



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 13, 2016

5th Sunday of Lent/Camp Sunday

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Nellie Wiancko 10:45 – Tracy Hawley

GATHERING & WELCOME

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Please pass the Peace of Christ to your neighbor.

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

INTRODUCTION OF OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

James, the Greater (Josh Burger)

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: The days ahead are dark and full of foreboding.

P: We watch as Jesus journeys to the cross.

L: There is no way to change what is to come.

P: Yet death has not the final word.

L: Let us bear witness to God’s new life moving within and among us.

P: God is doing a new thing. Let us rejoice and give thanks!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy Sustainer, you were ever in and with Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem, guiding his choices and strengthening his courage each step of the way. As your beloved children, be with us and strengthen us on our journeys. Through our time of worship and our companionship with one another, teach us to recognize Christ in everyone we meet. Help us offer holy hospitality wherever it is needed, and free us from our fears of scarcity, that we may share from our abundance and be a blessing for others. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 57 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for “Church Camp.” Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM 8:15 – “Broken and Spilled Out” - Deb Andrison
10:45 – “Broken and Spilled Out” - Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 43:16-21

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Savior, Your Dying Love”

***LENTEN DOXOLOGY** (tune: “Old 100th)
Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise,
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Gracious God, we rejoice in your tender care for us when we are in the wilderness of life. When we face difficulties, you miraculously make a way forward. You lead us to the living water of Christ to refresh and sustain us. You nurture us by your Word and Spirit. You fortify our faith, so that we will live to praise you. May our congregation’s outreach ministries be a source of vitality for people in our wider community. We dedicate these gifts in Jesus’ name. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 172 “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

The Altar is open during the hymn.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN

***SCRIPTURE (NRSV)** John 12:1-8

MESSAGE

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 399** “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

MUSIC OF PARTING “Postlude on 'Pange Lingua'”

***Those who are able, please stand**

*We express our Christian sympathy to Suzanne Zavora and her family with the death of her mother, Nellie M. Davis.
Mrs. Davis passed away on Thursday, March 10th.
May God comfort and strengthen them.*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship – 23 Sunday 8:15 – 72 10:45 – 82

SERVING YOU SUNDAY, March 12th

GREETERS: 8:15 – Barbara Ceresa & Connie Fontana
10:45 – Dot Depp & Donna Weber

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Virginia Ives 10:45 – Tom Lehner

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Fritz Runser
10:45 - Josh Burger, Penny Brant

NURSERY: Our Child Care Center (birth through age 5) will be open today during the 10:45 service. The attendants today will be Melanie & Lindsay Smith.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers today are presented in honor of June Johnston birthday from the Johnston family.

Please return the plastic flower vases when you are finished with them.

2016 Community Mid-Week Lenten Services

“Fruits of the Spirit”

Sponsored by the Men’s Prayer Fellowship at
First United Church of Christ, 400 Main Street, Irwin, PA
Hymn singing - 11:30 AM Worship - Noon
Song Leader: Hervey Steiner Pianist: Jimmie Ruth Caughron
Signer: Connie Bridgeman

Wednesday, March 16: Topic: Self-Control Speaker: Rev. Al Kimmel

Wednesday, March 23: Topic: Peace Speaker Rev. Ron Durikz

***Lunch is provided by Colonial Grille at 12:30 for a fee.**

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, March 13

5th Sunday in Lent

Camp Sunday/Coffee Hour

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School for all ages

10:45 Worship

12:15 Sonshiners

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Monday, March 14

10:00 UM Women

6:30 Grief Support

Dartball – Playoffs

Tuesday, March 15

6:15 TOPS

7:30 NA

Wednesday, March 16

11:30 Mid-week Lenten Service

(United Church of Christ, Main St)

5:30 Gym in use

7:00 UM Men

7:00 Women’s Book Study

7:00 Yoga

Thursday, March 17

St. Patrick’s Day

6:15 C Bells

7:00 Disciple

7:15 Choir

8:15 LLS Choir

Saturday, March 19

8:30 District Meeting

11:00 LLS Full Cast

6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, March 20

6th Sunday in Lent

Palm Sunday

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School for all ages

9:30 Easter Egg Hunt

10:45 Worship

12:15 Set up for Living Last Supper

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

6:00 Living Last Supper

Dress Rehearsal

The church office will be closed Good Friday, March 25th through Tuesday, March 29th. We will reopen on Wednesday, March 30th.

The Finance Committee meeting scheduled for March 15th has been moved to Tuesday, March 29th.

ANOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS: The Children’s Collection today will be used for our camping program. *The Power of Camp* is our theme this year. Your donations will be used to help our campers experience learning, fellowship, and fun during an exciting time at our Christian camps!

Lent/Easter Quiz

(Monday – Friday during Lent)

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March 3 - What is another term for Palm Sunday?

March 7 - Why do we use lilies as a symbol of Easter?

March 8 - At the Last Supper, would the disciples have been standing, sitting, reclining, or kneeling?

March 9 - Whom do the Gospels say Jesus first spoke to after he arose?

March 10 - Why is Maundy Thursday a name for the night before Jesus' arrest?

March 11 – How does the Gospel of John describe Jesus' tomb?

Easter Candy Sale: Thank you to everyone that ordered Easter Chocolates! Orders will be available for pick up in the church office on Palm Sunday, March 20th. This was the first Easter fundraiser for McFeely's Gourmet Chocolates and they were very appreciative that we chose them! There are many items that they carry in their retail store across the street that were not on their order form. If there is a particular Easter candy or egg you were looking for, please visit their store and tell them you're from First UM. They will give 15% of your sale to our church! Never tasted their chocolate? Stop in the parlor today following either service and try some samples!

EASTER FLOWERS: Today is the last day to order Easter Flowers. Please use the order form found in the bulletin or on the table in the Narthex for your order. The flowers are \$8.00 each and are yours to take after the church service on Easter Sunday.

TODAY IS CAMP SUNDAY!

We will be hearing about our three United Methodist Camps, what's new this year and how you can register. Plan on stopping by the parlor after the service for some s'mores, hot chocolate, coffee and bugs on a log (eeeeech!)



METHODIST MEN: The Methodist Men will meet on Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 pm. The topic for discussion this month will be "Holy Hands". All men are encouraged to attend.

EASTER BASKETS: Check out the poster in the Narthex and take a few post-it notes to help us fill Easter baskets for local families. In addition to providing food for an Easter meal, we will be providing baskets for the children of the family with fun treats! This holiday we are supporting both Sheridan Terrace backpack families and the neediest of the food bank clients. Donations are due back to church on Palm Sunday (3/20). Any questions and/or concerns, please contact Anne Osborn at 724-744-7278 or annegiannetti@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of these local families.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: All articles for the April Newsletter are due in the office by Tuesday, March 22, 2016. Please submit your articles by email at fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net or by leaving a printed copy in the office. Articles not received by March 22nd will be published in the May newsletter.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: Two attendants are needed each Sunday to look after the children, ages 0 – 5 years (some a little older), so that their parents may enjoy the 10:45 AM worship service. It is not necessary for you to be in the nursery every week. You can either be added to the roster as part of the rotation, tell Kim when you are available to cover, or just be considered an "alternate" for last-minute needs. With several volunteers available, there is a rotating schedule so you may only be in the nursery a few time throughout the year unless you request to be there more often.

Volunteers working with children in our church are required by law to have clearances on file in the church office. The forms are on the desk in the office and there is no charge for volunteers. If you are interested in helping as a Nursery attendant, either on a regular basis or just to fill in when someone can't be here, or have any further questions, please contact Kim Platt at 724-863-6838 or kmplatt331@comcast.net.

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER: Pocket posters and large posters are available on the table in the narthex. Please help us to tell the community about the performances on March 22 and 24 at 7:00 PM. There will be a reception on Tuesday night and cookies are needed. You may bring your cookies on Sunday, March 20, or at any time before the Tuesday night performance. Contact Krista Brown if you have questions.

RACE FOR GRACE: The ninth annual *Race for Grace* will be held Saturday, April 2nd. Our church is a silver sponsor! Please contact Anne Osborn at 724-744-7278 or annegiannetti@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out with our FUMC team. Race details can be found at their website www.reflectionsofgrace.org – hope to see you there.

PREPARE YOURSELF! HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY IS APRIL 3. Take time now to design your hat for that Sunday! *This year we will have our traditional worship services that day, with a pot-luck, Holy Humor luncheon after the 10:45 AM service.* Everyone please bring a dish to share with about 10-12 people. THE CATCH IS – It needs to be a Holy Humor dish. It must be edible. It might look funny, or it might just have a funny name. Green eggs and ham, anyone? Be creative! Plates, cups, plasticware and beverages will be supplied. During the lunch we will have a hat fashion show so you can show off your creation. Come and extend the joy of the Easter season.

GREETERS NEEDED: These friendly people stand at the door greeting all who attend our services. They welcome and provide directions to visitors. This is a job for all ages. If you are interested in being a greeter please contact Burnetta Green at 724-863-0255.

Lent/Easter Quiz Answers

Mar. 3: Until 1959, the fifth Sunday of Lent was known as Passion Sunday. It marked the beginning of a two-week-long period known as Passiontide, which is still observed by various denominations in Protestantism and by some traditionalist Catholics. In 1970, it became "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord". The sixth Sunday of Lent has never officially been given the exact name "Passion Sunday" and the term "Palm Sunday" is given first place in its present official name.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passion_Sunday

Other names for this day are Fig Sunday, Willow Sunday, Branch Sunday, Blossom Sunday, and, in France, Rameaux.

<http://encyclopedia2.thefreedictionary.com/Palm+Sunday>

Mar. 7: In addition to their white color, spring blooming, and Jesus mentioning them (Luke 12:27), there are several legends about Jesus' connection to lilies. In the lectionary readings for this, the 5th Sunday in Lent, Jesus uses a seed to talk about his life, death, and resurrection. He says, "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24 CEB). The flower decorating so many of our sanctuaries on Easter Sunday is a beautiful symbol of new life.

Mar. 8: The correct answer is reclining. While we are used to seeing the Last Supper the way Leonardo Da Vinci painted it, the gospel writers report that Jesus and his disciples "reclined" at the table (see Mark 14:18 in the NIV for example). This is much more historically accurate. In first century Roman culture, people ate at a table called a *triclinium* – a low, U-shaped table where guests would have dined while laying on their left side. This helps to explain how Jesus could have easily moved around the table to wash each of the disciples' feet.

Mar. 9: Three of the Gospels, John, Matthew and Mark, say Jesus first appeared or spoke to Mary Magdalene (some mentioning the other women as well). It is an interesting and wonderful part of the story that Jesus came first to the women who so grieved His loss. *Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher). - John 20:15-16 (CEB)*

Mar. 10: The English word “Maundy” comes from the Latin *mandatum*, which means “commandment.” In John 13:34, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them. This is why services on this night generally include the washing of feet or other acts of physical care as part of the celebration.

Mar. 11: Jesus’ tomb was in a nearby garden and had never before been used (see John 19:41.) While we know something about Jesus’ tomb, believers have often wondered what Jesus did between Good Friday and Easter Sunday morning. The earliest versions of the Apostles’ Creed say, “He descended to the dead” between the crucifixion and resurrection, but the Bible doesn’t say. Many churches remember this day of Jesus’ death with a vigil of prayer and fasting as a sign of the desolation of Jesus buried in the tomb.

A Simple Truth:

You Are Loved!



You are invited to hear the story of God’s great love for you, followed by our annual Egg Hunt on Palm Sun., Mar. 20th, 9:30-10:30 am, starting in the Elementary Dept. Remember the wonderful story of Holy Week/Easter & talk about Christian symbols. The egg hunt follows in the gym with terrific treasures that relate to the story. All ages welcome!

Teens/Preteens, we need your help hiding the eggs! Of course, you will receive treats for helping & you should also meet at 9:30 in the Elementary room to assist. (Tiny tots meet in Mrs. Weber’s toddler room across from the nursery for a mini-hunt.)

Friends are always welcome!

Kick off Holy Week by hearing the story of our Christian faith in one exciting session!

Hope to see you on March 20th!

Camp Sunday - March 13th



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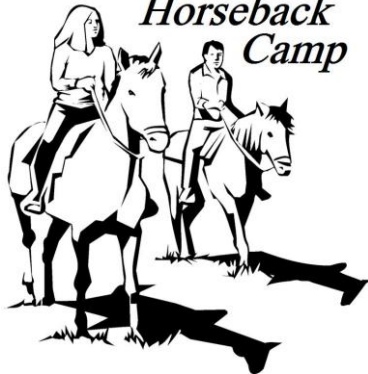
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