

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3rd Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2016

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:15 A.M.

PRELUDE: “Out of the Depths, I Cry Lord, to Thee” C.P.E. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING

CHORAL INTROIT: “I Wait for the Lord” Eric Thiman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God our God is full of power!

People: **Like someone stranded in the desert thirsty for water, we will seek the Lord.**

Leader: God’s love is better than life and worthy of our praise.

People: **We will praise the Lord as long as we live, lifting our hands to heaven.**

Leader: God is our help and upholds us like an eagle gathering her young.

People: **We will bless the Lord and sing under the shadow of God’s wings.**

***HYMN** “Lift Every Voice and Sing” #519 UMH

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful father, we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned against you by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind and strength. We have not fully loved each other as we have loved ourselves. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts and wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray, most merciful father and allow us to forgive each other as well. Renew in us the grace and peace which is your gift to us every day of our lives. Amen

*RESPONSIVE READING	Psalm 63:1-8	#788 UMH
*GLORIA		#71 UMH
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>(the united church of Canada)</i>	#883 UMH
THE FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 55:1-9	OT #747
*THE GOSPEL LESSON	Luke 13:1-9	NT #95

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

HOMILY “Inhabiting the Desert: A Parable of Grace” Bill Gildea

***HYMN** “Come, Ye Disconsolate” #510 UMH

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 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” C.H.H. Parry

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Love Unknown” Matthew H. Corl

***DOXOLOGY** #95 UMH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great Provider of all good things, bless these offerings and multiply them through your grace. May they be used to restore hope and wholeness to our broken community and world.

In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen

***HYMN** “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord” #438 UMH

BENEDICTION

Following the blessing be seated as the candles are extinguished

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

POSTLUDE: “Savior, When in Dust to You” Ashley Grote

**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 Honor of: Anne Taylor, Volunteer Church Administrator

Given by: Asbury United Methodist Church

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Anne Taylor

Scripture Reader: Jessie Mallory

Organist: Tedd Didden

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK: 42

Please remember to sign in each Sunday.

OFFERING FOR LAST WEEK:

Envelope (General)	\$ 1,204.00
Plate	29.50
Flowers	35.00
Building Fund (Annex heater)	200.00
Tract Box	2.00
Miscellaneous	60.00
Total	\$ 1,530.50

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, Scotti DeMartinis, Jenny & Family, 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, Caroline Schwab, 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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