

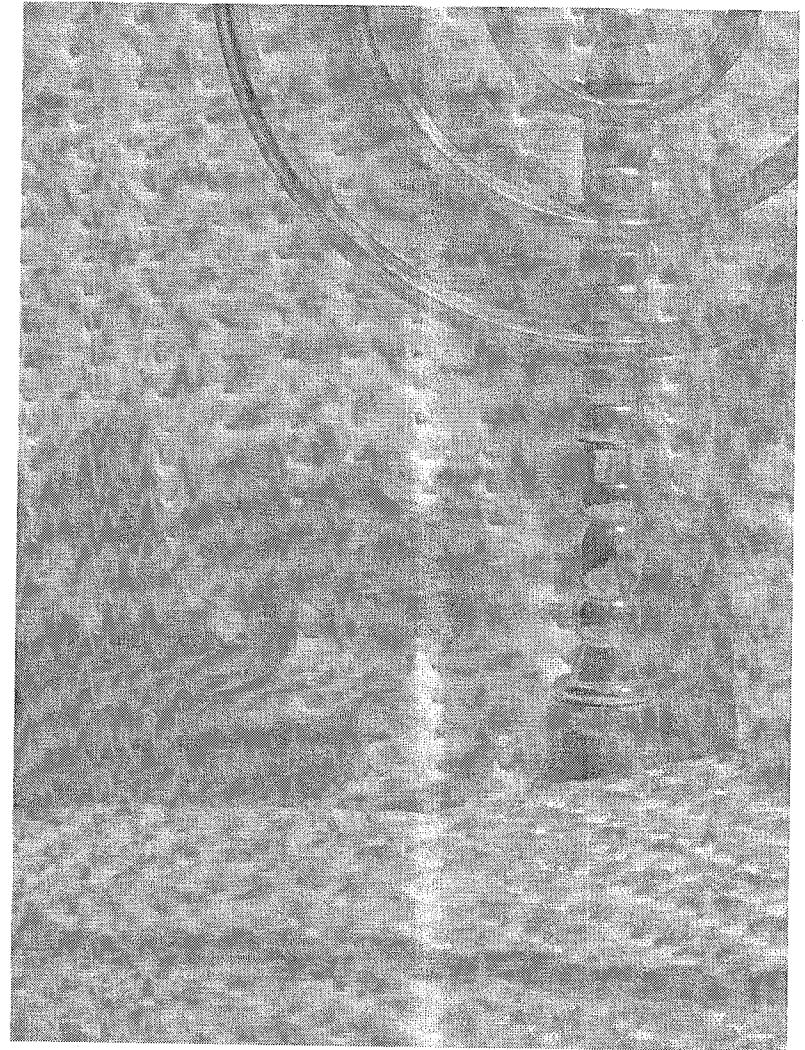
ASH WEDNESDAY
COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE
PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Our offering for this evening will be given to the Cocalico Area Christian Social Ministries. CACSM is a ministry of the Cocalico Ministerium. Gifts to CACSM will be used to provide rental and heating assistance to local residents in need.

We welcome you, our sisters and brothers in faith, our neighbors and our friends to this evening of worship and fellowship. Though we are from different churches, we are all one in Spirit and in Truth. May God's blessings be upon us as we enter this season of Lent seeking God's guidance and God's inspiration.

Everyone receiving communion and/or ashes is invited to come forward along the side aisles, as guided by the ushers, returning to your seats using the center aisle. If you wish to receive ashes, you may do so either on your forehead or on the back of your hand. To receive on your hand, please hold out your hand to the person standing at the head of the outside aisles. Communion will be received by intinction at the center aisle. **Please break a piece of bread off the loaf, hold it so that you may dip it in the chalice and partake before returning to your seat.**

Following our worship service, please join us for fellowship and refreshment in our Fellowship Hall.



February 17, 2010

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ash Wednesday Lenten Service – February 17, 2010

Organist – Mrs. Virginia Tobias Pianist – Mrs. Lois Haldeman

Gold Hymnal

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When the tomb looms large before our eyes, remind us,
Lord, who we are:

**People: We are children of the resurrection; the place of death
will not hold us.**

Leader: We are children of light; the shadow of death will not daunt
us.

**People: We are the breakers of loaves and fishes; the taste of
death will not defile us.**

Leader: We follow the one who was raised from the dead; the power
of death will not defy us.

**People: We are the people of Pentecost; the spirit of death will
not destroy us!**

**ALL: We gather in the name of God – Father, Son and Holy
Spirit for God is our refuge and our strength. AMEN.**

***HYMN “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”.....no. 251**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Holy and righteous, yet approachable and forgiving God, we
confess that we have not earned the favor you show us in the
sacrament we celebrate this night. We have acted selfishly in
the face of great need. We have allowed our spiritual lives to
languish when books, recordings, worship services and the
counsel of other Christians has been available to us. We have
not shown the courage to heal from the past when you offer us
renewal. You come to us.**

**We are grateful for your presence and the hope, forgiveness
and love that you offer in the elements of communion and in
each new day. Reach out to us in grace; enable us to receive this
gift in humility and in the conviction to grow in faith. AMEN.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader- Hear the Good News: We are saved by grace, not by
works. Hear and believe: in Christ we have forgiveness of
sin and fullness of grace!

People- Thanks be to God! AMEN.

***GLORIA PATRI** no. 142

***HYMN “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”.....no. 560**

HEBREW SCRIPTURES Exodus 1:8-22 pg. 43

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Feed Me, Lord”*

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 14:12-21 pg. 827

MESSAGE Mr. Ted Reimel

***PASTORAL & LORD’S PRAYER**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE – The Doxology**

***IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND HOLY COMMUNION**

See insert

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”.....no. 608

CHIMES AND QUIET MEDITATION (congregation seated)

POSTLUDE

*- those who are able are invited to stand

Serving this Evening:

Greeter.....Vicki Garner-Sweigart

Acolyte.....Alex Plaisance

Head Usher.....Pat Acebo

LENTEN SCHEDULE

| Date | Place | Preacher |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| February 24 | St. John’s UCC | Barbara Horst |
| March 3 | Trinity United Methodist | Bill Hoch |
| March 10 | Swamp Christian Fellowship | Dave Brumbaugh |
| March 17 | Emmanuel Mennonite | Mike Roney |

SERVICE OF REPENTANCE AND CONFESSION

As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from our love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, study and deeds of love help us to turn to the Love of God. Therefore, we are invited once again to commit ourselves to lives of faith and loving service by confessing our sins and seeking God's grace.

Almighty and merciful God, we confess before you and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have failed to do. We have not loved you with all of our being and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. We have been deaf to your call. We have grieved your Spirit. We are not the people you would have us be. May the ashes of this service remind us of the cost of true repentance – and nerve us to pay that cost. We ask all this in the name of Christ Jesus, our compassionate Lord and Savior. AMEN.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION *(those who are able please stand)*

Luke the Evangelist wrote of our Risen Lord, that when he was at table with two of his disciples, he took bread and blessed and broke it, and their eyes were opened and they recognized Him.

In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know Him in the breaking of the bread.

For the Lord Jesus, on the night that he was betrayed, took bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them saying, "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he also took the cup, after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink of it in remembrance of me."

Lift up your hearts

We lift them unto the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is good that we do

We give you thanks, Lord God, our Creator, for bringing the world into being, for forming us in your image, for recalling us when we rebel against you and for keeping the world in your steadfast love. We praise you especially for Jesus Christ; who was born of Mary and lived as one of us; who knew exactly the life we know, yet was obedient to your purposes, even to his death upon the cross. We thank you that you stamped his death with victory by raising him in power and by making him head over all things. We rejoice in the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit, in the church you have gathered, in its tasks of obedience, and in the promise of eternal life. With the faithful in every time and place, we praise with joy your Holy Name:

(Sanctus — Red Hymnal page 364)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Therefore, consecrate these ashes that they may be a reminder of our repentance and the forgiveness you offer in Christ Jesus our Savior. Bless also by your word and Spirit, both us and these gifts of bread and cup, that in receiving them at this table, and in offering here our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and remain faithful to the tasks he sets before us.

In the strength Christ gives we offer ourselves to you, giving thanks that you have called us to serve you. AMEN.

Introduction of the elements of communion

(congregation may be seated and come forward as directed by our ushers)

Let us give thanks:

We give thanks, Lord God, that you have received us at this table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN.