

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2nd Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2016

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:15 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is righteous and good. He leads the humble in the right way and teaches them his will.

All: Those who have reverence for God will learn from him the path they should follow.

Leader: With faithfulness and love he leads all who keep his covenant and obey his commands.

All: Lord, prepare us this day to be the disciples you would have us be.

*HYMN “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” #150 UMH
Verses 1, 2, & 4

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

*RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 1 (*Response 1*) #738 UMH

*GLORIA #71 UMH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 UMH

THE FIRST LESSON Ecclesiastes 7:15-20; 24-25; 29 OT #680

THE EPISTLE LESSON Philemon Vs. 4-7; 10-13; 15-18 NT #277

***THE GOSPEL LESSON** John 15: 5-12 NT #138

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

MESSAGE “From Useless to Useful” Dennis McCoy

***HYMN** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” #2153 FWS

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

Please audibly name those for whom you are interceding.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM “Father, Teach Us How to Pray” Florence Jolley

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY #95 UMH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, may our lives be a thanksgiving offered to you. You created the earth in all its riches and blessing. Help us remember that it all belongs to you. Take these offerings and use them for your glory. Take our lives, and use us, always and everywhere, for your glory. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** “Here I Am, Lord” # 593 UMH

BENEDICTION

Following the blessing be seated as the candles are extinguished

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

POSTLUDE

**Congregation stands as able*

WELCOME TO ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Vision is to be the church that displays the love of Christ and connects with people of all walks of life through our ministry, creative services, discipleship, and outreach.

**“Our Mission is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ
& share God’s love with others.”**

If you are visiting with us for the first time we thank you for worshipping with us and pray that this was a spiritually uplifting experience that will make a difference in the week to come.



In Memory of: Sara & Edward Eastburn

Given by: Cynthia Oberholtzer & Marilynn Ziegler

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Kermit Fitzgerald

Scripture Reader: Michelle Leddy

Guest Organist: Justin Zepp

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK: 37

Please remember to sign in each Sunday.

OFFERING FOR LAST WEEK:

Envelope (General)	\$ 1,105.00
Plate	16.00
Flowers	30.00
Sew Many Things	20.00
Miscellaneous	110.00
Total	\$ 1,281.00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carol Gajewski (*Nina's Mother*), Silver Stream Center, 905 Penllyn Pike, Spring House, PA 19477; **Ed Miller**, Paradise Manor, 206 E. Lincoln Avenue, Hatfield, PA 19440; **Henry Schlotterer**, Arden Courts, 620 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406; **Thelma Smee**, Cokesbury Village, Healthcare Center, 726 Loveville Road, Hockessin, DE 19707; **Bill Swier**, Regina Nursing Home, RM 211, 550 E. Fornance ST, Norristown, PA 19401; **Elizabeth "Betty" Wright**, Gwynedd Square Nursing Home, 773 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale PA 19446 B-wing/B31B

PRAYERS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT AND HEALING: Edith Barbone, Lois & Tom Benning, Brooks Family, Jerry Deering, David Frees, Syvilla Fry, Sue & Anthony Fuschetto, Rachel Good, Shirley Jefferis, Sandy Killian, Meaghen King, Eileen Lenzi, Bill McCarron, Family of Thelma McCaughey, Damon Oliver, Sherri Rinehart, Gabe & Sherbi Seerattan, Hazel Shanaman, Mason Shapiro, Bill Swier, Linda Swier and Jane Westhafer

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED SERVICES: Daniel Fineran, (Marine) and Brett Santai, (Navy)



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