

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you;

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts;

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE COMMUNION**

*Please hold the elements as you are served until prompted*

**THE COMMUNION PRAYER**

\***HYMN** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" 353

**SENDING**

\***BENEDICTION**

\***RESPONSE** "Change My Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God:

Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God;

May I be like you.

\***POSTLUDE** "Christ Bursts the Bonds of Death" Arr. by Gregg Fewell

\***Please stand if you are able**

Scripture for March 15: John 16:5-15



**OHIO UNITED**

*Presbyterian Church*



*Loving God;*

*Loving Neighbors;*

*Helping Our Neighbors to Love God*

**March 8, 2026**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** "Knowing You" Arr. by Garrett Parker Shirley Fluharty

\***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 63:1-8) Liturgist Denise Mathias

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

**Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.**

My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.

**Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

\***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

**Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through**

**Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen**

**\*HYMN** “Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days” 166

### CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

*Silence is kept for a time of personal confession*

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

*The prophet declares, “Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land...” My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel – I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

**\*RESPONSE** “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I’m so glad you’re in my life.

I’m so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave

From the grave to the sky

Lord, I lift your name on high.

### HEARING THE WORD

### PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Claire de Lune with Blessed Assurance”

Arr. by Kendall Lord

Shirley Fluharty

### CHILDREN’S CHAT

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

*Now we are all [sitting] here in the presence of God, to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us (Acts 10:33)*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 1:26-38

Mark 15:25-34

Luke 24:1-8

Acts 1:9-11

**SERMON** “Apostles’ Creed III: A Life and Death Situation”

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles’ Creed

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** “Be Still, My Soul” 819

**OFFERTORY** “Given for You” arr. By Richard Blake

**\*RESPONSE** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday School**

Children 3 yr - 6th grade during worship following children's chat

Adult Sunday School - at 9am studying the Holy Spirit

**Wednesdays** -Story Time is on Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30 am

**Sunday, March 8**-Daylight Savings Time

**Sunday, March 8**-Communion

**Tuesday, March 10**-Deacons @6:30

**Tuesday, March 10**-Session @7pm

**Wednesday, March 11**-Ruth Circle Bible Study @1pm

The Deacons are requesting donations for our food pantry. Any donations are appreciated but we are running low on cereal and canned vegetables. Donations can be placed in the bin at the back of the church.

### ITEMS NEEDED FOR ADOPTION CONNECTION

Gently used baby items

Diapers, newborn to 6, baby wipes

Shampoo, conditioner, body wash

Baby wash, Lotion

New brushes and combs

New underwear and socks

Gently used clothing in all sizes

**Keep Them in Your Prayers:** Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Peter Kerlin, Jack Gennaro, Paul Kulha, Jim William, Bonnie Martin, Cheryl Lachowicz Joanie McCowin

**In the Military:** William Barth, Nick Hoth

**Those who are not able to worship regularly:** Dolores Skinner, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, 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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**Custodian:** Monica Ward

**Treasurer:** Chris Hurni

**Organist Emerita:** Shirley Fluharty

### **OUR SESSION**

CLASS OF 2028: Chris Mathias (2T), Patti Strominger (2T)

Cathy Kapton, Amy Muslin

CLASS OF 2027: Marcus McCowin, Christina Palmer

Michael Kamenski, Charles Hendrick

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

Rich Palmer (2T), John Martin (2T)

### **OUR DEACONS**

CLASS OF 2028: Denise Mathias (2T), Ken Jones (2T)

Jeff Barth, Missy Sardo

CLASS OF 2027: Eleanor Pike (2T), Bob Hurni (2T)

Chris Hurni, Ginny Adams

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Holsinger

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

