

Sunday, March 24, 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: Come into God's sanctuary and look around.

ALL: Behold the beauty and splendor of God's people.

Leader: We believe God's steadfast love is better than life, so let our lips praise God as long as we live.

ALL: But also often doubt God's love. We often doubt that God will really provide when it matters.

Leader: But this is what matters today: God said "Come all who are thirsty, come to the water, and you that have no money, come, buy and eat." All of us – rich and poor, employed and unemployed and desperately hanging on.

ALL: So with faith – both bold and timid – let us worship God!

Invocation *Pastor Rich*

***Opening Hymn** 'There is a Balm in Gilead' Ch #501
vs 1 & 2

Crown of Thorns *Pastor Rich*

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 55: 1-9** *Yvonne Kimball*

Prayers of the Gathered

The Lord's Prayer (sing) *Ch #310*

Our Community Hears the Word and Responds

Sacred Reading Luke 13: 1-9 (pg 76 NT)

Morning Message 'Grace, Judgment and Accidents' *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 'Just as I Am, Without One Plea' *Ch #339*
vs. 1, 3, & 4

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 and Dedication *Yvonne Kimball*

Generous God, we have received from you more than our share of blessings. We thank you. Now increase and multiply our gifts, we pray, that others may feast of your goodness through our witness. Amen

Crown of Thorns *Yvonne Kimball*

***Sending Song** 'God of Grace and God of Glory' *Ch #464*
vs. 1 & 5

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 31st

Elder Old Testament reading: Psalm 32

New Testament reading: Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

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, Ferne Snook, 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 Calendar

March 19 – April 9 Tuesday Bible Studies 10:30 & 6:00
April 14 Psalm Sunday
April 18 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.
April 21 Easter Sunday Breakfast 9:30
April 21 Easter Sunday Service 10:30

Third Sunday in Lent **March 24, 2019**



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