

**THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

**SILENT MEDITATION**

“A life that guffaws forth the news of resurrection is only possible when, like Mary, we have waited long hours by the tomb. When we have experienced the deafening silence of that forgotten Saturday on Easter’s Eve. This is the comic timing of the gospel, and we miss the force of it when we rush to the punchline.”  
 Andrew Rumsey

**GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

**PRELUDE** *Give Thanks* arr. M. Hayes

**INTROIT** *Blessed Jesus at Your Word* R. Summers

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Mary Walker

L.: We are gathered in the presence of God, who asks us to choose between life and death, blessing and curse.

**P.: We are gathered like the people of Israel, who were challenged to choose the way of life.**

L.: Like them, we often follow the ways of death.

**P.: Yet, like them, we have the freedom each day to begin anew by the grace of God.**

L.: By our presence here, we are saying that we want to choose life one more time.

**P.: Let us praise the God of love and life who has called us to this place.**

+\*HYMN #353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

+\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison)

**O God, you have shown yourself to us in many ways which speak of love. Yet we struggle to love others. Sometimes we are too proud, sometimes too selfish, sometimes too cold, sometimes too tired. Sometimes we are too hurt to love. Through your Spirit, teach us to love more fully so that others will experience your love through us. Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Movie Matinee:** The New Wilmington Mission Conference Youth will be hosting a lunch and movie matinee in the Gym following the service *this morning*. The movie is “Queen of Katwe,” see the bulletin insert for further details.

**Last Day for Easter Lilies!** Today is the last day to order Memorial Easter Lilies. See today’s bulletin insert to place your order.

**Session Meeting** has been moved to Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Gifts of Women Sunday** is March 26<sup>th</sup>. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Sandy Seaton-Todd from Church of the Western Reserve.

**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

**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* beginning March 24. The details of the weekend’s schedule can be found in the March edition of Tidings and on the church bulletin boards.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be received April 9<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday.

**FYI:** Our committees and the Chairperson leading them!

Committee	Chairperson
Worship	Renea Schomer
Mission/Evangelism/ Social Justice	Dick Cooper
Property	Terry Tashler
Finance	Richard Pedersen
Discipleship	Pam Nash
Fellowship	Robyn Bryson
Clerk of Session	Ruth Fay
Care Team	Fran Marvel

**Calendar of the Week**

**Sunday, March 19**

- 10:00 AM – Worship Service
- 11:00 AM – Lunch and Movie by NWMC Youth
- 11:00 AM – JuBELLation Choir – Bell Choir Room
- 11:30 AM – Life Group - Parlor

**Monday, March 20**

- 9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library
- 7:00 PM – Life Group/Lenten Study – Parlor

**Tuesday, March 21**

- 8:30AM – Men’s Bowling - Brookgate Lanes
- 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – Multi-Purpose Room

**Wednesday, March 22**

- 9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library
- 10:00 AM – Life Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 10:30 AM – Al-Anon – MPR
- 7:00 PM – Session – Dining Room

**Thursday, March 23**

- 8:30 AM – Men’s Bowling – Brookgate Lanes
- 6:00 PM – Carillon Choir – Bell Choir Room
- 7:00 PM – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

**Friday, March 24**

- 10:00 AM – Lenten Study - Parlor

**Sunday, March 26 Gifts of Women Sunday**

- 10:00 AM – Worship Service
- 11:00 AM – Coffee Hour
- 11:00 AM – JuBELLation Choir – Bell Choir Room
- 11:30 AM – Life Group - Parlor

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**Today’s Ushers:** Pat Moncol, Sally Moncol, Ron Shaffer, Glen Hess

**Chancel Flowers are placed “In Loving Memory” of**  
*Tom McGrath* by Arlene McGrath and Family  
*My husband, Michael and my daughter, Shirley Becker*  
 by Lee Boc

**The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of:**  
*Clinton L. Goode*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's love for us: while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. This is God's love for us: Through Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God. This is God's grace for us: Justified by faith, we have peace with God. Thanks be to God.

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory *Devotion*

arr. C. Courtney

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #432 *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:1-11 N.T. p.155

SERMON "I Beg Your Pardon"

\*HYMN #625 *O Lord My God*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace*

GTG 545

Lord, bid your servant go in peace;

Your word is now fulfilled.

These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,

This child so long foretold.

POSTLUDE *You Gave me my Soul*

by L. Revesz

## "I Beg Your Pardon"

March 19, 2017 Romans 5:1-11

## Life Group Study Guide

### Notes from Worship Service

1. Doing business by forgiveness, that sounds exactly like the way God operates.
2. While we rejoice, along with Paul over God's forgiveness and pardon, I'm not sure we realize what all we have been given.
3. We have been brought into the penthouse, the top floor, the royal palace of God; that we might share in God's fellowship and glory and work. Grace is the access key.
4. The other great gift that comes from Christ Jesus is hope, and hope makes all the difference.
  - a. Our Christian hope comes from knowing we are deeply loved.
  - b. We have hope because God is bigger than our struggles and often uses them to transform us.
  - c. We have hope because in Christ we don't need to fear the future.

### 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 a story about a time you received a pardon or discovered an unexpected treasure.
3. Describe what it feels like to have a large loan or debt paid off? How does that experience compare to what Christ has done for us?

### Read Romans 5:1-11

4. How does Paul use his three favorite themes (faith, hope, love) in this scripture passage?
5. How does Christian hope shape your life?
6. How might you do "business by forgiveness" this week?

**Life Practice – As you pray this week keep the image of God's love being poured into your heart. Pay attention to what that experience does for you.**

# Parma-South Presbyterian Church

*Changing lives through Christ*



**Third Sunday of Lent  
March 19, 2017**

### 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