

February 16, 2020  
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes     Pastor John  
*(Please sign the attendance slip and place in the offering plate.)*

Prelude     Jen Moser, Organist

**\*Call to Worship (Hosea 6:3)**     Miriam Zech

One: Let us acknowledge the Lord

**All: Let us press on to acknowledge him**

One: As surely as the sun rises

**All: He will appear.**

**\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

**Lord, your commands are simple and straightforward, yet we often struggle to walk in obedience. May you strengthen us in our efforts to keep your decrees and laws, and listen to your voice as we hold fast to our love for you and our faith in you. For you are the Lord of our life, and by following you, we will never walk alone, but instead be warmly encouraged and richly blessed.**

\*Hymn    “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”    No. 126

**\*Unison Prayer**

**Holy Spirit, we invite you into our hearts so that we can push back against the ways of the world and welcome in the ways of the Lord to enlighten and guide us in the decisions we make. Direct us and strengthen us as we seek to sow seeds that will bring others to this church where they can feel welcome and not rejected, accepted and not judged, supported and not shunned — a place where they can see, hear, and feel your presence and your love. This we pray in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!**

\*Call to Confession

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal and Loving God, in light of our iniquities, we come before the cross with humble contrition, but without rejection because you have invited us to confess our sins with the full faith and assurance that you are the all-loving and forgiving God. We gratefully accept your pardon, and we seek to better serve you through a renewed commitment to submission and obedience, today and always. Amen!**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson    Deuteronomy 30:15-20    No. 215

New Testament Lesson    1 Corinthians 3:1-9    No. 1194

Response One: Let us Rejoice in God’s Holy Word!

**All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy.**

\*Gloria Patri     No. 70

\*Hymn    “O Come and Dwell in Me”    No. 388

Anthem    “Yours to Use”

Sermon    “It’s Your Choice”    Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

As we gather today as a fellowship of believers, let us lift up our prayers and petitions at this time.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer     No. 895

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

Offertory

\*Doxology     No. 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn    “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”    No. 121

\*Benediction and Postlude

*\*= please stand in body or spirit*

**Lenten Study**

Pastor John will be leading a Lenten each Wednesday evening during Lent. The study is entitled “No Wonder They Crucified Him”, and explores who Christ really is and what he expects of us today by focusing on the following topics:

- Get Off the Fence
- Complete the Circle of Grace and Works
- Patrol Your Pleasures
- Check Your Bags
- Come Die with Me
- Follow Me

Please join us starting Wednesday, March 4 at 5:45 pm for this study.

**Joint Lenten Series**

Theme-Lectionary: ‘Walk’

Offering: Africa University Women’s Dormitory and Warming Center at Salvation Army

Sermon Series Schedule at 7:00 pm each Sunday

March 1 - Rev. Kris Patt at Oak Chapel

March 8 - Rev. Steve Smith at Church of the Cross

March 15 - Pastor John Finn at Applecreek

March 22 - Rev. Jim Cooper at New Pittsburg

March 29 - Pastor Ken Curren at Moreland

April 5 - Pastor Jon Heavilin at Wooster

**Ash Wednesday Service**

We have been invited to join New Pittsburg UMC for Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm.



### Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community  
Those serving in the armed forces  
Our country, its leaders

### Our church family

Esther Franks	Elsie Mykrantz
Jennifer Adair	Betty Princehorn
Elaine Sprinkle	Wayne Kahrig
Betsy Bower	Dick O’Hearn
Bill Feldman	Brad Kitchen
Connie Wheeler	

### Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Jon Heavilin	Gloria Ennis
Reid Webster	Brinley
Brookdale Church	
Valdemir Goncalves “Junior” and wife Sarah	

### Today’s Concerns

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Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless otherwise requested.



### Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 2/16	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 am
Monday 2/17	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Finance	6:00 pm
	Ad Council	6:30 pm
	Trustees	7:30 pm
Tuesday 2/18	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Saturday 2/22	Weight Support	9:15 am

### Looking Ahead

Sunday 2/23	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 2/24	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm
Tuesday 2/25	Days for Girls	2:00 pm
	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday 2/26	Ash Wednesday	
	Choir	6:00 pm
	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 pm
	New Pittsburg UMC	
Thursday 2/27	Bookworms	7:00 pm
Saturday 2/29	Weight Support	9:15 am

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