

10:00 AM

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 3rd, 2024

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
P: Give thanks to the God of gods,
L: Who only does great wonders,
P: Who remembered us in our low estate, and delivered us from our enemies,
L: Give thanks to the God of heaven,
P: For the mercy of God endures forever.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

No. 43

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, Your counsel is perfect. You invite us to live with singular devotion to You, to trust that you will work all things out in time. Yet we are afraid You won’t take care of us. We fear You will forget or abandon or punish us. We haven’t known You for who You truly are: Our loving Father, our Savior, our Healer. Forgive us for not getting to know You, for assuming the worst about You, for writing You off. Help us to bravely risk the unknown to renew our faith in You. For Your glory, and our good.
Amen. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“Behold the Lamb”

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 1:3-4

ANTHEM

“On Paths to Answered Prayer”

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 16:1-16

SERMON

“When God Takes Too Long”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

*HYMN

“Around the Table of the King”

COMMUNION

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 562

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

Chanel flowers are given today in memory of Chris Rossman by his parents, Keith & Sue Rossman.

Ushers: Nancy McCombs, Leanne Cygan

Welcome Desk: Autumn Moore

Liturgist: Jerry Dambaugh

Greeters: Nancy Rettig

Fellowship Hour: Nancy Rettig

Child Care: Sarah Murtha

<i><u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u></i>		
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship & Communion
	11 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
	6:30 PM	Deacon/Trustee Meeting
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
	5:30-7 PM	Faith & Fellowship
	7 PM	Choir
Saturday:	9 AM	Men's Breakfast @ Mac's Cafe
March 10th:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School

Easter Flowers- If you would still like to order Easter flowers, please drop off your order form and payment in the box outside the office before you leave today.

Faith & Fellowship Nights- Join us Wednesdays through Lent with dinner served at 5:30 PM and bible study for all ages from 6:15-7 PM.

Good Friday Breakfast- Join us Friday, March 29th at 7 AM for breakfast, followed by guest speaker Tammy Summers as she tell her “Story of Hope Out of Heartbreak.”

Conno Meals on Wheels- Is in need of volunteers to assist in the delivery of meals to our residents in the Meridian and Conno areas. They would need transportation and be available from about 11 AM-1 PM on the determined day. If you are interested in helping, please contact Karen at 724-256-8158 or 724-789-7868.

Mission Trip Fundraiser- This year’s youth group mission trip will be to Cleveland, OH to help serve those in need. The envelope fundraiser will start this week and 100% of your donations will go towards funding their trip. Thank you for your support!

Pray For Our Children- During Lent we challenge you to take a magnet with a child’s name on it from the board in the Library as a reminder to pray for the children of our church.

Save the Dates- This year’s Vacation Bible School with be July 28th-August 1st and Summer Blast for 3rd-5th grade will be July 8th-12th. More information coming soon.

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