

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEEDED: Person to do Coffee Hour for March 29.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY, MARCH 17 – Thanks to those of you who signed up for the Election Day Bake Sale. We could use a few more people to bring baked goods in ziplock bags— 4 muffins, 6 cookies, 4 pieces of coffee cake, etc. Sign the sheet on the hall table and bring items to the church on Sun, March 15 (put items in the kitchen, properly marked) or bring them on Mon., March 16 between 10-11 am. Money collected will be used to help fund the books fairs at Case CLC and Portage Path CLC that our Missions Committee is sponsoring in May.

EASTER SUNDAY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – Four persons signed up to bring food for the breakfast: Cathy King, Susie Stevenor, Mary Norval, and Jackie Horton, Nancy Williams (coffee). We could use one or two more who could contribute an item and help out. Sign the sheet on the hall table if you plan on attending.

EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – Sunday, April 12, 9:30-10:10, Fellowship Hall. Join us Easter morning for a continental breakfast with orange juice, coffee, tea, coffee cake, fruit, muffins, and deviled eggs. Freewill offering basket.

CHURCH DIRECTORY FOR 2020—please pick up your copy on the tables in Fellowship Hall.

The movie HESBURGH, sponsored by the AAIC, will be shown on Sunday, March 29, beginning at 1:30 pm at the Akron Library downtown. The event is free, and parking is free in the lot across from the Art Museum and Library. Refreshments following.

Please, bring in plastic bags to be used at Gennesaret, and leave them in the box in Fellowship Hall.

New Covenant Community Church

Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Joan Lannoch

Leader: Let us lift up our eyes to the hills, for our help comes from the LORD.

People: **The LORD is our keeper; the LORD is our shade at our right hand.**

Leader: The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.

People: **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in, both now and forevermore.**

*HYMN

To God Be the Glory

#485

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
while we
acknowledge
that we want
to follow Jesus,
we confess our
reluctance to
face the
difficulties that discipleship might hold for us. We are awed by the difficult and risky
journey that Jesus took, but we prefer for our journeys of faith to be devout but not
too daring, comfortable and not too threatening. We admire the faithfulness of
Jesus, but we realize that walking with Jesus could take us to the**

**cross. Have mercy
upon us, Lord,
and forgive our
sins through
Your grace.
Fill us with
the joy of Your
salvation, and
strengthen us
to follow You
wherever You
choose to take
us, for we ask
these things in
the name of
Jesus Christ
our Lord.**

Pastor
Tom Ulrich
Audio-Visual
Carol Davis
Cathy King

Liturgist
Joan Lannoch
Communion
Hal and Jackie Horton

Director of Music
Marlys Hershberger
Ushers
Cathy King, Mary Norval,
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Monday – Thursday | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (adapted from 2 Corinthians 5:15) Joan Lannoch

Leader: Christ died for all, so that we who live might live no longer for ourselves.

People: **Let us live instead for him who died and was raised for us.**

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***CANTICLE** *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* see screens

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin.

***PASSING THE PEACE** Joan Lannoch

Leader: Because, through God's grace, we can be reconciled to God and to our fellow human beings, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

READING FROM THE WORD Psalm 95:1-7

***HYMN** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* #210

READING FROM THE WORD Exodus 17:1-7

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD *What's the Answer?* Tom Ulrich

REFLECTIONS ON THE WORD
(The congregation is invited to offer any thoughts and share any questions concerning today's proclamation.)

***HYMN** *O How He Loves You and Me* see screens

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Declaration of Faith*, 2.4

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness.

We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them.

Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* #428 (verse 1)
We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (*The Lord's Supper will be served by intinction. Please come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the outer aisles.*)

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .**

Words of Institution and Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion and the Lord's Prayer

We have "open" communion, and therefore all who desire a closer relationship with God and want to share in the love of Jesus Christ are invited to participate fully in the sacrament.

***HYMN** *Blessed Assurance* #341

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE** *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place* see screens

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

