

Welcome!

Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Thank you, God, for calling your people to worship this day.

We have gathered because we have heard your call.

Unite our spirits as we call upon your holy name;

empower us to worship you here and serve you in the world.

Through Jesus Christ, we pray. AMEN

We will sing from the Gold Hymnal today

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Nearer to the cross we travel,

P: *pausing along the way.*

L: Resting, watching, waiting, expecting;

P: *this is the holy pause of worship.*

*HYMN "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed".....no. 274

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*As we humble ourselves before you, God of grace,
we welcome the opportunity to place before you
love we have dishonored and peace we have refused to offer.*

In moments of stubborn pride, forgive us.

In moments of hurt and rage, calm us.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

+SILENT PRAYER *(please use this time to confess your own personal sin)*

+KYRIE L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: (singing) Lord, have mercy upon us.

L: Christ, have mercy upon us.

P: (singing) Christ, have mercy upon us.

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: (singing) Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: The way to wholeness rests at Jesus' feet.

P: *Thanks be to God for guiding us there!*

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 pg. 940

ANTHEM *"Amazing Grace"*

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32 pg. 850

MESSAGE Rev. Nora Foust, Penn Central Conference

PASTORAL PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "UCC Statement of Faith"

***We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus
Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:***

***You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.***

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

***You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared
through prophets and apostles.***

***In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin
and death and reconciling the world to yourself.***

***You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the
church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all
ages, tongues, and races.***

***You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of
discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to
proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him
in his passion and victory.***

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen

*HYMN "There is a Green Hill Far Away".....no. 278

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "May Jesus Christ Be Praised"

CALL TO THE OFFERING

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

*HYMN "The Solid Rock".....no. 92

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace On Earth".....no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE "O Worship the King"

(L- Leader; **P- People.** Those who are able, please *- stand, +-kneel)

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Greeters.....Greg and Cindy Grill

Head Usher.....Mark Kline

The altar flowers are given in memory of loved ones by Dan and Pat Hall.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bobby McDonough, Jr

Family of Rev. Donald A. Storm

Rev. Betsy Bruaw

Leroy Mumma



Peace United Church of Christ

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 31, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Lent