

Contemporary Worship at 9:30

Jim Ruchalski, Worship Leader
Joseph Anthony, Joey Dastra, Samuel Longmire,
Renee Pedersen, Johnathan Thorbahn - Praise Band

“Open Up the Heavens”

Welcome

Stewardship Minute

Scripture: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

“Hosanna”

“Holy Spirit”

“Lord, I Need You”

Prayer

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

“The Main Thing”
Pastor Joe DiPaolo

Offering

“Come Thou Fount”

Blessing

Greeters: Maggie Pontz, Lisa Mearkle, Elsie Mearkle

Tech Crew: Jeff Butts, Steve St. John

SACRED WORTH - In this unsettling time, the Sacred Worth Team would like to invite those who believe that First UMC should remain welcoming to all—both conservatives, and those whom support the equal treatment of LGBTQ members and their friends and families—to join us in love, prayer, and conversation. We meet at 6:30 PM on the third Tuesday of each month in room 232/234. Our next meeting is March 19th. If you can't attend a meeting we'd be happy to reach you at another time. You may contact JoAnne Foss (jfoss10@comcast.net, 717-314-6278), Bob Hannum (bhannum@comcast.net, 717-984-2736), or Mark Stoner (mark_thomas59@yahoo.com, 717-808-8488).

DISCUSSION WITH PASTOR JOE- Next Sunday, March 17th, Pastor Joe will be in the Wesleyan Sunday School Class to answer questions and lead discussion about the recent General Conference. Everyone is invited to join the class in Room 214-215 at 9:30 AM.

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Women's Banquet will be held at First Church on Tuesday, April 30th at 6:00 PM. The speaker will be our own Rev. Dorcas Kamanda. She will fly from Sierra Leone, West Africa, to be with us, and the Scarlet Runner will prepare another delicious meal! Invite some friends and register on our website so you get a good seat! www.engagegodfirst.org/events

Announcements continue on back page.....



ALL ABOUT YOUTH!

Middle school & high school students meet in the back section of the contemporary worship service at 9:30 AM to participate with the rest of the church in worship songs, after which we go to our classrooms for Sunday School. Come join us!

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP—This summer as many youth as possible are invited to be part of our summer mission trip (July 28th—August 3rd). We are joining with The Philadelphia Project, which is a Christ-centered urban ministry dedicated to meeting people's physical, spiritual, emotional, and social needs through free home repair, preschool, after-school child care, kids' camps, and partnerships with various "mercy ministries" such as rescue missions and soup kitchens. This will be an eye-opening and critical experience for our students and their development as Christ-followers in our world. Please contact Samuel Longmire (717-742-0104) for more information. **Registration due TODAY!**

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP! Meets from 6–8 PM. This is a time for students to connect, have fun together, and have serious discussions about God's Word and what it means to live for Jesus.

March 10th: 6-8 PM

March 17th: 5-8 PM (Early start time!) “Bring a Friend Night”
We'll have dinner, extra fellowship time, and lots of time to worship God through music! We want to welcome new people and give them an opportunity to see our joy in God!

March 24th: 6-8 PM March 31st: 6-8 PM

Please contact Samuel Longmire (youth@engagegodfirst.org or 717-742-0104) with questions or to be added to the youth email list!



Come join the fun!
We provide safe, loving child care for all three worship services! Will you help with this important ministry and give one hour every other month to care for our littlest ones? Please contact Paul Richer (pricher@engagegodfirst.org) or the church office for more information!

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First United Methodist Church

Our Vision
To be a central hub of Christian ministry in Lancaster County & beyond

Our Mission:
Connect people to Jesus Christ & the church, grow Christian disciples, & relieve suffering

March 10, 2019 First Sunday in Lent

* please stand if able

Prelude *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* arr. Susan Ullom-Berns

Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus arr. T. Craig McKibben
Youth Handbell Choir - Peter Omundsen, Director

Announcements & Greeting

(10:45) Introit *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*
Chancel Choir- Brian Norcross, Director

*Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
God's steadfast love endures forever!
Blessed be our God, from everlasting to everlasting!
Let all the people say 'Amen'!
Praise the Lord! (*Psalm 106:1, 48*)

*Hymn *Maker, in Whom We Live* No. 88

Common Prayer Liturgist

Almighty, Eternal God: there is no one like you. You created all that breathes, and provide for all. You are full of gracious love, sending rain and sun upon both the good and bad. And you are patient, waiting and working relentlessly to reclaim and redeem all your wandering children. Thank you for your goodness to us; help us to trust in your steadfast love, and live into your perfect will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(10:45) Anthem *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* from *Testament of Praise*
Chancel Choir- Brian Norcross, Director arr. J. Martin

Scripture Reading **Deuteronomy 26: 1-11** Pew Bibles, OT, p.174
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

(10:45) Anthem *My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. Randal Quackenbush
Chapel Choir - Peter Omundsen, Director
Judy Williams, piano

Concerns of the People

(10:45) Choral Call to Prayer *This is My Song (stanza 3)* No. 437

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Pastoral Prayer

(10:45) The Lord's Prayer No. 895

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.

*Hymn Jesus, Lover of My Soul No. 479

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Mark 12:28-34 Pew Bibles, NT, p.46

Sermon The Main Thing Pastor Joe DiPaolo

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.

*Gloria Patri How Great Thou Art (refrain) No. 77

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

8:15 ONLY Invitation to The Lord's Supper Acolyte
* Confession and Pardon
Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.
(All pray in silence.)
Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.
* Passing the Peace

Stewardship Minute Kent Kroehler

Invitation to the Offering Liturgist

Offertory Be Still and Know / Be Still, My Soul Anon/Sebelius arr. Mark Hayes
Judy Williams, piano

Procession of Offerings

*Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Acolyte

8:15 ONLY The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion Anthem My Jesus, I Love Thee arr. Randal Quackenbush
Chapel Choir - Peter Omundsen, Director
Judy Williams, piano

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn The Gift of Love No.408

*Blessing

Dismissal As We Part for the Towns and Cities (green hymnal) No. 3180

As we part for the towns and cities, where you summon us to go, guide us, Lord, give us strength and courage, teach us all we need to know. Keep us humble, fixed on you, forever seeking, born anew. Kindle holy fires within us; may your Holy Spirit glow.

Postlude Praise Him! Praise Him! arr. Charles Callahan
Peter Omundsen, organ

The Chancel Choir Anthem, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" is a Charles Wesley Text. The setting is from a cantata commissioned by FUMC to celebrate our bicentennial and was written by Joseph Martin.

Table with 4 columns: Role, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45. Rows include Greeters, Ushers, Sound Tech, Liturgist, Communion Assistant, Acolyte, Welcome Center, Fellowship Time, Security.

We welcome all to worship today!

To help us stay connected with you, please fill out the "Connect Card" that is found in your bulletin. This card helps the church track changes in email, phone, address, and more. On the card you can tell us your areas of interest by checking all that apply. Be sure to share your prayer requests with the staff by writing them on the card and placing it in the offering plate. Staff members pray for each request on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you for helping us get to know and stay connected with you!

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COLUMBARIUM- All interested persons are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 PM in the library to discuss creating a Columbarium within the church. (A columbarium is a place for the respectful storage of urns containing cremated remains). With questions, please call Frank Haskell (717-892-1075)

OUR DAILY BREAD is a daily devotional booklet which is useful for directing our attention toward the Lord. Each day's reading has a theme, a Bible reading, an illuminating story and prayer. You can pick up the free March/April/May issue at the Welcome Centers in the Gathering Place or Celebration Center.

ANCHORAGE BENEFIT YARD SALE! Saturday, March 30 Lancaster Brethren in Christ Church (across from Kmart on Fruitville Pike). Donations may be brought to Lancaster Brethren In Christ Church on: Saturday, March 23; Monday, March 25; Tuesday, March 26; Wednesday, March 27; No donations accepted after Wednesday, March 27. Help is needed for set up during the week of March 23-30. You may sign up to help at www.anchoragebreakfast.org! With questions, please call Patty Eastep (717-682-9976)

ACTIVITY BAGS FOR CHILDREN are available at the Welcome Center and we encourage you to pick one up for your child! There are "reader" and "non-reader" versions and the goal is to help your child get more involved in the worship service. They will answer questions pertaining to the service and at the end of worship, they can turn in their completed sheet at the Welcome Center for a prize!