

**PRELUDE, GATHERING,
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** - space for more notes on insert

*Today, paid Easter Flower orders due.
"Daniel" trip to Sight and Sound, Lancaster, PA,
Tuesday, July 9, 3 pm show.
Let Judy Pontius know TODAY if you'd like to go.
Tickets will be ordered soon.*

Thu., Mar. 21 - Wesley Council meeting at .7 pm.

*March 24 Palm Sunday WCUMC at 9:30 am, 11:00 at CUMC
with the waving palms and shouting Hosanna.*

Friday, March 29 Good Friday service at Wesley Chapel, 7 pm.

*Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday at 9:30 am. And 11:00am
Come celebrate our Risen Savior.*

*If you would like to attend a sunrise service, Rod Fry has
invited us to join Ijamsville at 6:30 am: 746 Mussetter Rd*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 119* *arranged by dwh*

*The psalmist wrote: I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.
I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.
And we in prayer respond...*

**Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes. Amen**

HYMN *Jesus Shall Reign* **157**

PRAYER *Traditional Roman Catholic* *altered slightly, by dwh*

*God our Father, You sent Saint Patrick
to preach Your glory to the people of Ireland.
Remembering his work in our day,
may all Christians proclaim Your love to all men.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

Amen

FIRST LESSON **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

GOSPEL **John 12:20-33**

EPISTLE **Hebrews 5:5-10**

HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* **420**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE *adapted from ancient Celtic prayers*

**Father, Son and Spirit, Three.
Forgive the ill that we have done.
Forgive the pride that we have shown.
Forgive the words that have caused harm
that we may be renewed in your likeness,
and rise refreshed to do your will.
{silent prayers}**

*In confidence the Psalmist prayed
Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.*

**God's ear to hear me,
God's word to give me speech,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

CHOIR *Near to the Heart of God* **472**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - extra space for notes on insert

INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.*

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PRAYER

Ginna Bairby via Presbyterian Outlook

Gracious God, it is our joy
to return the gifts of our lives to you.
May our offering this morning
forever bring glory to your name,
and may we continue to work tirelessly
for the well-being of your whole creation. Amen.

HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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PRAYER & SENDING

traditional Celtic

*May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us.
Against the snares of the evil ones.
Against temptations of the world*

May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us! May Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord, always be ours
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

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Year B – Season of Lent; March 17, 2024*

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Scriptures

Jeremiah 31:31–34 Ps. 51:1–12 or 119:9–16
Hebrews 5:5–10 John 12:20–33

Questions for Reflection:

God is at work offering forgiveness, showing mercy,
and giving knowledge of life, death, and salvation.
Where is God enacting that new life within or around you?
What in your life must die so that you may flourish?
What must fall away so that you can rise again in Christ?

Morning Prayers:

Loving God, you offer the gift of new life each day.
Open my heart to receive this grace
that I may be wholly yours,
then give me the courage to share this gift
wherever I go as I seek to walk in your way
of mercy, forgiveness, and newness of life. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Forgiving God, who makes all things new,
you know where I have flourished this day,
and you know where I have failed.
Help me to know that
in all my challenges there is a seed of hope
that enables me to more faithfully depend on you.
May I rest in peace this night and awake refreshed
to greet the newness of your day. Amen.

Announcements & Notes

*ANY area where you have an interest & willingness to serve,
please let us know.*

More Announcements and Calendar Notes

If there are other calendar notes, please email the pastor...

Prayer Concern Notes

***What NEW thing would you like to see
the church try to do during 2024?***