be collecting special offerings for the One Great Hour of Sharing now until March 24th.

Eyeglass Collection – - The Worship Committee will be collecting old eyeglasses to send to Uganda. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the basket located in the back of the church.

New Members Class - Anyone interested in joining the church see Deb Snyder.

Bulletin Announcements – Please notify Jan Cannon by calling or texting at 724-494-9382 or by email at djccannon@yahoo.com.

The offering plate is located on the table in the back of the church, you may leave your offering there.

Worthington Ministerium Lenten Worship Series, Sundays at 7:00pm

Join others in our community as we worship together during Lent.

- ❖ March 17th - Center Hill Covenant Brethren Church with Brother Dr. Ron Shafer to finish the services up.
- ❖ March 29th Good Friday Cross Walk – starts at noon at Worthington Evangelical Lutheran Church; ends at Worthington Presbyterian Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 18 – Emery Flick March 19 - Heather Lynch
 - Kay Leavens - Reese Shepard
March 21 – Alisha Snyder Newman

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