

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

With joy, we praise You, gracious God, for You have created heaven and earth, made us in Your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin. We give You thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, by Whose grace we may triumph over temptation, be more fervent in prayer, and be more generous in love. Therefore, we join our voices with all saints, angels, and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of Your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution ~ Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements *(Please eat the bread as you are served. Hold the cup until all have been served.)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR SERVICE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Joel Krott

Rinehart

BENEDICTION*

Dr. Gross

GREETING*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*Those who are able are invited to stand

***Seating interlude

8:30 am Worship Ministry (Traditional, Sanctuary)

Welcome Desk Greeter: Paul Gordon

Greeters: Elder Beth Lefferts; Trustee Ginny Weber; Stephen Minister Sheila Schneider

Ushers: Gil Warren, Tom Gilman, Matt Moxhay, Charles Markovitz, Roger Lefferts, Jim Clinton

Sound Technician: Harris Ransom

Pulpit Flower Arrangers: Karin Miller and Sally Bishop

Delivery Arranger: Fran Green

Flower Deliverers: Kourtney de la Cruz and Rebecca Castellanos

Elders Serving Communion: Paul Booker, Rebecca Castellanos, Pete Honeyford, Beth Lefferts, Joyce Peacock, Joyce Wenzke

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth Fisher by Kim and Jane Murphy.

Nursery Care is available in the Preschool area for those with young children (birth-age 4). The David Room (back of the Sanctuary) is available for parents with infants/toddlers.

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Rev. Stuart Spencer, Pastor/Head of Staff

Kelly LePenske, Director of Congregational Ministries

Please Join Us for Worship

8:30 am Traditional *(Sanctuary)*

11:00 am Contemporary *(Miller Commons)*

GATHERING THOUGHT

THE FPCM WAY OF THE WEEK

10. JOIN HANDS. Work as a team. Collaborate with each other, our professional staff, our lay leaders, and our congregants to find the best solutions. Collaboration lightens the load, generates better ideas than individuals working alone, and unleashes the gifts God has given us all.

“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9)

“Share each other’s burdens; and in this way, obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.” (Galatians 6:2-3)

“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.” (Proverbs 27:17)

Sunday, March 1, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:30 am Sanctuary

WELCOME AND WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Rev. Stuart Spencer

READING OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Beadle: Elder Paul Booker

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Joel Krott

Chorale Prelude on "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Elmore

INTROIT

Come in Sorrow and Contrition

Moravian

Adult Choir/Grace Rykaczewski, Director

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Elder Booker

God of wilderness and water,

Your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.

Guide us through this Lenten season

that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing.

Help us to do this through the cleansing depths of repentance

and the Heaven-sent Words of the Spirit that beckon us to new life in You.

Let us worship the Lord, our God.

HYMN No. 580*

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

PRAYER OF ADORATION*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH* (The Apostles' Creed)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Booker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have not done. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us, and forgive us that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Time for silent and personal confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Good News in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

RESPONSE No. 805*

Glory Be to the Father

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 32:1-11 (pg. 506 OT, Pew Bible)

ANTHEM

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Hanson

Adult Choir

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ('debts')

Rev. Spencer

WAY OF THE WEEK

OFFERTORY

Aus Liebe

J. S. Bach BV 244 No. 49

Margaret Munro, Soprano

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

*Aus liebe will mein Heiland sterben,
von einer sünde weiß er nichts,
daß das ewige verderben
und die strafe des gerichtts
nicht auf meiner seele bliebe.*

Out of love my Savior is willing to die,
though He knows nothing of any sin,
so that eternal ruin
and the punishment of judgment
may not rest upon my soul.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

Rev. Spencer

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I John 2:3-6 (pg. 239 NT, Pew Bible)

SERMON

Disciples' Love

Dr. Ed Gross

Sermon Series: Not a Fan

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Spencer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn No. 655 (Tune No. 222), vs. 1 & 3

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**