

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 24, 2019
9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Jesus has a way of expecting the unpredictable. Who would assume we are to love our enemies? To offer the other cheek would just compound the offense. If we gave to all who begged for handouts, would there be anything left to put away for our future? Ah, but Jesus also teaches that God is merciful and will restore abundantly. "For the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Accept the unpredictable, for God can be trusted.

WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC: "I'm Gonna Sing"

arr. Snyder
Children's Choir

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRELUDE: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul - Prelude"

by Young

INTROIT: "Praise Him, People of God"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Jesus, Prince of Peace, you have asked us to love our enemies,

ALL: and pray for those who persecute us.

One: We pray for our enemies and those who oppose us,

ALL: asking God to change their hearts and our hearts.

One: With the help of the Holy Spirit,

ALL: may all people learn to work together.

One: To God be glory and honor forever and ever,

ALL: and may our worship be acceptable in His sight.

***HYMN** no. 3: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

(Pass Prayer Request Cards to Deacons.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & 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.

EPISTLE LESSON LESSON pg. 998: I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

arr. Schrader

GOSPEL LESSON pg. 892: Luke 6:27-38

MESSAGE: "Loving Our Enemies – Can It Be Done?" Rev. L. Chris Martin

***HYMN** no. 287: "Our God Has Made Us One"

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

We give Thee but Thine own; what-e'er the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone; a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Come, Gentle Spirit"

by Turner

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***HYMN** no. 450: "Lord, Speak to Me"

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE:** "Grant Us Your Love"

POSTLUDE: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul - Postlude"

by Young

*Please stand if you are able.



ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S WORSHIP

Deacons at 9:30 AM: Russell Piazza, Kim Williamson, and Laura Monroe
Deacons at 11:00 AM: Ed Mills, Rebecca Bliss, and Laura Monroe
Liturgist: Rev. Kevin Horak

FOR OUR GUESTS...

Information about our church may be found at the **Welcome Center Desk** near the main entrance. Please allow us to get to know you better by filling out a **Guest Information Card** located in the pew racks and placing the card in the offering plate. **Prayer Request Cards** are also located in the pew racks. If you have a prayer request you would like included in our weekly Prayer Chain letter, write it on a card and give it to the Deacon who comes down the aisle during the opening hymn. **Bible Studies and other groups** meet throughout the week and are listed on the church's calendar (www.tcia.cc), or you may call the church office (330-562-8266) for more information.

GREETERS TODAY are the Stock family and Lynn Casey.

PROMISELAND THEME FOR FEBRUARY IS "THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT".

Grade 1 is in the Camp, Grade 2: Inn, Grade 3: Temple, and Grade 4: Garden

REMEMBER OUR YOUTH GROUP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS MORNING AS THEY RETURN FROM THEIR "SNOW CAMP" WEEKEND IN SOMERSET, PA.

YOU MAY MEET & GREET TODAY'S NEW MEMBERS AT THE 10:30 AM COFFEE HOUR.

COFFEE HOUR SNACKS are provided by Bonnie & Jim Niebuhr.

ANNA MARIA CARE FACILITY WORSHIP IS AT 2:30 PM. All are welcome to join Rev. Kevin and Kathleen Horak at this monthly outreach ministry.

CIRCLE 3-H WILL MEET ON FRIDAY, MARCH 1 AT 10 AM. The guest speaker will be Amina Hall from Portage County Family and Community Services. The March 11 Haven Home meal and March 13 Women's Guild luncheon will also be discussed.

TIME CHANGE TO 7 PM: "COLOR YOUR LENT" PRAYING WITH MANDALAS.

On Thursdays during Lent (beginning March 7) meet at 7 PM to color, reflect, and share. If you want to join for any or all evenings, contact the church office.

SUNDAY MORNING "GREETERS" ARE NEEDED. The Membership Committee has placed a **Sign-Up Genius** link on the church's website (www.tcia.cc) where you can select the date(s) from now through June that are convenient for you, or you may place your name on the sign-up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall and a Membership Committee member will call you.

THE AURORA VOA FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS DONATIONS OF: canned chicken, canned beef stew, boxed scalloped potatoes, egg noodles, and pancake mix. Place your donations in the collection bench in Great Hall.

SIGN-UP SHEETS TO SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS, SIDE-RAIL FLOWERS, AND COFFEE HOUR TREATS are posted in Fellowship Hall. Many dates are available for the coming months.

