

Welcome!

Prayer of Preparation

God, we ask that you would strengthen and renew us in mind, body, and spirit in this season of Lent. Help us to use our faith practices to be fully present as we accompany Jesus on his way to the Cross. Amen

We will sing from the Gold Hymnal today

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE *"Give Me Jesus"* arr. Burnham

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are ready to walk the journey with Jesus;

P: ***ready to receive and live salvation.***

L: Through Jesus, God instructs us,
teaches us where we should go.

P: ***God's steadfast love surrounds us as we walk.***

*HYMN *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* no. 253

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***O God, we are grateful for this time in worship
to unburden our hearts and fill them with your grace.***

***We know that Jesus is always near us,
but there is not one of us who has not forgotten that.
We do not walk this journey alone; our Savior is with us.
Encourage us with that knowledge we pray. Amen***

+SILENT PRAYER

+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 GOD'S GRACE

L: We have been relieved of our burden;

C: ***we know God's grace and mercy!***

*PRAISE RESPONSE *"Gloria Patri"*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end! Amen Amen*

NOISY OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congregation Response: ***We promise our love,
support and care.***

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5: 1-11 pg. 917

ANTHEM *"Open the Eyes of My Heart"* arr. Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING John 4: 5-42 pg. 864

MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *"Lenten Creed"*

***We believe that our lives are held
within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.
We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters
that can never be exhausted.
We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.
We believe that God is in the arid desert
as well as in green pastures,
and that challenges and disciplines are loving gifts.
We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.***

*We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.
This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.
Amen*

— from *Traveling to Easter with Jesus as our Guide*, posted on the website of Patmos Abbey—The Order of Saint Columba.
<http://www.patmosabbey.org/>

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERING/OFFERTORY CALL TO THE OFFERING

“Evening Prayer” arr. Humperdinck

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION/THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

*HYMN *“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”* no. 217

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*RESPONSE *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”* no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE *“Triumphal March”* by Grieg

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

The altar flowers are given in memory of Galen Bixler by Georgean and Craig Bixler.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ken Lesher Kay Schell Carol Sanders

Joe Madara Margaret Gress

The family of Guy Fultz The family of Ajay Agnihotri

Today, through the sacrament of baptism, we welcome to God’s family Lillian Rose Akers.

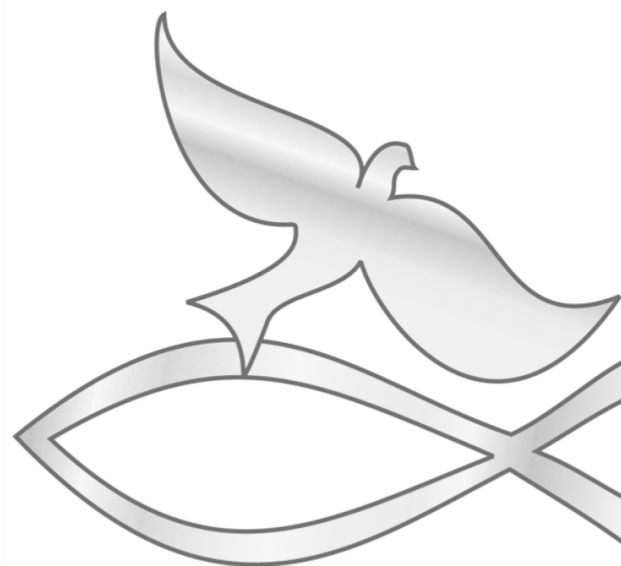
Scripture for **NEXT Sunday, March 22:** Ephesians 5: 8-14
John 9: 1-41



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 15, 2020
Third Sunday in Lent