

**To forgive is the highest, most beautiful form of love,
you will receive untold peace and happiness.**

Red Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Cantabile"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather as God's people in a world divided and distressed.

People: We gather as one people, united by God.

Leader: We gather as God's united people understanding that our unity can be fragile.

People: So we pray that our unity and church be strengthened by grace and faith.

Leader: May we take the grace and faith that unites us here into our world as we work to build unity with family, friend and stranger. **AMEN.**

***HYMN** "The Churches One Foundation".....no. 152

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Savior, we confess to you and to one another that we fall far short of being all that you created us to be. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, preferring to pursue our own way, erect idols of our making and secure our own needs. We have not loved our neighbors. In fact, very often our neighbors are invisible to us. We are too preoccupied, too busy, too self-important to notice those who are different, lowly, needy or on the margins. We have failed to love ourselves as well. We overindulge and are impoverished in soul and spirit. We cling to bitterness and anger, and grasp tightly to the hurts of yesterday rather than trusting your healing, forgiving grace.

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

+SILENT PRAYER

(please use this time to confess your own personal sin)

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God has heard the prayers offered here in word and in silence and has forgiven our every sin. Rejoice!

People: In this Season of Lent let us begin to live again as the people of God. AMEN.

***GLORIA PATRI.....no. 338**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 12:9-21 pg. 923

CHOIR ANTHEM "Classic Praise"

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 2:1-9 pg. 813

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

***THE CREED.....page 23 of hymnal**

***HYMN** "Eternal God, we Consecrate".....no. 208

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "I Do Believe"

***OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 356**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ryan, son of Harry & Heather Baney

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN** "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind".....no. 237

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 and Dixie Schweitzer

Greeters.....Alice Binns and Linda Coventry

Head Usher.....Bobbie Porter-Kunkel

The altar flowers are given in memory of our parents by Robert and Beverly Martin.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jeff Moyer

Pat Hall

Royce McCrabb

Jeff Getz

Alan LaBelle

Jim Sell

Family of Robert Martin

Family of Don Weber

On Saturday, April 11th there will be a work party at the church to polish all the woodwork. For more information please see John Haldeman. We will begin at 8 am, if you cannot be here at 8, come when you are able.

In March the Peace Pantry will be collecting WHITE socks for Homeless Veterans.

COMING EVENTS

Monday, March 9th – Benevolence Committee – 6:00 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 10th – Bible Study – 1:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm
Spiritual Council – 6:30 pm
Church Council – 7:00 pm

We are in the last quarter of our **Secure the Future Campaign**. If you have questions about your standing please speak to John Haldeman.

LENT - Lenten Community Worship Services begin at 7:30 pm.
March 11th – Swamp Christian Fellowship – Swamp Bridge Rd
March 18th – Gehman's Mennonite Church – Witmer Rd
March 25th – Emmanuel E.C. Church – Main Street Adamstown

HOLY WEEK

Saturday, March 28th – Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 am – candy donations can be left in the basket by the Secretary's window.
April 2nd – Maundy Thursday Worship – 7:30 pm
April 3rd – Good Friday Worship – 7:30 pm
April 4th – Easter Vigil – 6 am - 12 midnight – sign up at Secretary's window.
Easter Morning Worship – 7:00 am, 10:30 am and 10:45 am.

Please see the sign-up sheets for **PEANUT BUTTER EGGS** posted on the Secretary's window. Thank you for your support of our youth.

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 8, 2015
Third Sunday of Lent