

Sunday, March 1, 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: We gather to worship with many needs, and
in many morning moods: Some are ready to shout:

ALL: **“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. . .”**

Leader: Some echo the psalmist’s anguish:

ALL: **“Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord hear my voice. . . .”**

Leader: Some long passionately to be close to God:

ALL: **“As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God. . . .”**

Leader: God stands ready and able to respond to our needs.

ALL: **In that assurance, let us worship God.**

Invocation *Rich*

***Opening Hymn** **‘Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley’** *Ch #211*
vs. 1-3

Old Testament Reading **Psalm 32** *Yvonne Kimball*

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

Crown of Thorns **“A Nameless Follower”** *Shelley Carpenter*

Our Community Hears the Word and Responds

Our Word of Life **Matthew 4: 1-11** (*pg. 3 NT*)

Morning Message *Pastor Rich Pate*
‘Just Say No’

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 **‘Bread of the World’** *CH #387*
vs. 1 & 2

Special Music **‘Take My Life’** *Brian & Rich*

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 *Yvonne Kimball*
God, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your liberation reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries in the days ahead, that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen

***Sending Song** **‘O Worship the King’** *Ch #17*
vs. 1, 3, & 5

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 8th

Old Testament reading: Psalm 121

New Testament reading: John 3: 1-17

Spring Ahead!

Just a reminder, next Sunday, March 8th we move our clocks forward 1 hour. Please remember to **Spring Ahead!** before you go to bed on Saturday!

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, 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. First practice is next **Sunday March 8th at 9:30.**

Lenten Devotion Books

Lenten Devotions Books are available in the Gathering Room.

Lenten Bible Study

Lenten Bible Study Starts this **Tuesday, March 3rd**. Sign up in Gathering Room.

Belmont Today 2:00

We will worship with our friends at Belmont today. You are welcome to join us for a service of song, prayer, message, communion & love.

Rachel Group

The **Rachel Group** meets this **Thursday, March 4th** at 10:00. All women are welcome!

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