**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

 *\* Indicates, please stand if able.*

 Third Sunday in Lent March 12, 2023 9 am

 Liturgist: Howard Gomer

PRELUDE ***Give Me Jesus*** Bell Choir

WELCOME, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95, John 4, Exodus 17)

L: Worship the Lord and sing God’s praises.

**P: We come into the Lord’s presence with songs of thanksgiving.**

L: Make a joyful noise for the rock of our salvation.

**P: We rejoice in our time together.**

L: Drink of Christ’s living water.

**P: We thirst for God’s love!**

\*OPENING PRAYER (John 4, Romans 5)

**Holy One, we yearn to draw near as we arrive in this place. We come to calm our hearts, soothe our fears, and deepen our faith. As the Samaritan woman before us, help us draw cool water from the well of your love, and help us leave with the living water of belief, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\***OPENING HYMN ***Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*** #340

CHILDREN’S TIME Roxie Hostrawser

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Romans 5, John 4)

**Giver of Life, we know we have shortcomings. In the depth of our hearts, we struggle to leave our failures behind. Teach us that suffering brings endurance, that endurance produces character, and that character brings hope. With your grace undergirding our lives, grant us the patience and persistence to claim a place in your holy Kingdom. May we become your living water in the wilderness of this world, creating space for your hope and faith. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Exodus 17, John 4)

Like the Israelites in the wilderness, and the woman at the well, living water is within reach. We need not thirst for eternal life ever again, for the well of God’s blessing is full and God’s love is poured out for all.

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Shon

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (2 Peter 1, Matthew 17)

We are called to live in hope and to share this hope with the world. Let us offer thanks to God for all God has given us by sharing generously of ourselves and of our resources. Through our gifts, may all experience the hope to be found in our life-giving God.

SPECIAL MUSIC ***Open My Eyes*** Bell Choir

**\***DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*** #95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor Shon

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:13-21

**13**This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. **14**And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. **15**If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. **16**And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. **17**This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. **18**There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

**19**We love because he first loved us. **20**Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. **21**And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

HYMN OF PRAISE  ***I Need Thee Every Hour*** #397

MESSAGE ***How to Fulfill Your Calling in God***  Rev. Inwha Shon

\*CLOSING HYMN***I Want Jesus to Walk with Me***#521

**\***BENEDICTION Rev. Inwha Shon

POSTLUDE Matthew Schluntz

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

 **PRAYER FAMILIES:** Please pray for people in Turkey and Syria whose lives have been devastated by

two earthquakes. Continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and Russia, and the world.

 Pray for people in needy and our church, community, and nation.

**BIBLE STUDY in LENT:** “***Jesus in the Wild***”, Sunday at 10:30 am/Wednesday at 5:45 pm.

**St. Patrick’s Day CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE Dinner:** Prepared and served by United Methodist

 Men Friday, March 17, 4-7 pm. Available for take out or dine in. Great time to introduce friends to our

 church family or take a meal. Cost is $12.50, Children $4.00, Half Order $6.50

**THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**: Annual Spring Retreat will be held on Saturday, May 6 at Pine

 Lake Camp. Register by April 21. Cost is $20 ($25 after April 21) and includes lunch

**UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief)will be taking a special collection on next Sunday,

 March 19.UMCOR has provided an initial solidarity grant to IBC to provide basic supplies to

 earthquake victims.

**WEDNESDAY CONNECTIONS:** is designed for Christian Fellowship.A meal this week will be served

 by Mary Loveland. All welcome!

**SCRIP CARDS:** When you are thinking of ideas for gift giving or personal use, consider Scrip cards**.**

Stop at the gathering area on Sundays or call Marcia at 715-284-3346

**FELLOWSHIP:** will be served by Jone Hoffman.

**USHER/GREETERS**: Luane Meyer & Roxie Hostrawser

**THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH:**

 Mon: Trustees 5:30 pm

 Tue: Finance Comm. 5:30 pm Ad-Council Meeting 6:30 pm

 Wed: Prayer Meeting 10 am Wednesday Connections 4:45-6 pm

 Bible Study 5:45-6:30 pm

 Pre-Con. Class 5-6 pm Youth 6-7 pm

 Confirmation Class 7-8 pm

 Fri: St. Patrick’s Day Dinner 4-7 pm

**Bible Verse of the Week: 1 John 4:17-18**

“In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love.

But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.”

**Bible Trivia:**

Where were the 10 Commandments given to the children of Israel?

 a. the base of Mount Sinai b. in the Tabernacle

 c. in Mount Horeb d. on the banks of the River Jordan

 *see Deuteronomy 4:10-13*

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