

~ Announcements ~

FOLLOWING WORSHIP, you are invited to Fellowship Hall to enjoy conversation & light refreshments.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Reader: Barb Allen
Ushers/Greeters: Tom & Melissa Sheperd; Kari Kornish
Fellowship Hosts: Sue Hammann & Jean Kretzing
Video: Joe Shane
Audio: Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:

* **in the presbytery:** East Waterford; seeking a pastor
 * **in the community:** AME Zion (S. West St.)
 * **in the congregation (at random):** Ron & Deb Richcreek; Arlene Roberts

THIS WEEK, IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

+ **Sunday, 5 PM:** Lenten Prayer Study (Gathering Room)
 Topic: Visual Prayer Gazing, Icons & Color
 + **Monday, 2 PM:** Faith Circle meeting
 + **Wednesday, Noon:** Final Lenten Concert/Luncheon (details below)
 + **Wednesday, 7 PM:** Choir rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY.....Palm/Passion Sunday.....April 2nd

~ **9:15 AM:** Prayer, in the sanctuary
 ~ **9:30 AM:** Education hour; classes for all
 ~ **10:45 AM:** Worship
 ~ **After worship:** Fellowship time



WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH, AT NOON
Lenten Concerts & Soup Luncheons
Final Performance for 2023

March 29: Daniel Dorty, Derry Presbyterian, Hershey, organ
 Please remain after a 30-minute concert for a soup luncheon (\$5 suggested donation; all proceeds to Project SHARE). Invite a friend!



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Thursday, April 6	Maundy Thursday	7 PM	Worship, with Communion
Friday, April 7	Good Friday	Noon	Community Cross Walk
		7 PM	Worship
Sunday, April 9	Easter Sunrise	7:30 AM	Worship, on church lawn (bring chair) (Fell. Hall if inclement weather)
Sunday, April 9	Easter (no S.S. or Fellowship Time)	10:45 AM	Worship, with Communion



Members of the Congregation, Ministers
The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor
The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus
Debby Madden, Educator Emerita
Arthur Thompson, Organist; Ron Richcreek, Music Director
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March 26, 2023

10:45 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDES

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Hobby
Wondrous Love Paxton
Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor Langlois

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
~ GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS ~
~ Minute for Mission ~

Dulce Carmen Cassler

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 90:14-17)

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.**

Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands –
O prosper the work of our hands!**

* HYMN #84 – “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.
And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Let us pray.

**O Lord our God,
you know us better than we know ourselves.
As we come before you now, we share a deep need,
for we are all lost without your grace.
Search us, O God, and know our hearts;
test us and know our troubled thoughts.
Forgive our wrongs. Give us true repentance.
Transform us by your Spirit,
so that we may live for your glory,
and learn to serve each other more and more each day,
until, through the grace of Jesus Christ,
we come at last to your kingdom. AMEN**

(*silent confession . . .*) AMEN

Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! AMEN

* RESPONSE #579 – “Gloria Patri”

* PASSING THE PEACE

Just as God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus, let us also forgive
one another and offer signs of peace and reconciliation.
The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**
(*Extend a word of peace with one another . . .*)

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Merciful God,
your Word is our way of truth and life.
Create in us hearts that are clean
and put your Holy Spirit within us,
so that we may receive your grace
and declare your praise forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON Psalm 90 (O.T., p. 547)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

CHOIR ANTHEM “Silent Was the Night” Martin

SECOND LESSON I Samuel 25:1-25, 32-35 (O.T., p. 269)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON – “A Table in the Wilderness: Raisins and Figs”
The Rev. Anthony Lorenz

* HYMN #280 – “Amazing Grace”

* THE NICENE CREED (Traditional)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe
in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true
God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the
Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our
salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the
holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For
our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered
death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come
again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the
world to come. AMEN**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (p. 16, blue hymnal)

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES

Offertory *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* Callahan

* RESPONSE #592 – “Praise God”

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God,
we give our gifts in gratitude,
rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.
We give our gifts in faith,
trusting that you will provide for our needs.
We give our gifts in hope,
knowing you can use them
to spread your love in this world.
And with our gifts, we give ourselves;
may we live with generous hearts, with open hands. AMEN**

SENDING

* HYMN (*insert*) – “I Need Thee Every Hour”

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING RESPONSE #256(G) (*refrain*) – “Bless the Lord, My Soul”

**“Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.”**

* POSTLUDE *Deo Gracias* Johnson

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* indicates please stand, if able
BOLD indicates ALL read

(G) indicates use green songbook, “Sing! a new creation”
Children’s Worship Bulletins are available; an usher can assist you

