

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5th Sunday in Lent

March 13th, 2016

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:15 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: If you need a fresh start, make your need known.

People: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

Leader: If you feel far from God, call out in your need:

People: “Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.”

Leader: If the cares of the world hang about your neck, plead to the Lord with all your might:

People: “Restore to us the joy of our salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.”

All: We come before you, O God, to be nurtured and fed. Let us worship God.

*HYMN “How Firm a Foundation” #529 UMH

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, anoint us with your mercy and compassion, as you hear the sins and sorrows of our hearts. Guide us to be people who face anger and selfishness with anointing and healing power. Guide us to be people who face doubt and despair with hope and determination. Guide us to receive the new life that you offer, as we accept forgiveness, and trust your grace. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 126 *Response #2* #847 UMH
***GLORIA** #71 UMH
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** #881 UMH
THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 43:16-21 OT #732
***THE GOSPEL LESSON** John 12:1-8 NT #133

The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON "Past and Future"

***HYMN** "More Love to Thee, O Christ" #453 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 "Drop, Drop, Slow Tears" Orlando Gibbons

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** #95 UMH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Abundant God, you cause water to flow in desert places. You gave wine to flow at a wedding feast, and food to feed thousands on a grassy mountainside. Your generosity astounds and humbles us. We bow before you in gratitude and awe, asking you to receive what we have brought in response. May these gifts be a pleasing and fragrant offering, for the sake of the world you came to save. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

***HYMN** "And Can It Be that I Should Gain" #363 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 Honor of: Florence Hollinger

Given by: Susan & James Hollinger

Tribute on the Altar: In Honor of Florence Hollinger’s
84th Birthday, March 16th

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Charles Adjekpiyede

Scripture Reader: Victoria Adjekpiyede

Guest Organist: Justin Zepp

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK: 42

Please remember to sign in each Sunday.

OFFERING FOR LAST WEEK:

Envelope (General)	\$ 3,459.00
Plate	38.00
Flowers	30.00
Heater Campaign	12,081.00
Tract Box	5.00
Easter Offering	335.00
Ministry of Kindness	<u>141.00</u>
Total	\$ 16,089.00

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, Family of Jerry Deering, Scotti DeMartinis' daughter Jenny & Family, David Frees, 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, Earl Walter, and Jane Westhafer

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



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