



Linway United Presbyterian Church

**February 7, 2021 10:30 a.m. Bulletin for Worship
The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Gathering Prayer: (unison) **O God, in the folly of the cross you reveal the great distance between your wisdom and human understanding. Open our minds to the simplicity of the gospel, that fervent in faith and tireless in love, we may become light and salt for the world. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Call to Worship

L: *I was glad when they said to me,*

P: let us go into the house of the LORD! (Psalm 122:1)

L: O give thanks to the Lord,

P: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

Please refrain from singing

Invitation to Confession

Lila Sedlak, Liturgist

Unison Prayer of Confession: **Holy God: in reverence we bow before you, giving thanks for your love and seeking your forgiveness. We confess that we have failed to understand the needs of others, and so offered little or no help. We confess that we have not shared as freely as you would have us do. We confess that we have fallen silent when our voices ought to have been raised against wrongdoing and oppression. Forgive us our sin, O God. Renew our spirit that we may be strong in faith and action to the One who is the way, the truth and the life: Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

L: John wrote: *If we say that we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth;*

P: but if we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:6-7).

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri - *Please Stand*

Please refrain from singing

Special Music

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Morning Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and Response

Sermon:

"A Simple Reminder"

Rev. Eric E. Dennis

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Closing Hymn

Revive Us Again

Please refrain from singing

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

***Indicates those who are able, to please stand**

Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength!

-Isaiah 40:31

When Attending Worship Services in the Sanctuary

- We ask that you please complete an attendance card & place it in the basket when exiting the Sanctuary in case contact tracing becomes necessary. Include name, address, phone, & email.
- Please place any offering in the box when exiting the Sanctuary.
- Please use the restrooms located in the Preschool Hallway.

Please Remember In Our Prayers: John Arnold, Tracy Augustin, Charlotte Ban, Pat Brant, Betty Brinker, Rich Cornell, Clark Danner, Janet Doherty, Mike Feigh, Betty Frommell, Richard Hickox, Nancy Kelley, Kim, Audrey Koppel, Jean Lawton, Linda, Linderman Family, Edward Lloyd, Lois, Rita Marrow, Carol Pascarella, Bill Patterson, Dorothy Churchfield Pavlik, Joey Pecar, Ann Puscaric, Renee, Patty Rodgers, Michael Spingola, Rose Stark, Barbara Stoop, David Swauger, Tom Szmuc, Cindy Taylor, Wilma Taylor, Peg Torbich, Ed Waszkiewicz, Ted & Linda Wirth, Irene Young



Scripture Readings

The following scripture readings have been suggested by the Presbytery for this week:

Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11; 20
1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

MA's Pantry

2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MA's Pantry is in immediate need of two, able-bodied volunteers to help load & unload a small truck twice each month.

The volunteers will report to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank in Duquesne at 9:00 am two Friday mornings each month and help load the truck (inside loading dock). There are other volunteers. This task takes about ½ hour. The volunteers then go to MA's Pantry in East McKeesport to unload the truck.

It is not a difficult assignment, but an essential one. We have a truck, a driver, a supervisor and two other volunteers. We just need a few more hands. "God's work; our hands."

Please call Ed Sites at (412) 848-1407 if you can help.

Church Security this week- Frank Kordalski



Soup-er Bowl of Caring: Today, Feb. 7

Monetary donations for our local food bank, Ma's Pantry, will be collected in the soup pot in the Sanctuary. Donations can also be mailed to the church. Please mark that it is "For the Soup-er Bowl". Thanks!



Valentine Boxes: Monetary donations are being collected by the Deacons to send treat boxes to our college students/military members. Donations to help with shipping & purchasing items can be placed in the offering box or mailed to church. Please mark that it is "For Valentine Boxes". Thanks!



Ash Wednesday Service

Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m.

The Season of Lent is soon here!



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