God of the journey, you invite us, the church, "to accept the cost and joy of discipleship" and "to be your servants in the service of others." In so doing, may your presence be our guide and Jesus our model. May we respond to you in loving faithfulness.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Prelude in G Minor"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us gather to worship.

People: O God, we wish to see Jesus! We come to worship, to pray, and learn.

Leader: We come looking for Jesus in Scripture lessons, in our own life experiences, in helping our world, in prayers for each other.

People: We seek to follow in the way of Jesus.

Leader: We lay bare before God and one another our own wilderness journey filled with some gladness and hope, with reluctance and sorrow, with fear and confusion.

People: O God, speak to us, show us, touch us with your presence!

Leader: Let our Lenten journey lead us to Jesus, so that we may show Jesus forth in our lives, our faith community, and our world. **Amen.**

*HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus".....no. 240

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, you created and are creating still. In your presence our limits lie stark before us. We confess our unclean lips, our cold hearts, our turning away from neighbors, our broken promises, and our unrepentant hours. Forgive us, O Holy One. We confess that we have squandered the gifts you have given. We have neglected the land. We have grasped for goods. We have used each other. We have loved power more than people. Forgive us, O Holy One. Cleanse from us the illusion of innocence. Come into our hearts, and make us new again. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER (please use this time to confess your own personal sin) +KYRIE +ASSURANCE OF PARDON Leader: In Jesus Christ, God knows and receives us as we are. Listen, give thanks, and live. People: We give thanks for Christ Assurance. AMEN *GLORIA PATRI......no. 142 YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE **OLD TESTAMENT** Jeremiah 31:31-34 pg. 642 CHOIR ANTHEM "Cast Thy Burden" pg. 875 **GOSPEL LESSON** John 12:20-33 **MESSAGE** PASTORAL PRAYER *THE CREED......inside front cover of hymnal "Beneath the Cross of Jesus".....no. 253 *HYMN "In The Garden" OFFERING/OFFERTORY Cindy Anthony *OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY......no. 382 *PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN *HYMN "God Will Take Care of You".....no. 56 Let There Be Peace on Earth Gold Hymnal no. 681 (Congregation seated) CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION "Antiphon I" POSTLUDE (those who are able please *- stand, +-kneel) Church Phone......717-484-4400 Church website.....www.peaceunitedchurch.org Pastor (haan.phelps@peaceunitedchurch.org)......Haan Phelps Organist (organist@peaceunitedchurch.org)......Phyllis Sands Secretary (secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org).......Beverly Madara Treasurer (treasurer@peaceunitedchurch.org)......Michael Madara Altar Guild Workers......Edie Graff and Dixie Schweitzer Greeters.....Jeanne Brewer

The Altar flowers are given with thoughts and prayers for Pastor Bill, Janis and his family by the congregation.

Head Usher......Mark Kline

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us also pray for those whose needs remain silent.

Doris Fultz Mel Gerhart Deb Schleicher Sally Romich Lori Hartranft Anna Lesher Mildred Krick Pastor Bill Jean Trostle

Jim Gress Tom Francis Family of Anna Hopkins

Jeff Moyer

COMING EVENTS

Monday, March 19th – Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm Women's Stitch and Chat group – 9:00 am Tuesday, March 20th – Marketing Meeting – 7:00 pm Thursday, March 22nd – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm Saturday, March 24th – Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 am

MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE MINISTRY MATTERS

All Services begin at 7:30 pm

March 21st – Emmanuel EC, 70 W Main, Adamstown, Phil Horning

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday, March 29^{th} - Maundy Thursday Communion Service - 7:30 pm Friday, March 30^{th} - Good Friday Passion Narrative - 7:30 pm Saturday, March 31^{st} - Easter Vigil — 6:00 am - midnight Sunday, April 1^{st} - Easter Morning - 7:00 am, 8:30 am & 10:30 am

We are collecting individually wrapped candy to be placed in plastic eggs and used for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please place all donations in the basket at the office window.

We invite you to follow the example of our youth and write a letter expressing your hopes and prayers for the people of Zion Church and Puerto Rico as they continue to rebuild in the coming New Year. Please drop your cards in the box that will be provided in the Narthex and we will send them all together.

The Altar Guild will be taking orders for Easter Lilies on Sunday March 18^{th} and 25^{th} before and after the 10:30 am worship. The cost is \$8.00 for a 5-6 bloom plant. The Easter Lilies will be in the church sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 1^{st} .

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March 18, 2018 Fifth Sunday of Lent