

**Celebration of Worship For the Lord's Day**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**MARCH 18, 2018**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**P: slow to anger and abounding in love.**

L: The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

**P: We are God's people; the Lord is our God.**

L: Let us worship God.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #231: *Jesus Shall Reign*

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You write your law in our hearts, yet we pretend we do not know you. You lifted up Christ for all to see, yet we turn away from you glory. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to delight in your way, to seek you with all our hearts, and to trust in your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord...** *(please continue to pray in silent, personal confession...)*

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: As Jesus healed the afflicted and restored those who have died, he also forgives our sins and gives us new life. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*GLORIA PATRI #622

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

ANTHEM *In the Garden Medley*

OLD TESTAMENT READING (PAGE 866): Micah 6:6-8

NEW TESTAMENT READING (PAGE 4): Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON *"Up The Down Staircase"*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE (projector): *Worthy, You Are Worthy*

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

\*Response of Praise #624

*Doxology*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(using "debts" and "debtors")*

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #228: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*\*all who are able, please stand*

We **welcome** all who worship with us this morning and pray that the service is an inspiration to you.

**Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers.**

Pastor – Sheila Wadding  
Lay Leader – Betti Wilson  
Pianist – Betty Calhoun  
Organist – Brenda Wadding  
Choir Director – Joyce Jamison

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by appointment

Lent IS A TIME TO  
GROW  
CLOSER TO JESUS

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**NEW PRAYER OF CONCERNS** family of Lenore Hollenbaugh, Dustin Coover

**PRAYERS OF CONCERNS** Dale Smith, Betty Barrett, Dakota and Kayleigh Goodwill, Elaine Crytzer, Bobbi Cumberledge, Bob Lockhart, Venton Shoemaker, Gene Stockdale, (Eric Eckman, Cameron Neigh, Ron Boyer Jr., Zackary Martin; and all our military) Our Rwanda Partner Church: Mucubira

Ushers today are Bill and Melissa Wadding, Ed Hollenbaugh, Betty Lightner. Acolyte is Kyler Calhoun.

Today's bulletins are sponsored in honor of Betty and Vernie Lightner's 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary by their family.

There will be a cash and carry Easter candy sale today in the Academy after church. There will be extra candy for sale on Thursday and Friday during pick up at 10:00 to 2:00. We have lots of extras.

If you forgot to bring some small individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt, you can bring it before Wednesday. The Hunt is on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Article/Information for newsletter is due Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

We have new church software so we need to update our information. Please fill out the legal sized paper to the best of your knowledge and return it to Andrea. If you don't know exact dates of baptism or confirmation, just put the year down. They will be in the Narthex. If you have children/family who are members, and you know their information, please go ahead and fill one out for them. Thank you!

The Chancel Choir will meet on Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday with communion. Maundy Thursday Service is March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with intinction communion. The Dayton Methodist will host the community Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m. with a Tenebrae service.