

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2015

Organist – Mrs. Virginia Tobias

Pianist- Mrs. Lois Haldeman

Gold Hymnal

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “O, Divine Redeemer” *piano/organ*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

People: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Leader: Why spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

People: Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, says the Lord, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant.

Leader: May the words we hear, the ashes we receive and the element of the Sacrament remind us not only of our sin, but of God’s abundant grace! **AMEN.**

***HYMN “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”.....no. 325**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundant compassion, we come before you confessing the sins that are ever before us. We have been preoccupied with ourselves and have not seen the need of our neighbors or your work within or around us. We speak when we should listen. We remain silent in the face of injustice when we should cry out! We are busy when we should be still.

While we were in darkness, we have seen your transforming light! Forgive us and empower us to live in your light, walk in your ways, and serve in the name of Him who was servant of all, Jesus, our Lord. AMEN.

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting!

In the name of Jesus Christ I proclaim that all our sins are forgiven!

People: In Christ we have new life. AMEN.

***GLORIA PATRI**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 1 pg. 424

CHOIR ANTHEM “A Lenten Prayer”

MESSAGE Rev. Phil Horning

***PASTORAL & LORD’S PRAYER**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

“Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed” *organ*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE – the Doxology

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

***IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND COMMUNION - See insert**

***BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”.....no. 621**

CHIMES and QUIET MEDITATION (congregation seated)

POSTLUDE *- those who are able, please stand

Serving this Evening:

Greeter.....John Haldeman

Head Usher.....Alice Binns and Linda Coventry

LENTEN SCHEDULE

February 25th – Trinity United Methodist

Bill Hoch, Peace UCC

March 4th – St. John’s United Church of Christ

Jeff Hain, Immanuel E.C.

March 11th – Swamp Christian Fellowship

Mike Roney, Trinity UMC

March 18th – Gehman’s Mennonite Church

Dave Brumbaugh, St. John’s UCC

March 25th – Immanuel E.C. Church, Adamstown

Craig Snow, Swamp Christian Fellowship

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COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE
PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

We welcome 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 into this season of Lent, seeking God's guidance and God's inspiration.

Our offering this evening will go to the Cocalico Ministerium CACSM Fund. This fund is used to assist our neighbors in need. We have used this fund for rental assistance, heating fuel, electric, water and other issues needed for daily living. We thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry.

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 the back of your hand or on your forehead. To receive on your hand, please hold out your hand to the person standing at the head of the outside aisle. If receiving on your forehead, simply tip your head toward that person. Communion will be served 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 refreshments in the fellowship hall.



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