Sunday, March 17, 2019

Worship Notes:

Your offerings and tithes may be placed in the offering box before worship, during the time of greeting or following the service. The offering box is located at the rear of the sanctuary.

Our Community Gathers

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (*you are invited to stand if you are able)				
Leader: ALL:	 ader: God is my light, my hope, my all in all: whom shall I fear? L: God is the stronghold of my life: of whom shall I be afraid? 			
Leader:	One thing I ask of God: let me live in the shelter of you, in the beauty of your realm, in the wonder of your house.			
ALL:	We seek your face, God! Do not turn aside!			
Leader:	Teach us your way God, show us your path through all that life brings.			
ALL:	We shall see the blessing of God: come, Holy Spirit!			
Invocati	on	Pastor Rich		
*Opening Hymn 'Great is Thy Faithfulness' Ch #86 vs 2,& 3				
Old Test	tament Reading Psalm 27	Lana Bell		
Prayers of the Gathered				
The Lord's Prayer (sing)Ch #3				

Our Community Hears the Word and Responds

Sacred Reading	Luke 13: 31-35 (pg 77 NT)	
Morning Message	'Can <u>You</u> Stay The Course?'	Rich Pate

Our Community Celebrates the Sacred Table

We celebrate a fully open communion table. All those who believe in Christ our Savior, are invited to receive the Bread of Life and Cup of Hope.

Communion	'Gather Us In' vs. 1 & 3	Ch #284		
Passing and receiving of Bread and Cup You are invited to eat the bread once you receive it. Please hold the cup until you are invited to drink together.				
Prayer of Offering an	d Dedication	Lana Bell		
God of all goodness, we thank you for your blessings: more numerous than the stars; more bountiful that the greatest of harvests. We now dedicate our gifts, and rededicate ourselves to your vision of hope and love. May all that we do and all that we give be pleasing to you, and a testimony to your loving purposes. We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen				
Crown of Thorns		Lana Bell		
*Sending Song '	Praise to the Lord, The Almighty' vs. 1 & 2	C h #25		
Blessing Holy God, through the discipline of these 40 days, make your Spirit's cleansing fire burn within us. Lift us from the dying embers of our inattention. Mark us with the sign of your Holy passion. Make us ready to respond to the call of Jesus Christ. Amen				

"Our Worship has ended - - Now our Service begins

Scriptures for Sunday, March 24th

Elder Old Testament reading: Isaiah 55: 1-9 New Testament reading: Luke 13: 1-9

Random Act of Kindness

For our Random Act of Kindness: starting March 3rd through Easter (April 21st), we will again help the Ashland Pregnancy and Care Center by collecting loose change for their Baby Bottle Campaign.

Shut-ins

Please pray for our shut-ins and homebound Joyce Bradley, Sherry Burns, Jane Foster, Dick Gordon, Carol Imhoff, Betty Imperio, Bernice Lambert, Jane McVey, Kate Miller, Wanda Mish, Dick Scott, Wayne Smith, Gertrude & Keith Sparks, Dale Wells & Al & Bev Zimmerman. Please keep Mary Ann Welch and her family in your prayers. A visit, call or a card means so much to those members and friends who can't be here with us each week.

Lent Bible Study

There is still time to join our Lent Bible Study on Tuesdays, at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. This is a 5 week study entitled "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado. The cost of the study guide is \$8.00.

Second Sunday in Lent March 17, 2019



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