



***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Living God, we offer our gifts today in hopeful gratitude.
Bless these gifts and use them to increase the goodness
enjoyed by those in need.
Bless our lives that, through our relationships,
others will be touched by the hope we know in Christ Jesus
and find their lives blessed by his love and mercy. Amen.

*HYMN “You Are My All In All” 519

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

*RESPONSE “Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place” (chorus only)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel his mighty power, and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

***POSTLUDE**

Loving God,

Loving Neighbor;

Helping Our Neighbors to Love God

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kalyn Stewing

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another...

(please share the peace of Christ with those around you)

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the worship of God.

PRELUDE

Alli Feszko

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our light and our salvation:

Of whom shall we be afraid?

The Lord is the stronghold of our life:

We will wait for the Lord in faithfulness.

Let us seek the Lord’s face in this time of worship:

We will honor God’s presence in our prayers and our praises!

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison) Liturgist Chris Mathias

God, ever creating, ever loving, ever leading:

when things around us feel chaotic, you are peace.

When so much we hear is not reliable, your word is truth.

When we are paralyzed by fear and anxiety, your presence is freedom.

When we feel bereft and helpless, your love gives us hope.

We bring you our prayers and our praise this day,

for you reveal yourself to us in the goodness of creation,

in the love and mercy of Christ, your beloved,
and through the energy and wisdom of the Holy Spirit.
We worship you, Creator, Christ and Spirit,
ever Three and ever One.
Amen.

***HYMN** His Glory and My Good insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of compassion,
We are creatures who seek our own comfort.
We confess that we prefer our own plans to your purposes.
We shrink from costly discipleship and put our own interests first.
Forgive our fleeting commitment
and the times we have indulged our own complaints.
Have mercy on us.
Inspire us with the energy to do your will
and serve our neighbors in the example of Christ, your Son and
our Lord**

Silence is kept for a time of personal confession.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Friends in Christ, while it is true that we have all sinned,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love poured
out in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say,
in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself,
and with one another.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen

***RESPONSE** "Sing Out, My Soul" 646

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM "Guidance Medley"

"Commit Your Way/Trust in the Lord/Call Unto Me"

***CHILDREN'S CHAT** Pastor Kalyn

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING Liturgist Chris Mathias

God of wisdom, your Word brings light to show us the way you would
have us follow. As the Scriptures are read and proclaimed this day,
send us your Holy Spirit to aid our understanding and guide us in the
ways we live out your truth. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Liturgist Chris Mathias

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 13:31-35

SERMON "Blessed"

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

We believe in God
whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise
of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God
we trust;

and in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves in the service
of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth
and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful so to be the church for the glory
of God.

– *From the morning prayer liturgy at Eastern Mennonite Seminary*

***HYMN** "The God of Abraham Praise" 49

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen

OFFERING

Our lives overflow with good gifts which come from God. Out of the
goodness we enjoy, let us present our offering to God with thankfulness
and generosity.

*** RESPONSE** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

Children 3 yrs – 6th grade during worship following Children’s Chat

Adult Sunday School–9am to 9:45am

Monday, March 17–Deborah Circle @6:30

Monday, March 17–Youth Group @7-8:30pm

Wednesday, March 19–Story Time @9:30 or 10:30 am

Manna served about 50 clients and workers at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Tuesday, February 25. The Mission Committee would like to thank the workers, cooks and bakers for their contributions.

Lenten Mission Project–Join us in reaching our goal of \$3000 to provide a well and access to clean water for a community abroad, as well as, to donate to a water bank in Butler County providing clean water for more than 40 families without access. You can give during the children’s collections (March 9 and April 13), by dropping money in the well, or by designating the Lenten Mission Project in your giving.

March is Baby Shower Month!!! Again this year we are collecting donations for Adoption Connection in Beaver. The most needed items are: new socks and underwear, bedding and all hygiene supplies. Also diapers, wipes and gently used baby gear. Donations can be dropped off in the cry room.

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Paul (Karen Keller’s friend), Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Marcia Davis, Jack Gennaro, Tom Owczarzak, Paul Kulha, Jim Williams

In the Military: William Barth

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Sarah Jane Shaffer, Dolores Skinner, Pat Wozniak, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, Irene Gartley, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Betty Solinski, Ed & Evelyn Lawson Everitt Laird, Betty Martin, Brenda Jones

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- Sunday worship 10:00 am
- Sunday School for our younger members (Grades Pre-K - 6th grade) during worship

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OUR SESSION

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