

February 9, 2020
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome, Announcements Rev. Jim Pfander
(Please sign the attendance slip and place in the offering plate.)

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

***Call to Worship** Miriam Zech

ONE: Come, now is the time to worship

ALL: Come, now is the time to give your heart

ONE: Come, just as you are to worship

ALL: Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Faithful God, we are thankful for how you have demonstrated your faithfulness, even when we have been faithless. Empower us to share and demonstrate the difference you have made in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Amen

*Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 396

***Unison Prayer (Psalm 13)**

How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? Look on me and answer, LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall. But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the LORD's praise, for the LORD has been good to me.

***Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51)**

God, giver of Grace. Huge in mercy –wipe out my bad record. Scrub away my guilt, soak out my sins in your laundry. I know my sins are staring me down. You're

the One I've violated, and you've seen it all, seen the full extent of my evil. I've been out of step with you for a long time. What you're after is truth from the inside out. Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life in me. Please.

*Hymn "Take Time to be Holy" No. 395

Anthem "Rejoice in the Lord Always"

Sermon "H _ _ O _ _ _ _ I L _ _ _ ?" Rev. Jim

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-24 Pg. 1239

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 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" No. 569

*Benediction and Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

Lenten Schedule:

We have been invited to join New Pittsburg UMC for Ash Wednesday Service. We will print the time of that service in next week's bulletin.

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

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** - What do we do with the Jesus who declares; "He who is not (actively) with me is (actually) against me." What do we do with the Jesus who says: Get off the fence!
- **Complete the Circle of Grace and Works** - As Christians, we know that we get to spend eternity in heaven, not because we are such great people, but because Jesus is. What does that mean as we respond to the remarkable grace God has shown us in Christ?
- **Patrol Your Pleasures** - Jesus Christ lived with a spirit of joy, humor and warmth that caused others to genuinely enjoy themselves. But as humans, we have skewed this idea in every way. How can we patrol the pleasures of the world and maintain a spiritual healthy heart?
- **Check Your Bags** - All of us carry loads of our own making. Lent is a great time to look at those loads and see what needs to be repacked and what needs to be tossed.
- **Come Die with Me** - "If (you) would come after me," Jesus said, "(you) must take up (your) cross and follow me." Sometimes, this call and cross causes us to tremble. How do we respond to the tremble of new life in Christ?
- **Follow Me** - We are called to continue the journey through teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer, and meeting the needs of others.

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



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	Connie Garg
Bill Braucher	

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Family of Joanne Morris	
Jon Heavilin	Gloria Ennis
Reid Webster	Brinley
Valdemir Goncalves "Junior" and wife Sarah	

Today's Concerns

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



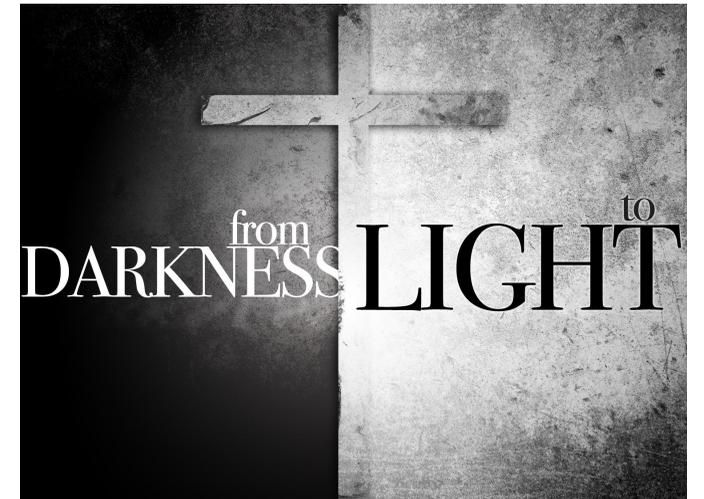
Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 2/9	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 2/10	Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday 2/11	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday 2/12	Choir	7:00 pm
Thursday 2/13	Worship Committee	7:30 pm
Saturday 2/15	Acorn Deadline	
	Weight Support	9:15 am
	UMW Unit Meeting	10:30 am

Looking Ahead

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

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