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**March 26, 2023 Liturgist, Karen Stimmell 10:45a.m.**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE “He Didn’t Come Down” Cooley**

**BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT**

**\*OPENING HYMN “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” 400**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.**

***All: Lord, hear our voice! Let your ears be attentive to our***

***call.***

**One: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could**

**stand?**

***All: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be***

***revered.***

**One: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word, I**

**hope;**

***All: We wait for the Lord. We hope in his word.***

**One: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch**

**for the morning, more than those who watch for the**

**morning.**

***All: O people of God, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord***

***there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to***

***redeem.***

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Resplendent God, we long to be people who live and walk in the light of your glory, but sometimes we find ourselves shrouded in the darkness of fear, loneliness, or despair. In our anguish, we cannot always find you. Help us trust that you will lead us out of the shadows and back into your radiant presence. Fill us with your light so we are able to chase away the demons that taunt us in the dark. Let your light shine in us so that our faces reflect your light and love to all those who don’t yet know your saving grace. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 70**

**GOSPEL READING John 11:1-45**

**The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**(Offerings can be placed in the plate as you leave today.)**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYERS OFFERED IN PRAISE AND PETITION**

**PRAYER HYMN “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” 452**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**ANTHEM “Lonesome Valley”**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 130**

**The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.**

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path***

**MESSAGE “Holes”**

**\*CLOSING HYMN “Something Beautiful” 394**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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WELCOME

***Welcome to all! The Letter to the Hebrews tells us to approach worship “with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith” (Heb. 10:22). Therefore let us sincerely lift up our hearts to the Lord and extend our hands in loving fellowship to one another. God bless you all.***

**PRAYER CONCERNS THIS WEEK**

**Tom McMurray Tina Hiltabidel Janice Bailey Wanda Donner David & Tammy Leeder Misty Hiltabidel Dolly King Dorene Provance Don Heckathorne Sandy Reich**

**Betty Kooser Chuck Watson Diane Monico Ray Knopsnider Charlotte Holt**

**Doug Basinger Jack Snyder Sherrill Goodwin Thomas Leeder Jimmy Lynn**

**Don Evans Robin Mitchell Jean Rahl Shirley Mathias Sharon & Frank Wilson Bill & Judy McClain Marilyn Banks Roger & Patty Richter Kim Gallentine Karen Lewellen**

**Judy Morris Baby Thompson Cathy Dillinger Brian Upton Paul Hammaker**

**Jack Knopsnider Linda Burnworth Gene LaPosta Buddy Chase Barb Stuart Paul & Myra Holden Baby Jinora Lisa Smarto Parker Scarry Tracy Wiltrout Becky Irwin Shari Pavick Judy Gallentine Audrey Kettering Jessica Miller Amy Marchewka**

**David Comfort Bailey Veitch Roger Shipley Rick Ritenour Elizabeth Brinker**

**Jack Honner Scott Prince Daryl White Mrs. Grote Ray Keefer**

**Bill Shupe Bob Stout Doug Black Beth Lamb Paul Hemminger Betty Peterson Donna Fosbrink Pastor Steve & Bev Rev. Bob & Amy Zilhaver**

**Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi People with Covid Military persons Those traveling**

**Government leaders Those with cancer Those battling addiction OUR CHURCHES**

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:**

**Dolores Malik who passed away March 16. Sister of Pinky Smiley**

**THIS WEEK AT ALBRIGHT**

**MONDAY: T.O.P.S. 10:00 or 5:00**

**TUESDAY: Blue plate special lunch 11:00-1:00**

**WEDNESDAY: Bible study 6:30 in sanctuary**

**Assemble newsletter 10:00**

**THURSDAY: Choir practice 7:00**

**LITURGISTS: April 2: Glennda Groh**

**April 9: Bev Lamb**

**ACOLYTES TODAY: Morgan Richter & Jameson Tony**

**April 2: Keelan & Kayton Callahan**

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Carol Wagner & Michelle Reich**

**April 2: Kathy Nebraski & Linda Burnworth**

**COUNTERS: Rick Tressler & Sandy Russell**

ALTAR FLOWERS

**(1)To the GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of grandmother, Sandra Sherrick - given by Chelsea Bartholomai.**

**(1) To the GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING HONOR of my children - given by Dorene Provance.**

**ALTAR FLOWER INFORMATION**

**Put money in envelope & drop in offering plate marked for altar vase on or near the Sunday you have reserved.**

**OPEN VASES:**

**1 Vase: April 9, May 7, June 18, July 9 & 23**

***To reserve a vase, please call Shelley Mattis 724-363-6822.***

OUR STEWARDSHIP - March 19, 2023

**Weekly need for budget ....................................... $ 2,383.38**

**Sunday offering .................................................... $ 1,887.75**

**Sunday morning worship attendance.......................... 54**

***OFFICE HOURS*: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 10:00-3:00**

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday worship 10:45

Maundy Thursday - April 6

**Worship service 7:00 at Otterbein United Methodist Church.**

Good Friday - April 7

**Worship service 7:30 at Albright United Methodist**

**Church.**

Saturday - April 8

**Community Easter dinner 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

Easter Sunday - April 9

**Early Worship service 7:00 a.m. at Otterbein U.M. Church followed by a light breakfast.**

**Regular worship: 9:00 at Ott.; 10:45 at Alb.**

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL

**Tuesday, March 28 at 11:00-1:00 at Albright. Soup, sandwich, dessert & beverage. It is free with donations accepted to help with expense. We ask for a $5 donation for take outs.**

**BIBLE STUDY**

**We are watching “The Chosen Part 2” as our Bible study on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the**

**sanctuary.**

APRIL/MAY NEWSLETTER

**Will need volunteers to assemble & complete for mailing on Wednesday, March 29 at 10:00.**

PRAYER CARDS

***There are prayer cards in the pews. Please write prayer requests on them and give them to an acolyte. They will collect them during passing of the peace.***

CHILDREN BULLETINS

**We have bulletins for children out near the regular bulletins. They are for 2 different age groups. Please take them.**

SATURDAY MORNING SPECIAL

***APRIL 8 at 11:00. Their egg hunt is that day. We will have ham for lunch. This is a ministry of our church for persons with***

***special needs. Our volunteers are always appreciated.***

**COMMUNITY EASTER DINNER**

**We are planning for a Community Easter Dinner on**

**Saturday, April 8 @ 4:00-6:00. We are asking for**

**donations to help with the cost of this meal.**