

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SILENT MEDITATION

“Motherhood is tough. If you just want a wonderful little creature to love, you can get a puppy.” Barbara Walters

GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

PRELUDE *Grand Chorus* G.F. Handel

INTROIT *Come, Let Us Sing* M.K. Beall

CALL TO WORSHIP John Decker

All: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.

All: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

+*HYMN #396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

+*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Gracious God, you ask us to forgive — as you so generously forgive us. Instead, we hold on to our anger, slights and grudges. If we don't let them go, we can focus on the anger instead of the pain. Holding on to them also gives us a sense of power; so we let those feelings — instead of joy — rule our lives. We choose not to share the grace we have experienced or follow the example we've been taught. Change our hearts so we aren't consumed by animosity and pain. Forgive us the harm we cause when we are unrepentant and unforgiving. May our lives reflect the forgiveness we have received from you. Amen

Announcements

Sledding Party: Grab your gloves, hat and sled and join us for our Annual Day of Sled Riding this afternoon - weather permitting! The location will be announced during Worship this morning so the safest place can be determined per the weather.

Food Sunday: Sunday, February 26th is Food Sunday. On this day, our Mission Team will accept donations of snack bars, snack packs, granola bars, pudding snack packs (non-refrigerated), crackers, cookies, etc. When you are in the grocery store next time, could you pick up an extra one of two of these items to share? Bring them in on February 26th and place them in the clear tub outside of the Custodian's room. Thank you for your continued support!

Congregational Meeting: Please join us after the Worship Service on Sunday, February 26th for our annual Congregational Meeting. Everyone is encouraged to stay, read the report, and participate as appropriate. Come find out what has been going on during the year!

Lenten Study – The Apostle's Creed

During Lent, Rev. Mark will conduct a 6-week study on the Apostle's Creed using Adam Hamilton's book called, “*Creed.*” There will be two study groups offered:

Mon Evenings at 7:00 PM in the Parlor March 6 – April 10

Fri Mornings at 10:00 AM in the Parlor March 3 – April 7

Sign-up sheet in Narthex and Church Office.

Season of Justice Weekend: The Hunger Action Network, the Self Development of People and the Race Action Network of the Presbytery of Western Reserve is sponsoring a four day workshop called a **Season of Justice** this March 24. We will gather on various days at our four downtown churches and focus on racial issues and our ministry as a church. There will be several featured speakers from our national denomination offices, including Alonzo Johnson and Mark Koenig and possibly one of our Co-Moderators of the General Assembly. Please see Rev. Mark if you would like to attend any of these events. The details of the weekend's schedule can be found in the March edition of Tidings.

Thank You! Lee Boc would like to say thank you for all the prayers and cards she received during her recent illness and surgery. They worked! She's doing great!

GONE MISSING: One of our **5 gallon Orange Water Coolers** is missing. If someone has borrowed it, please return it to the office as it is needed for Church activities. Thank you!

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, February 19

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

11:00 AM – JuBELLation Choir – Bell Choir Room

TBD Sled Riding

Monday, February 20

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:30 AM – Deborah Circle - Parlor

7:00 PM – Life Groups – Parlor

Tuesday, February 21

8:30AM – Men's Bowling - Brookgate Lanes

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – Multi-Purpose Room

Wednesday, February 22

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:00 AM – Life Groups – 2nd Floor Conf. Room

10:30 AM – Al-Anon – MPR

Thursday, February 23

8:30 AM – Men's Bowling – Brookgate Lanes

6:00 PM – Carillon Choir – Bell Choir Room

7:00 PM – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

7:00 PM – Boys Basketball Practice - Gym

Saturday, February 25

1:30 PM – Aber-Cameron Wedding - Sanctuary

4:30 PM – Cub Scouts Blue & Gold dinner - Gym

Sunday, February 26 Transfiguration Sunday

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:00 AM – Annual Congregational Meeting

11:00 AM – JuBELLation Choir – Bell Choir Room

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory *With Gladsome Heart*

M. Patterson

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN #693** *Though I May Speak*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:38-48 N.T. 5

SERMON "Tough Love"

***HYMN #753** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

GTG 547

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

POSTLUDE *Waltz Op. 39 No. 15*

J. Brahms

Ushers: Pat Moncol, Sally Moncol, Ron Shaffer, Glen Hess

The Sanctuary Flowers are placed In Loving Memory of:

Starr Schlobohm by Joan Stapf and family

The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of:

Wilbur P. Henninger

"Tough Love"

February 19, 2017 Matthew 5:38-48

Life Group Study Guide

Notes from Worship Service

1. Jesus turns to his disciples and tells them one of the most mind blowing statements in all his teaching, "But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven."
2. When we have been hurt, insulted and wronged our natural reaction is to strike back and take revenge or at least get even.
3. The old way was limited revenge. The new way is to extend good will to all and living as the spiritual children of God.
4. To live in this new way and love our enemy we must pray.
 - a. Prayer transforms us.
 - b. Prayer shows us another's humanity.
 - c. Prayer helps us forgive.
 - d. Prayer gives us time to think a situation through.
5. If we hold on to every hurt, every insult and every wrong against us all we end up is a bitter, angry and ineffective Church or Christian.

Life Group Homework

1. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Tell about someone who has gone the "second mile" for you.
3. Of the 4 loves, love God, love neighbor, love one another, love enemy, which is the most difficult for you? Explain why.

Read Matthew 5:38-48

4. What do you think Jesus meant by verse 48?
5. How do you define peacemaking? How are you engaged in it?
6. How might we live out this new way of being human that Jesus shows us?

Life Practice – Pray about someone in your circle of life that might need some of God's goodwill. Do something about it this week.

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Changing lives through Christ



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2017 Theme Verse

"But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." – Isaiah 40:31

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*Those who are able, please stand
+Appropriate time for the Ushers to seat latecomers