

Sunday, March 15, 2020

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, Holy Spirit, come.

ALL: Come to comfort us in our suffering;

Leader: Come to cheer us in our sorrow;

ALL: Come to encourage us in our failings;

Leader: Come to persuade us in our doubting;

ALL: Come to exhort us in our waning zeal;

Leader: Come to urge us forward in following Christ.

ALL: Renew our strength. Fill us with Living Water through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Invocation *Rich*

***Opening Hymn** 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' *Ch #195*
vs. 1, 3, & 4

Old Testament Reading *Psalms 95* *Linda Gardner*

Prayers of the Gathered & the Lord's Prayer (*sung*) *Ch # 310*

Crown of Thorns *Woman at the Well* *Donita Pate*

Our Community Hears the Word and Responds

Our Word of Life *John 4: 5-42 (pg. 94 NT)*

Morning Message *Pastor Rich Pate*
'A New Way to Worship'

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 'All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly' *CH #419*
vs. 1 & 3

Passing and receiving of Bread and Cup. *You are invited to eat the bread as received. Please hold the cup until you are invited to drink together.*

Prayer of Offering and Dedication *Linda Gardner*

God, we know that bread for ourselves is a material question. Bread for our sisters and brothers is a spiritual question. May these gifts reflect the spiritual dimensions of our lives. May they be used to renew the spirits of our brothers and sisters throughout your world. Amen

***Sending Song** 'Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me' *Ch #214*
vs. 1 & 2

Blessing
May Christ give you strength to overcome all temptation, to deny yourself, and to take up your cross and follow him; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you and abide with you always. Amen

**'Our Worship has ended - - -
Now our Service to God begins!**

Scriptures for Sunday, March 22nd

Old Testament reading: Psalm 23

New Testament reading: John 9: 1-41

Shut-ins

Please pray for our shut-ins and homebound:

Joyce Bradley, Sherry Burns, Jane Foster, Marcia Gallaway, Dick Gordon, Carol Imhoff, Betty Imperio, Bernice Lambert, Jane McVey, Kate Miller, Wanda Mish, Dick Scott, Gertrude & Keith Sparks, Dale Wells and Beverly Zimmerman. A visit, call or a card means so much to those who can't be with us on Sundays.

Bell Ringers!

Handbells will play Palm Sunday, April 5th. Contact Yvonne for info. Practice is next **Sunday, March 22nd at 9:30.**

Lenten Devotion Books

Lenten Devotions Books are available in the Gathering Room.

Lenten Bible Study

Lenten Bible Study - this **Tuesday, March 24th. 10:00 or 6:30.**

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3rd Sunday in Lent**



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