

The risen Christ confronts us in our doubts and fears with his living presence, fortifying our faith, so that we might withstand the doubt.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: A new day:

People: Christ lives!

Leader: In our hearts and in our world:

People: Christ lives!

Leader: In the face of an unexpected neighbor

People: Christ Lives!

Leader: As we share God's abundance:

People: Christ Lives!

Leader: As we care for God's creation:

People: Christ Lives!

Leader: As we share the good news, let our joy be complete:

People: Christ lives!

***HYMN "Morning Has Broken"no. 5**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have taken the name of Christian, but few of us are known primarily by the name. We have experienced Easter radiance, but we seldom reflect the light of our risen Savior. We have heard the message of salvation, but it grows cold on our lips and is of little influence on our lives. Sometimes we delude ourselves that, because we are basically good people, there is no sin in us. We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Sin is separation from you, and we have allowed great chasms and built high walls to keep you out of our lives. Forgive us we pray. AMEN

+SILENT PRAYER (please use this time to confess your personal sins)

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader- Jesus Laid down His life for us and in Jesus Christ we are Forgiven!

People- This is the Good News and in this hope we live. AMEN.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON 1 John 1:1-2:2 pg. 989
CHOIR ANTHEM "In This Tomb"
GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 pg. 883

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN "What A Friend We Have in Jesus".....no. 466**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Prayer of Notre Dame"

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD'S PRAYER**

O God of life, take these gifts and bless them, multiply them, put them to work in your world wherever there is need of peace, of justice, of hope. Put them to work in your world to care for your earth, your water, your air -- all the created elements that sustain your children. We offer them to you as a witness to your love that makes our joy complete!

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

Leader: We go out from this place trusting that God walks with us.

We go out from this place knowing that we walk in the light. We go out from this place shining with the good news that Christ is risen: we are new people who love our neighbors, share God's abundance, and care for God's creation.

People: Christ is risen indeed.

***HYMN "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"no. 159**

Let There Be Peace on Earth Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE "Toccata from Suite Gothic"

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

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

Pastor.....William Hoch

Bridge Pastor.....Haan Phelps

Organist (organist@peaceunitedchurch.org).....Phyllis Sands

Secretary (secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org).....Bev Madara

Treasurer (treasurer@peaceunitedchurch.org).....Michael Madara

Altar Guild Workers.....Sylvia Leach and Mardel Lausch

Greeters.....Pat Acebo

Head Usher.....Kristine Butz

The Altar flowers are given in memory of our mother Ardel, by the Garner Girls.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Doris Fultz	Mel Gerhart	Deb Schleicher
Sally Romich	Anna Leshner	Jeff Moyer
Mildred Krick	Pastor Bill	Jean Trostle
Jim Gress	Tom Francis	Jimmy Thompson
Claude Adair	Family of Ardel Garner	

COMING EVENTS

Monday, April 9th – Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 10th – Spiritual Council – 6:30 pm
Church Council – 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 22nd – Health and Welfare Sunday
Speaker – Bob Thomas, President of Tabor Community Services
Saturday, April 28th – Youth Chicken BBQ – 10:00 am
Sunday, May 6th – Spring Family Fun Fest – 5:00 – 7:00 pm

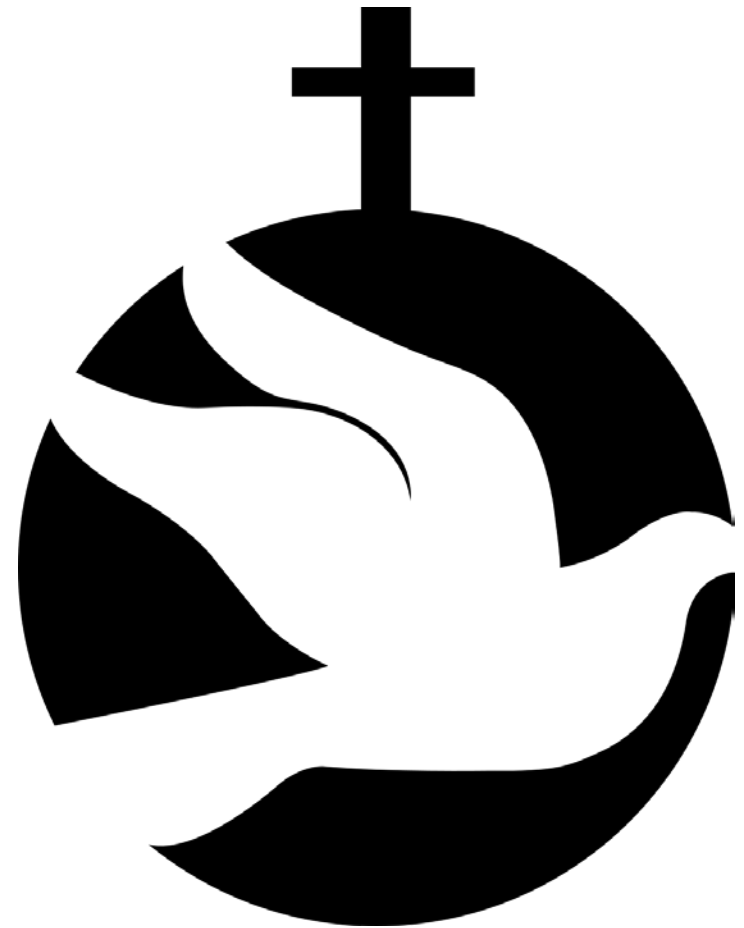
Home of Hope is in need of plastic 5 quart ice cream containers with lids. These containers will be used to store fresh strawberries and are needed before Memorial Day weekend. Please give your containers to Pat Hall or see her for more information.

Bob Thomas, President of Tabor Community Services, will be speaking on Health and Welfare Sunday. Tabor, founded in 1968, is a non-profit organization offering housing and financial counseling services for Lancaster County residents.

Join us for the Spring Family Fun Festival on Sunday, May 6th. There will be lots of activities and a Bouncy House outside. Hot dogs for supper and make your own ice cream sundaes for dessert will add to the fun. Bring your children and grandchildren and invite your neighbors!

If you have any needs during Pastoral Bill's absence, please call the church and leave a message.

Peace United Church of Christ



April 8, 2018
Second Sunday of Easter