

March 9, 2025

11:00 AM

Pastor Dennis W. Molnar

Patti Reep, Organist Deborah Snyder, Pianist Stella Freehling, Acolyte
& Choir Director

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deb Snyder, Liturgist

God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

God's love endures forever.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. God's love endures forever.

God abides with us and teaches us to die to self and to live repentant lives.

God's love endures forever.

We return, we remember, and we will listen well.

Let us worship God.

MORNING PRAYER

* Hymn of Praise #217 CLH "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you are one who guards and guides our way. Have mercy upon us. To follow you is to trust you in paradox; that from a broken, aching heart, rises a healing and hopeful heart; that out of weakness and vulnerability, grows the quickening of Christ's Love; that in darkness and despair, the radiance of Christ's Light shines. Holy God, we fail to follow you; we turn away. Forgive us, we pray.

* 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: Galatians 5: 22-25

CHILDREN'S SERMON *"The Fruit of the Spirit"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15: 1-11

SERMON *"The Spirit of the Garden"*

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Pg. 14 PH

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer pg. 16 PH

* Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

* THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we thank you for your life, light, and love. Accept these gifts that have been gathered and put them to use to bring your light and love, ancient and new. Amen.

* Closing Hymn #27 Red SS "Purify My Heart" *Sing 2 Times*

* BENEDICTION

* Response #295 CLH "Search Me, O God" *Verse 1*

Search me O God, and know my heart today; try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wicked way in me; cleanse me from ev'ry sin and set me free.

* POSTLUDE

* Congregation please stand if you are able.

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

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today! Please sign our guest book located in the vestibule.

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.

Children's Sunday School – First Sunday of each month following the Children's Sermon.

Adult Sunday School – Sundays from 9:45-10:30am in the conference room.

Choir Practice – Sundays at 10:30am in the choir room. In preparation for the Easter Cantata, there will be additional practices on Wednesday, April 9th & 16th at 6:00pm.

Christian Ed Meeting – Today, Following worship.

Session Meeting – Monday, March 10th at 7:00pm.

Children and Family Events - Sacrament of Baptism Learning Event on Sunday, March 16th at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall.

Ukrainian Egg Dying Event – Sunday, March 16th following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Rosalie Hogg will be demonstrating, and you will be able to decorate your own egg. A light lunch will be provided. Please bring an apron or old shirt since we will be working with dye. Please sign up if you are interested in attending on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Lenten Devotionals - We will be celebrating and exploring the meaning of the Fruit of the Spirit during the Season of Lent at Union First. Everyone is encouraged to pick up a devotional at the church for use during the Lenten Season. Entitled, Living Well Through Lent: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit in Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind, you will read a daily reflection beginning Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

One Great Hour of Sharing - We will be collecting special offerings for the One Great Hour of Sharing from March 16th through Palm Sunday on April 13th with a dedication on that Sunday.

Food Cupboard - As we move into the month of March, we are highlighting toiletry items. Thank you for your continued donations to the outreach efforts of the Food Pantry.

Offering envelopes – If you need a new box of offering envelopes, please let Pat Boltz or Jan Cannon know.

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

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 10 – Brent Fiscus

March 11 – Bruce Hall

March 12 – Sherri Boltz

March 12 - Aden Shreckengost

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March 13 – Laura Snyder Haslett

March 14 - Stephanie Geidel Weaver

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