Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 30, 2025



GATHERING

Prelude: "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken" Mozart/Conkey, arr. Auld

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: In mystery and grandeur **People: We see the face of God.**Leader: In earthiness and the ordinary **People: We know the love of Christ.**

Leader: In heights and depths and life and death: **People: The spirit of God is moving among us.**Leader: Let us praise God. -Dorothy McMahon, Australia

*Hymn: #321 "The Church's One Foundation"

Call to Confession

Sisters and brothers, let us be drawn into a faithful, fitting prayer of confession. Let us pray together:

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy and gracious God, in Christ all things are made new, including us. Yet, we confess that the "old self" often has more sway than the "new self" your life offers. We are plagued by fear, worry and doubt despite our new identity as your beloved children. Anger, resentment and hatred wreak havoc in our relationships, even though you are the Prince of Peace. We are consumed with regrets, shame and guilt despite the forgiveness you freely give us. We want it to be otherwise, Lord! We want to live fully in the joy of your salvation. Through your forgiving love reconcile us to you and to one another, that we may trust in your goodness, and rest in your grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Reading: Joshua 5: 9- 12

Meditation: "Moment by Moment" M. Moody, arr. Wyrtzen

Second Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16 - 21

Sermon: "The Humpty Dumpty Sermon"

*Hymn: #835 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (pg. 35)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: #836 "Abide with Me"

Benediction

Postlude:

"I Need Thee Every Hour" Lowry/N

Lowry/Monk, arr. Berry

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation
Prayer Family this week:

Charles, Kathy & Kristen Ankney

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Allen B. Yuninger Given by Sue & Jim Brackbill

Announcements

Today we welcome **Rev. Charlie Gross** to the pulpit. He grew up in East Petersburg, PA and now lives there again. He married his high school sweetheart, Lisa in 1973 and have three grown children and six grandchildren. Charlie went to Grove City College, Webster University, Goldey Beacom College, and Lancaster Theological Seminary. He was a Titan II Missile Combat Crew Commander in the U.S. Air Force, then attended pilot training and flew C-130s for twenty years. He retired in 1999 as a Lt Col in the Delaware Air National Guard. He entered the ministry in 1999 and served as the Associate Executive Presbyter and Acting Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Donegal. In 2011 he was called to pastor the West Grove Presbyterian Church. He retired in August 2019. Charlie loves travel, folk dancing at the Lancaster Liederkranz, journaling, and spending time with his family. He started a podcast in 2020 titled, "Encouraging Words by Charlie Gross," (available on iTunes, Google, or at: http://charliegross.com). The podcasts are also available in book form at the same link.

During the weeks of **Lent** we collect the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering. The special envelopes are in the pews through Easter Sunday, April 20th for your use. If you use another envelope (which is fine) please mark it: O.G.H.S, so it gets to the right place.

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