

**Sunday, March 8, 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 apart from the chaos awhile

**ALL: and dwell in the presence of God  
who is our source of being.**

Leader: God calls us to renew ourselves and our life's purpose

**ALL: and we gather with others who are searching.**

Leader: Rejoice, for God is among us.

**ALL: Give thanks, for in Christ we are a new people.**

Leader: Let us be at prayer together.

**Invocation** *Rich*

**\*Opening Hymn** **'Lift High the Cross'** *Ch #108*  
*vs. 1 & 3*

**Old Testament Reading** ***Psalm 121*** *Todd Whitmer*

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

**Crown of Thorns** **"Nicodemus"** *Todd Whitmer*  
**The Pharisee**

**Our Community Hears the Word and Responds**

**Our Word of Life** ***John 3: 1-21 (pg. 93 NT)***

**Morning Message** *Pastor Rich Pate*  
***'How Can These Things Be?'***

**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** **'Womb of Life, and Source of Being'** *CH #14*  
*vs. 1, 3 & 4*

*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** *Todd Whitmer*

**Gracious God, may the power of this sacrament and our offerings,  
take hold of our lives and inspire us to live boldly, that all things  
now and in time to come will be conformed to your eternal will.  
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

**\*Sending Song** **'Blessed Assurance'** *Ch #543*  
*vs. 1 - 3*

**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 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Old Testament reading: Psalm 95**

**New Testament reading: John 4: 5-42**

**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 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact Yvonne for info. First practice is next **Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Sign up in Gathering Room.**

**March 8, 2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**



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