

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4th Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2016

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP 10:15 A.M.

PRELUDE “O Man, Bemoan Thy Grievous Sin” J.S.Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What joy is ours, when we reveal the truth of our lives to you, O God, and discover that we are forgiven.

People: **What joy is ours, when we discover that we have been washed clean, and liberated from all that imprisons us.**

Leader: What freedom we enjoy when our disgrace is removed, and we are reconciled to you and to one another.

People: **What happiness we know when you open your arms to welcome us, and clothe us with your love.**

Leader: We gather as those who are reconciled with God, and with one another.

People: **As we worship you this day, O God, create us anew in the power of your Spirit, and fill us with new life. Amen.**

***HYMN** “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” #340 UMH

OPENING PRAYER

THE FIRST READING Joshua 5:9-12 OT #215

***THE GOSPEL READING** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 NT #98

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

SERMON “Reconciliation”

***HYMN** “Softly and Tenderly” #348 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM “He Loved Me” D. Holck/T. Fettke

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “When I Survey” David Schelat

DOXOLOGY #95 UMH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, all that we have comes from you. Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives, for we return to you only what you have so graciously given. Use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

***HYMN** “Because Thou Hast Said” #635 UMH

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II #12 UMH

Musical Setting A #17 UMH

Ours is an open Communion Table and all who believe are welcome to partake. We serve unfermented grape juice that all may participate.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the ages, we lift up our hearts in grateful praise for your abundant grace and the hope we find in this sacred feast. Just as you provided manna in the wilderness to your people long ago, you have given us your very self to feed us this day. May this meal nourish our faith that we might go from your table to give our very selves in service to our sisters and brothers. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** “To God Be the Glory” #98 UMH

Following the blessing be seated as the candles are extinguished

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

POSTLUDE “Prelude in ‘C’ ” Jules Massenet

***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: Norris & Lottie Oberholtzer

Given by: Cynthia Oberholtzer & Marilynn Ziegler

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Brooke Myers

Scripture Reader: Faith Myers

Organist: Tedd Didden

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK: 37

Please remember to sign in each Sunday.

OFFERING FOR LAST WEEK:

Envelope (General)	\$ 2,094.00
Plate	17.00
Flowers	30.00
Initial Offering	4.00
Heater Campaign	817.00
Miscellaneous	47.00
Total	\$ 3,009.00

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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