

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SILENT MEDITATION

“I am indebted to my father for living, but to my teacher for living well.” - Alexander the Great

GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

PRELUDE *In the Garden* C. Dobrinski (Carillon Choir)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sunday School Youth

Leader: Come and let us celebrate the joy and hope of God’s Spirit here with us today.

People: As winds blow and storms rage,

Leader: God is our strength and our refuge.

People: As floods rise and waves batter,

Leader: God is our support and our comfort.

People: As wars kill and hatred abounds,

Leader: God is our hope and our guide.

People: As greed reigns and cheating abounds,

Leader: God is our help and our protector.

People: As prejudice remains and divisions flourish,

Leader: God is our unity and our affirmation.

People: May God’s Spirit keep us ever safe and secure.

Leader: May God’s Spirit be with us now, as we have come here to worship and celebrate the amazing power of God’s love.

+*HYMN #475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

+*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

O God, how quickly we walk into Lent with enthusiasm and vigor. We are determined to reach Easter as a true Easter people, full of hope and intent on charity and kindness and love. But, somewhere along the way, our steps falter. Our pace slackens. We trudge along with slumped shoulders, and our gait becomes uneven. Soon we are only plodding, one foot in front of the other, and our hearts become as heavy as our feet.

Forgive us, God. Stir us with a rushing wind that we might look up from the ground to the majesty of the trees, dancing in the wind. Let the breeze carry with it a whispered reminder that you walk with us, even to the end of time. Force us to step more lively and breathe deeply that we might reawaken the gift of the Holy Spirit within us. Help us to move forward as we walk toward Jerusalem ... and beyond. Amen.

Announcements

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

One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received April 9th – Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday Processional: Our youth will participate in the Palm Processional at morning worship. The children should meet in the library at 9:45 AM.

Pancake Breakfast: The New Wilmington Mission Conference Youth Group attendees will be holding a Pancake Breakfast following the Palm Sunday service on April 9th. Cost for the breakfast will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

Messy Church: Sunday, April 9th (Palm Sunday) from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Theme will be “offering Jesus our best.” Come join us for fellowship, crafts, worship and dinner.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Service: April 9th at 10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday Service: April 13th at 7:00 PM.

Easter Worship Service: April 16th at 10:00 AM

Last week during the **Gifts of Women Sunday** service, Presbyterian Women presented honorary memberships to Roseann Best and Fran Marvel.

We would like to thank **Kathleen Rice** for her contribution of baked goods for our regular Coffee Hour gatherings.

Tidings: For those of you who choose to pick up your copy of the Tidings at church, the April edition of Tidings is now available in the Narthex, Workroom and the Library for your convenience. Copies also can be found online: www.parma-south.org

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, April 2 Communion 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

Monday, April 3

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

7:00 PM – Life Group/Lenten Study – Parlor

Tuesday, April 4

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

11:00 AM – Caring Team – Parlor

4:30 PM – Worship Committee – Parlor

7:00 PM – Mission Team – Multi-Purpose Room

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – Gym

Wednesday, April 5

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:00 AM – Life Group – 2nd Floor

10:30 AM – Al-Anon – MPR

Thursday, April 6

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

6:00 PM – Carillon Choir – Bell Choir Room

7:00 PM – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

Friday, April 7

10:00 AM – Lenten Study – Parlor

Saturday, April 8

9:00 AM – Boy Scouts – Dining Room & Gym

Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:00 AM – Pancake Breakfast

11:00 AM – JuBELLation Choir – Bell Choir Room

11:30 AM – Life Group – Parlor

4:00 PM – Messy Church

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Today’s Ushers: Dakota Adam, Austin Csuti, Emma Diedrich, Logan Diedrich, Mary Diedrich, Scott Diedrich, Dakota Reinhart

Chancel Flowers are placed “In Loving Memory” of

Mike Shaw and Bernie Cooper by Gretta Cooper

My Brother, Starr Schlobohm by Joan Stapf and Family

The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of:

Marilyn Weiss

Edna N. Galitz

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* arr. D. Wood

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:6-17 N.T. 157

SERMON

“The Good Debt”

*HYMN #531

Seed, Scattered and Sown

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Communion Litany

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution and Reception of Elements

*HYMN #839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

On Eagle's Wings

GTG 43 (refrain)

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,

Bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun,

And hold you in the palm of his hand.

POSTLUDE *'Tis the Last Rose of Summer*

T. Moore

“The Good Debt”

April 2, 2017 Romans 8:6-17

Life Group Study Guide

Notes from Worship Service

1. According to Paul, the distinguishing mark of a Christian is the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
2. The word for Spirit in scripture is pneuma and it can mean spirit, air, wind and breath. Just like wind and breath can't be seen, yet we still can see the effects of them.
3. The first action of the Spirit is to set our lives on a new path.
4. The Christian has a mindset that is dominated by the Spirit and desires to please God.
5. We have a new debt to God, an obligation to live according to the Spirit, serving God. Yet, this obligation is not life draining but rather life giving.
6. Lastly, the Spirit brings us into a new family through adoption. We are given a new name: child of God.

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. How would you define “good debt”?
3. When you think about the Holy Spirit, what picture comes to mind?
4. What mindset (flesh or spirit) is dominating your life at the moment? How do you know?
5. Besides what is found in our scripture passage, what are some other ways that mark us as a Christian?
6. How is it we share in Christ's sufferings? How do those things bring us Christ's glory?

Read Romans 8:6-17

Life Practice – Pay attention this week to your mindset. What is it you spend time dwelling on most? Practice turning your thoughts to God each time you eat. Eat slowly and give thanks for God's goodness.

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Changing lives through Christ



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 2, 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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