

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY February 14, 2018

Organist – Phyllis Sands

Gold Hymnal

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Clean”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Tonight we enter the season of Lent, a season to remember the sufferings of Jesus Christ.

People: A season to remember that to follow Christ is to take up our crosses and to be servants of all.

Leader: A season to remember Jesus' question, "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?"

People: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Simon of Cyrene, might help to bear the cross.

Leader: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Pilate and Caiaphas and the crowd, continue to nail Christ to the tree.

People: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Peter, are afraid and turn away.

Leader: A season to ask ourselves what we, like the woman with the fine ointment, have to offer.

People: A season to watch and wait with Christ, that we may have courage in the hour of testing.

ALL: A season to proclaim with Mary Magdalene that Christ is not dead but alive! AMEN.

***HYMN “Now I Belong to Jesus”.....no. 637**

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Most merciful God, by whose command we live or die: You have summoned us into your presence. You have the right to judge us in your wrath, but you choose instead to appeal to us through your astonishing love. Come into our hearts; fill us with your power and peace, that we may learn to love as you have first loved us. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OLD TESTAMENT Joel 2:12-17 pg. 741

CHOIR ANTHEM “Come Now is the Time to Worship”

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:12-15 pg. 812

MESSAGE Rev. Jeff Hain

***PASTORAL & LORD’S PRAYER**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY “Open My Eyes That I Might See”

OFFERTORY RESPONSE – the Doxology

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

***IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND HOLY COMMUNION**

See insert

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

***HYMN “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”.....no. 253**

CHIMES and QUIET MEDITATION (congregation seated)

POSTLUDE “Promenade”

*- those who are able, please stand

Serving this Evening:

Head Usher.....Barb Hoffert

Greeter.....Mardel Lausch

LENTEN SCHEDULE - 2018

Lenten Series ministry matters,

February 14 – Peace UCC - Jeff Hain

February 21 – Trinity UMC - Bill Hoch

February 28 – St. John’s UCC - Mike Roney

March 7 – Swamp Christian Fellowship - Brad Haws

March 14 – Gehman’s Mennonite - Craig Faiser

March 21 – Emmanuel EC - Phil Horning

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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