

## Thought Before Worship

Let us see Lent as a season of Spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Let us reach new levels of experiencing God's amazing grace!

### Gold Hymnal

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Come Unto Him"

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**People: We will sing our praise to the glory of our God.**

Leader: There is no speech, there is no sound, there is no voice, yet the name of the Lord is praised!

**People: The heavens are telling the glory of our God!**

Leader: God has placed the Sun in the heavens - nothing is hidden from its light!

**People: Let us always walk in the light of the Lord.**

Leader: As we gather in gratitude, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to our rock and our redeemer. **AMEN.**

\*HYMN "We Sing the Greatness of our God".....no. 338

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful Savior, we have been a wayward people. We were dead in our sin, and you gave us life. We wandered away from you, becoming exiles, and you rescued us and carried us home. We have been sick, broken and needy, and you healed and restored us.**

**We deserve none of this. Yet, your love is so deep, your mercy so wide, your embrace so tender that you have done for us what we could never do for ourselves. You have made us your own. You have forgiven us and loved us. We receive this gift with gratitude, joy and awe. 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: Whether spoken in the silence and the safety of this sanctuary or in our hearts, God hears our prayers and we are forgiven and restored to life.

**People: God knows us and God loves us no matter what. Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

\*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Numbers 21:4-9 pg. 122

CHOIR ANTHEM "Grace"

GOSPEL LESSON John 3:14-21 pg. 864

#### MESSAGE

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

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

\*HYMN "Just As I Am Without One Plea".....no. 417

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "If Thou Art Near"

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

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

#### \*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

\*HYMN "Blessed Be the Name".....no. 352

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

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

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Assistant Organist.....Mrs. Lois Haldeman

Secretary ([secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org)).....Mrs. Beverly Madara

Treasurer.....Mr. Michael Madara

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

Greeters.....Melvin and Marian Gerhart

Head Usher.....Bobbie Porter-Kunkel

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

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Jeff Moyer

Pat Hall

Royce McCrabb

Jeff Getz

Alan LaBelle

On Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

We need a new member for the Benevolence Committee, please speak with Heidi McDonough.

The Altar Guild will be taking orders for Easter lilies today, and the next 2 weeks, before and after worship. The cost is \$7.50 for a 5-6 bloom plant. The Easter Lilies should be taken home after the Easter service.

### COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study – 1:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – Youth making peanut butter eggs – 9:00 am

If you would like to help us make the eggs, it would be greatly appreciated!! All are welcome to help.

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Faith/Future Exploration – 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - Altar Guild will prepare the palms – 8:30 am

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 18<sup>th</sup> – Gehman's Mennonite Church – Witmer Rd

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Emmanuel E.C. Church – Main Street Adamstown

### HOLY WEEK

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 am – candy donations can be left in the basket by the Secretary's window.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maundy Thursday Worship – 7:30 pm

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Good Friday Worship – 7:30 pm

April 4<sup>th</sup> – 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.

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# PEACE

*United Church of Christ*

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*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 15, 2015  
Fourth Sunday of Lent