

Thought Before Worship

Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your cries to be heard, hear the cries of others.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Wondrous Love"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Christ, the Savior, the Son of God has begun his final journey to Jerusalem. He is followed by a crowd. Some will follow, only so far. Others will go all the way. Some follow out of curiosity wondering what he will do next. Others follow out of a sense of loyalty for he is to them the Messiah. Soon, out of fear they will all shrink into the shadows not wanting to be seen, filled with fear for their own lives.

People: May our journey be a bold following. May we be filled with courage. May we follow all the way to the cross and beyond until we can proclaim him risen, risen indeed! AMEN.

*HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing".....no. 349

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we fall short of being all that you created us to be. We have not loved you with all our hearts; we pursue our own way, erect our own idols and secure our own needs. We have not loved our neighbors. Often they are invisible to us. We are too preoccupied and too busy to notice those who are different, needy or on the margins. We cling to bitterness and anger, and grasp tightly to the hurts of yesterday.

Forgive us, Lord. Grant us the desire and the faith to let go, putting all our days -- past, present and future -- in your safe and capable hands. For the sake of Christ our Lord, we pray. AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER

(please use this time to confess your personal sins)

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader- The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Hear And receive the Good News – In Christ we are forgiven.

People- We cannot outlive it or outgrow it or go so far off track that God's love cannot reach and cleanse us. AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 4:1-8 pg. 916

CHOIR ANTHEM "Lift High the Cross"

GOSPEL LESSON John 3:1-17 pg. 863

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

*THE CREED.....inside front cover of hymnal

*HYMN "Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult".....no. 399

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

*OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 382

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus".....no. 253

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE (those who are able please *- stand, +kneel)

Church website.....www.peaceunitedchurch.org

Pastor (pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org) William Hoch (335.0387)

Organist.....Mrs. Virginia Tobias

Assistant Organist.....Mrs. Lois Haldeman

Secretary (secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org).....Mrs. Beverly Madara

Treasurer.....Mr. Michael Madara

Altar Guild Workers.....Edie Graff & Dixie Schweitzer

Greeters.....George & Eleanor Bailey

Head Usher.....Bobbi Porter-Kunkel

Attendance of Mar 9.....128

Offering for Mar 9.....\$3,401.35

Month to date offering.....\$5,756.35

Amount needed to meet budget.....\$15,430.00

The altar flowers are given in memory of loved ones by Betty Leisey.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Glenna Brensinger

Pierce Leshar

Missy Burky

Casey Coble

Galen Bixler

Greg Adam

Marge Cochrane

Charles Titlow

Ethyl Youndt

Colleen Acebo

COMING EVENTS

Monday, March 17th – Bell Choir – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 18th – Bible Study – 1:00 pm
Thursday, March 20th – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 22nd – Youth Group Mystery Dinner
Monday, March 31st – Adult Ministry – 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 5th – Youth Making Peanut Butter Eggs - 9:00 am
Saturday, May 10th – Adult Ministry Geocaching scavenger hunt!

We are looking for individually wrapped candy to fit in plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 12th. Donations can be put in the basket in front of the secretary's window. Thank you for your support of this event.

We are looking for a few good folks to help with this year's VBS. We need people to organize meals, crafts, snacks, games, music and a few other tasks. If interested in helping please speak with Pastor Bill.

LENTEN SCHEDULE – services begin at 7:30 pm

March 19th – St. John's UCC - Phil Horning
March 26th – Swamp Christian Fellowship - Bill Hoch
April 2nd – Gehman's Mennonite Church - Mike Roney

The Lenten Project will be the Family Village Farm, which provides shelter and care for children in India. Our goal is \$525 which will provide food for 3 housing units and bathroom renovations. Money for this project can be placed in the basket by the front bulletin board.

Donations of baked goods are needed for the bake sale on April 26th during the youth chicken BBQ sale. Items can be dropped off at the church Friday afternoon or Saturday from 8-10 am. If you would like to help at the bake sale please contact Lillian Messner.

You will be able to order Easter Lilies beginning on March 30th.

PEACE

United Church of Christ

Denver, Pennsylvania

To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who pray and to all who do not but ought; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will come – this church opens wide the door and says in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, WELCOME!



March 16, 2014
Second Sunday of Lent